
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Turner (Chair)
Councillor Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Beric Henderson
Brian Barker
Chris Denny
Debbie Sommers
Marie Van Gend
Skye Petho
Stacey Morgan
Wendy Haynes
Willhemina Wahlin
Liesa Davies (Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development)
Pam Milne (Glasshouse Venue Manager)
Duncan Coulton (Acting Director Strategy & Growth)

Other Attendees:

David Fishel (Director, Positive Solutions)
Liam Bulley (Group Manager Recreation Property and Buildings)
Jane Ellis (Destination and Cultural Development Manager)
Georgina Perri (Cultural Development Officer)
Linden Duke (Cultural Events Officer)

The meeting opened at 8:00am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

Nil.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 3 June 2020 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising Schedule be noted with the following additional information:

7. *Planning for 2020/2021 Cultural Development Budget and the identified priorities from the Cultural Steering Group COVID-19 Recovery Group to be discussed at August 2020 Cultural Steering Group meeting.*
8. *Public Art Policy, recent requests for public art/interpretation and the petition to remove the Edmund Barton statue to be discussed at August 2020 Cultural Steering Group meeting.*
9. *Discussion on Port Macquarie Historic Courthouse Curtilage to take place at a future meeting.*

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

CONSENSUS:

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Items 8 and 7 to be brought forward and considered in that order for guests to speak to items.

08 UPDATE ON PROPOSED SURF MUSEUM

Liam Bulley, Group Manager Recreation Property and Buildings, gave the meeting a summary of the Port Macquarie Surf Museum's search for a permanent location in Port Macquarie. The group has previously approached Council and Crown Lands regarding a number of sites along Town Beach and the current Maritime Museum site. These have been discounted as options and current consideration is focused on a Crown Lands vacant land site between the Maritime Museum and the tennis club on Pacific Drive. This approach would require the group apply for a DA and obtain funding, if the site is considered suitable. Liam commented that the use of the proposed site on Pacific Drive could help create a vibrant cultural precinct, noting the need to consider view lines to Oxley Beach.

The Group noted that at this point there was an absence of information on the Surf Museum vision, strategic direction or its collection and it would be good to learn more in due course.

Willhemina Whalin suggested the Surf Museum could approach the Port Macquarie Museum to discuss options in the short term. Debbie Sommers commented that the Surf Museum had not been in contact to date to discuss their plans for a museum.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the update on the proposed Surf Museum.

07 CULTURAL ECONOMY PROJECT REPORT

David Fishel, Director, Positive Solutions delivered a presentation on the recently completed Cultural Economy Project (CEP). David's comprehensive presentation of the findings of the CEP sparked good discussion by members. Marie Van Gend suggested an addendum be considered for CEP in the light of COVID-19 developments.

All participants engaged in the development of the CEP will be contacted and thanked for their involvement.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note:

1. The outcomes of the Cultural Economy Project.
2. That the insights and recommendations will be used to inform Cultural Plan priorities and initiatives and inform the review of the current Cultural Plan which is scheduled for the first half of 2021.
3. The full CEP report will be circulated to CSG members as a **Commercial** in Confidence document, with public project details being added to the Council website.
4. Staff will bring a report to the next meeting on the recovery priorities identified by Council's COVID-19 Recovery Working Group.

06 BICENTENARY WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Liesa Davies, Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development, informed the Group that an updated report on Bicentenary priority projects would be presented to the 1 July 2020 Council meeting, and that the report will be circulated to CSG members.

Linden Duke, Cultural Events Officer, updated the Group on the extensive planning taking place for the nine-day event program to take place in April 2021. The theme of the project is '200 Years Together - Past, Present, Future.' The Group was also briefed on the bicentenary legacy projects (Bicentennial Foreshore Walkway and Flagstaff redevelopment), with further funding required. It was recommended that the Flagstaff redevelopment should be considered an interpretation/public art project, rather than heritage.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. Note the update from the Bicentenary Working Group.
2. Request another update at a future meeting.

Item 07 Cultural Economy Project Report, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Item 08 Update on Proposed Surf Museum, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

076 GENERAL BUSINESS

06.01 GLASSHOUSE

Pam Milne, Glasshouse Venue Manager, informed the meeting that the final draft Glasshouse Plan will be presented to the 15 July 2020 Ordinary Council meeting, following extensive consideration of the feedback received while it was on public exhibition. Pam will circulate the report to the Cultural Steering Group when available.

Pam announced that the Glasshouse is now partially opened for business after being impacted by COVID-19.

The meeting closed at 9:40am.