

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Acting Director Strategy and Growth (Liesa Davies)
Beric Henderson (Community Representative)
Chris Denny (Community Representative)
Debbie Sommers (Community Representative)
Marie Van Gend (Community Representative)
Skye Petho (Community Representative)
Stacey Morgan (Community Representative)
Wendy Haynes (Community Representative)
Willhemina Wahlin (Community Representative)

Other Attendees:

Acting Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Amanda Hatton)
Destination and Cultural Development Manager (Jane Ellis)
Alan Jeffery (Port Macquarie Surf History Association)

The meeting opened at 8:07am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Councillor Rob Turner, Brian Barker and Georgina Perri be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 2 September 2020 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

CONSENSUS:

That standing orders be suspended to allow Items 06 and 07 to be brought forward and considered next to allow presentations to the meeting.

06 PORT MACQUARIE SURF MUSEUM - PLANNING UPDATE

Alan Jeffery, President of the Port Macquarie Surfing History Association, provided an update on the Port Macquarie Surf Museum project. Alan highlighted the Committee's vision for the museum, their preferred location for a new building to facilitate the museum and ongoing consultation in relation to this site and the facility with adjoining neighbours, project stakeholders and the broader community.

Alan answered questions from the Group regarding the Museum's Business Plan and proposed operating model and invited CSG members to visit the museum's current temporary location in Horton Street.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group note the update on the Port Macquarie Surf Museum.

07 CULTURAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

The Destination and Cultural Development Manager presented to the Group on the progress of actions implemented from within the Cultural Plan during the past 12 months. The presentation highlighted key achievements to date and presented focus areas for delivery for the next 12 months. It was noted that a progress report will also be tabled at the October 2020 meeting of Council to provide an overview of the implementation of the Cultural Plan.

In considering the Plan's implementation the Group discussed various issues including:

- The opportunity to further consider and workshop recommendations from the Cultural Economy Project to determine their inclusion in the updated Cultural Plan;
- An interest in hearing more detail on the Artwalk post-event debrief;
- A keenness to understand the Destination Brand Review process at a future meeting.

The Group noted the excellent achievements to date from implementation of the Cultural Plan and acknowledged that the Cultural sector within the community plays an important role in contributing to our local economy, including through the integration and collaboration with other local industry sectors.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the update on implementation of the 2018-2021 Cultural Plan to be reported to the October 2020 meeting of Council and congratulate staff on the excellent achievements to date.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That Business Arising Schedule be noted.

Item 06 Port Macquarie Surf Museum - Planning Update, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

Item 07 Cultural Plan Implementation Update, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.01 FUTURE DISCUSSION ON PERFORMING ARTS

The Acting Director Strategy and Growth proposed the Group have a specific discussion on local performing arts at an upcoming meeting, with the intention of understanding on-going challenges as a result of COVID, and considering opportunities to support this sector, noting the predominant focus had been more on public and visual arts (largely as a result of COVID-19 impacts).

CONSENSUS:

That a discussion on local performing arts be added to an upcoming meeting agenda.

The meeting closed at 9:33am.