
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Beric Henderson (Community Representative)
Brian Barker (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)
Acting General Manager (Jeffery Sharp)
Acting Director Strategy and Growth (Liesa Davies)
Glasshouse Venue Manager (Pam Milne)

Other Attendees:

Acting Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Amanda Hatton)
Destination and Cultural Development Manager (Jane Ellis)
Cultural Development Officer (Georgina Perri)
Cultural Events Officer (Linden Duke)

The meeting opened at 8:05am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology received from Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 2 December 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 no new additions.

06 CULTURAL PLAN RENEWAL - INITIAL ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Cultural Steering Group member Willhemina Wahlin led a session with the group in preparation for the development of the new Port Macquarie-Hastings Cultural Plan.

Group members worked on draft vision statements and discussed potential values and goals for the new Plan. Development of the Cultural Plan will include extensive community engagement and consultation.

CONSENSUS:

That the Group:

1. Note that input from members to date and that further input is welcomed via the Jamboard established for this project.
2. Note that further discussions at the next meeting will help inform the drafting of the Plan.

07 GENERAL BUSINESS

07.01 THE DECOMPORSI

Liesa Davies (Acting Director Strategy and Growth) provided an update on the donation of sculptural work *The Decomposi* designed by internationally renowned artist Roberto Giordani and co-created by local Mid-North Coast blacksmith artists at a masterclass held at Sydney's Eveleigh metal studio in 2018.

The sculpture was recently installed on the Crown Lands Port Macquarie Public Wharf boardwalk site, accessible via the Short Street carpark or Buller Street Bridge.

The sculpture, which was recently valued at approximately \$82,000, was donated to our community by Eveleigh Works coordinator Matt Mewburn as a part of the National Cultural Gifts program.

07.02 VOTE OF THANKS

Liesa Davies (Acting Director Strategy and Growth) took the opportunity to thank Acting Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development, Amanda Hatton, for her work and contributions to the Strategy and Growth Division, this Group and local cultural development during her secondment from the Buildings and Recreation team over the last six months. It was noted that with the commencement of the new Council CEO on 1 February 2021, Jeffery Sharp would return to the Director Strategy and Growth role and Liesa to the Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development.

The meeting closed at 10:02am.