

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair)
Beric Henderson (Community Representative)
Chris Denny (Community Representative)
Debbie Sommers (Community Representative)
Skye Petho (Community Representative)
Willhemina Wahlin (Community Representative)
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Liesa Davies)
Glasshouse Venue Manager (Pam Milne)

Other Attendees:

Patricia Johnson (Handa Sister City Working Group) - Item 6
Bruce Hardy (Handa Sister City Working Group)
Destination and Cultural Development Manager (Jane Ellis)
Cultural Development Officer (Georgina Perri)

The meeting opened at 8:05am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Marie Van Gend, Stacey Morgan and Wendy Haynes be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 24 February 2021 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:

9. Draft Public Art Masterplan:

Staff to develop a framework to discuss with CSG at a future meeting.

Creative Hub - Requirements and management/operational model

The Cultural Economy Project identified affordable and accessible workshop, exhibition, performance and rehearsal space as a major priority for the local creative community. A number of possible sites are being investigated. Updates to Cultural Steering Group as available.

06 UPDATE FROM THE HANDA SISTER CITY WORKING GROUP

Patricia Johnson and Bruce Hardy from the Handa Sister City Working Group provided an update on the recent activities of the group. As per advice at the September meeting, many activities in 2020 were unfortunately suspended due to COVID-19, including the recommendation endorsed by Councillors for the Mayor to visit Handa for the 30th anniversary of the Sister City agreement and the Handa Higashi High School Education visit to Port Macquarie. They noted Handa's continued support for our community following the bushfires and flood. Patricia and Bruce both acknowledged the opportunity to update and share information with the Cultural Steering Group and welcomed ideas or potential opportunities for cross-cultural exchange between the Port Macquarie-Hastings and Handa communities.

CONSENSUS:

That the update from the Handa Sister City Working Group be noted.

07 CULTURAL PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

Liesa Davies, Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development invited the group to contribute feedback on the draft 2021-2025 Cultural Plan and thanked the group for their enthusiastic participation and commitment in developing the draft Plan. In particular, Willhemina Wahlin was acknowledged for her contribution in coordinating the planning sessions and introducing an innovative framework to examine and develop the Plans goals, strategies and actions.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group:

1. Review and provide feedback on the Draft Cultural Plan by 3 May 2021;
2. Note the intention to incorporate feedback from the Group and present the Draft Plan to the 19 May 2021 Ordinary Council meeting proposing public exhibition.

08 RESIGNATION OF BRIAN BARKER

Councillor Rob Turner, acknowledged the important contribution made by former Cultural Steering Group member Brian Barker. The Group noted Brian is a big supporter of all things arts, culture and heritage in the region and he enhanced the credibility of the Group through his enthusiastic contributions and participation.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group:

1. Note the resignation of committee member Brian Barker.
2. Formally thank Brian Barker for his commitment and valuable contribution over an extended period to the Cultural Steering Group.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01 DESTINATION BRAND REVIEW

Jane Ellis, Destination and Cultural Development Manager, informed the Group that the Destination Brand Review is underway and that members will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop session in mid-May 2021.

The meeting closed at 9:30am.