

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
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)
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Liesa Davies)
Glasshouse Venue Manager (Pam Milne)

Other Attendees:

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 apology received from Beric Henderson be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 28 April 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.

06 DRAFT 2021-2025 CULTURAL PLAN

Jane Ellis, Destination and Cultural Development Manager, reported that the public exhibition period for the draft 2021-2025 Cultural Plan concluded on 20 June 2021 with a number of submissions received. A summary of the submissions is to be circulated to CSG members for review by the end of the week.

The Group discussed how, what and when evaluation and reporting will be undertaken through the life of the draft Plan. It determined that a simple methodology of evaluation and measurement against the Plan's strategies and actions should be further developed by staff and a sub-group of CSG members, in coming weeks.

In considering some feedback received, the Group agreed that the community consultation undertaken through the Cultural Economy Project (CEP) significantly informed the development of the Draft Cultural Plan, and that the CEP document should be attached/circulated to Council with the finalised Cultural Plan.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group:

1. Note the receipt of submissions in response to the exhibition of the draft 2021-2025 Port Macquarie-Hastings Cultural Plan by the end of the week and that these will be further considered out-of-session;
2. Note that a sub-group of staff and CSG members will meet to discuss and develop an evaluation methodology for the 2021-2025 Cultural Plan.
3. Note next steps in finalising the draft for adoption by Council prior to the 4 September 2021 Local Government Election.

07 CONCEPT DESIGN FOR THE PORT MACQUARIE POLICE STATION PRECINCT

The Chair spoke to the recent Council decision to endorse the Town Centre Master Plan (TCMP) Sub-Committee to facilitate development of a high level concept design for the Port Macquarie Police Station site in an effort to encourage a vision of future community ownership and use of the site, as opposed to sale of the site by the NSW Government.

Council endorsed the concept plan at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 16 June 2021 for the purpose of engagement and thanked the CSG and TCMP for their high quality professional support and encouragement to date, which is noted will be ongoing, in assisting Council to progress this initiative.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group endorse the concept design for the Port Macquarie Police Station Precinct and congratulate Council on their prompt action on this matter.

08 PORT MACQUARIE CBD CULTURAL PRECINCT PLANNING

Liesa Davies, Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development, updated the Group on work to deliver the Port Macquarie CBD Cultural Precinct Planning Project, with completion date estimated to be late 2021. A Request for Quotation will be circulated shortly to suitable qualified consultants to undertake delivery of this project, which is a key action within the 2018 - 2021 Cultural Plan.

The consultant will work with key stakeholders, organisations and community members to collect ideas and issues, and develop a collective vision and planning framework for the Precinct Plan.

CSG members will have the opportunity to inform and participate in the creation of the Plan through a range of stakeholder and community engagement opportunities.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note:

1. Work to deliver the Port Macquarie CBD Cultural Precinct Planning project has commenced.
2. A Request for Quotation will open shortly for suitably qualified consultants.
3. There will be opportunities to participate in workshop sessions to inform the development of the draft Port Macquarie CBD Cultural Precinct Plan.

09 LOST AT SEA MEMORIAL ARTWORK

Liesa Davies, Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development, informed the Group of the commencement of work on the Lost at Sea Memorial Artwork project. The project has stemmed from the desire for a permanent memorial and place of reflection for the families and friends of loved ones who have been lost at sea in our region.

CSG members Wendy Haynes and Skye Petho, with the support of the group, nominated as CSG representatives for the projects Public Art Professional Reference Group, which is shortly to be formally convened.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group:

1. Note plans to commission a public artwork that honours those lives lost in our region's oceans.
2. Note that Council will convene a Public Art Professional Reference Group and invite relevant stakeholders to participate.
3. Agree Wendy Haynes and Skye Petho be included as CSG representatives on the Professional Reference Group.

10 BICENTENARY EVENT WRAP-UP

Jane Ellis, Destination and Cultural Development Manager, spoke to the wrap up report for the Bicentenary and Wakulda Event and expressed thanks to the Bicentenary Working Group members and CSG members involved in the planning and delivery of the Bicentenary and Wakulda Events.

The Group commended staff and Council for the deft manner in which the event was coordinated and presented, and acknowledged that overall the event was positively received, with good attendance and participation.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the Bicentenary and Wakulda Event Wrap Up Report for the Port Macquarie Bicentenary Event, 10 - 18 April 2021.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.01 UPCOMING ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Members flagged a range of local upcoming arts and cultural activities including the opening of the 'Dreams, Nightmares, Reality' exhibition by Glenn Dick on 10 July 2021 and PMPA performance of Coppelia on 23 & 24 July. In addition, the Council-led Arts, Culture and Creative Industries professional development program continues through to August 2021 with workshop places still available

11.02 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SMALL HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Debbie Sommers inquired as to Council not applying for the Local Government Small Heritage Grants Program.

Staff to provide clarification on this.

The meeting closed at 9:25am.