

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Rob Turner (Chair)
Beric Henderson (Community Representative)
Chris Denny (Community Representative)
Debbie Sommers (Community Representative)
Marie Van Gend (Community Representative)
Wendy Haynes (Community Representative)
Willhemina Wahlin (Community Representative)
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Glasshouse Venue Manager (Pam Milne)

Other Attendees:

Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Liesa Davies)
Destination and Cultural Development Manager (Jane Ellis)
Cultural Development Officer (Georgina Perri)
April McCabe, Associate Director Policy and Strategy Cred Consulting
Elise O’Ryan, Associate Director Community Planning and Design Cred Consulting

The meeting opened at 8:05am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology from Councillor Geoff Hawkins (Deputy Chair) and Stacey Morgan be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 28 July 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:

Consultation with the newly established PMHC Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG) is hoped to occur at an upcoming meeting. Conversations were also taking place on the potential for an AAG representative to join the CSG, and there is potential for joint meetings to occur in future, where appropriate.

08 CBD CULTURAL PRECINCT PLANNING UPDATE

Georgina Perri, Cultural Development Officer, introduced April McCabe, Associate Director Policy and Strategy and Elise O’Ryan, Associate Director Community Planning and Design from Cred Consulting. Cred Consulting will be undertaking the development of the Port Macquarie CBD Cultural Precinct Plan. Cred Consulting are a multi-disciplinary and highly experienced consultancy agency, passionate about working with regional communities in developing achievable and implementable plans for local councils. Project community and stakeholder engagement will be delivered in two phases; the first phase to ground truth and further build on themes emerging from the Cultural Plan, and to inform the development of phase two engagement. Phase two will test findings to inform the development of the Cultural Precinct Plan. Phase two engagement will be used to gain a deeper understanding of the community’s place vision and aspirations for the CBD to inform the development of draft Cultural Precinct Plan.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note:

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1. Cred Consulting have been engaged to develop the Port Macquarie CBD Cultural Precinct Plan.
 2. That Cred Consulting will be conducting project engagement in the coming months.
 3. Further updates on the project will be provided at an upcoming meeting.
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06 NEW CULTURAL PLAN 2021-2025 ADOPTED

Liesa Davies, Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development, thanked the group for their enthusiastic contribution to the development of the 2021-2025 Cultural Plan and noted its adoption by Council at the 4 August 2021 meeting.

CSG member Willhemina Wahlin with colleague Dr Emma Blomkamp, are undertaking a research project focusing on the 2021-2025 Cultural Plan. The project will investigate both current and potential uses of design methods in the development of local government strategic planning, and testing evaluation strategies. CSG members and Council staff have been invited to participate in the project.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note:

1. The Cultural Plan 2021-2025 was formally adopted by Council at the 4 August 2021 Council meeting.
 2. Next steps in implementing, measuring success of and reporting on the Plan.
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07 WAUCHOPE BICENTENARY SCULPTURAL TRAIL UPDATE

Georgina Perri, Cultural Development Officer, updated the group on the progress of the sculptural trail. The project had been impacted by COVID-19 and the recent flooding event. Three sculptural artworks have now been installed along Rocks Ferry Road with accompanying plaques and QR codes. Temporary project signage was also installed to provide information to the community on the project with an artist's statement about each artwork.

CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group note the recent installation of three sculptures with corresponding plaques, project signage and QR codes as part of the Wauchope Bicentenary Riverside Sculptural Trail.

Item 08 CBD Cultural Precinct Planning Update, has been addressed previously within the meeting.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS

09.01 COWARRA TOURISM PRECINCT - FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

Chris Denny suggested that the Forestry Corporation be invited to address a future meeting to talk about the nature based tourism precinct *Guulabaa - Place of Koala* located in Cowarra State Forest.

09.02 ARTWALK POSTPONEMENT

Liesa Davies reported to members that the 2021 ArtWalk event has been postponed due to COVID-19. Council hopes to announce a new date, later in 2021, shortly.

09.03 PMHC DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Liesa Davies encouraged members to review and provide feedback on the draft PMHC Community Strategic Plan with submissions closing on Friday 27 August 2021.

The meeting closed at 9:01am.