

## **PRESENT**

### **Members:**

Councillor Rob Turner (Acting Chair)  
Chris Denny (Community Representative)  
Debbie Sommers (Community Representative)  
Marie Van Gend (Community Representative)  
Skye Petho (Community Representative)  
Wendy Haynes (Community Representative)  
Stacey Morgan (Community Representative)  
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)  
Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development (Liesa Davies)

### **Other Attendees:**

Chief Executive Officer (Dr Clare Allen)  
Group Manager Commercial Business Units (Ashley Grummit)  
Destination and Cultural Development Manager (Jane Ellis)  
Cultural Development Officer (Georgina Perri)  
Cultural Projects Officer (Linden Duke)  
Economic Development Officer (Marissa Clift)

### **Cred Consulting Representatives (Agenda Item 7):**

April McCabe, Associate Director Policy and Strategy  
Elise O’Ryan, Associate Director Community Planning and Design  
Claudio Holzer  
Abinaya Rajavelu

### **Economic Development Steering Group Members (Agenda Item 7):**

Kellon Beard  
Paul Dawson  
Michelle Love  
Tony Thorne  
Kate Wood-Foye

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The meeting opened at 8:05am.

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## **01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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## **02 APOLOGIES**

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### CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Councillor Geoff Hawkins, Pam Milne (Glasshouse Venue Manager) and Willhemina Wahlin (Community Representative) be accepted.

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## **03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Cultural Steering Group Meeting held on 25 August 2021 be confirmed.

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## **04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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## **05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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### CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising From Previous Minutes schedule be noted.

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## **06 RESIGNATION OF BERIC HENDERSON**

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### CONSENSUS:

That the Cultural Steering Group:

1. Note the recent resignation of Steering Group Member Beric Henderson
2. Formally thank Beric Henderson for his commitment and contribution to the Cultural Steering Group.

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## **07 CBD CULTURAL PRECINCT PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

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The Cultural Development Officer welcomed members of the Economic Development Steering Group to the meeting and 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 and creation of the Port Macquarie CBD Cultural Precinct Plan (CPP). April and Elise explained the desktop research completed to date, with the engagement phase to begin shortly with key stakeholders including the aboriginal community. The Group’s ideas and feedback on a number of topics were captured, with discussion including the parameters of the potential project site boundary and the Port Macquarie ‘city heart’. April spoke of the importance of aligning the CPP with Council’s other strategic plans and providing a solid framework to ‘talk’ to future potential funding opportunities.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Group participate in discussions with Cred Consulting to help inform the development of the Port Macquarie CBD Cultural Precinct Plan and note next steps in the project.

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## **08 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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### **08.01 CONFIDENTIAL MATTER**

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The Group Manager Economic and Cultural Development flagged a matter confidential with Cultural Steering Group members and noted the intention to fully brief the Group when the relevant information was publicly available.

### **08.02 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

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The Cultural Development Officer updated the Group on Council’s COVID Recovery Funded program of professional development, networking and mentoring for local creatives. A series of face-to-face and online seminars had taken place over the last 6 months covering business and finance skills, navigating social media and marketing and networking. Recently a hands-on Mural Masterclass was delivered for 10 local artists interested in pursuing future public art commissions. Participants were mentored by experienced mural artist Mike Shankster over the course of the week, culminating in a 3-wall mural on the Town Beach Breakwall HQ/amenities building. Further sessions and programs are planned including how to establish a local creative networking group, an intensive marketing session, and further hands-on workshops.

The meeting closed at 9:22am.