

## MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN MOTOR SPORTS WORKING GROUP

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, 26 July 2023  
**Location:** Jervis Bay Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 5.00pm

The following members were present:

Clr Matthew Norris - Chairperson  
Clr Patricia White – Left meeting 6:13pm  
Clr Mark Kitchener  
Clr Serena Copley  
Mr Norman Mogg  
Mr Paul Dean  
Mr Robert Bridge  
Mr Carey McIntyre - Director City Futures  
Ms Coralie Bell - Tourism Manager

Others present:

Mr Gordon Clark - Strategic Planning Manager – Left meeting 6:17pm  
Mr Ryan Schuller - Senior Economic Development Officer (Remotely)  
Ms Fiona Hatcher - RDA – Far South Coast

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Mr Roger Walker.

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group held on Monday 06 February 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

### Declaration of Interests

Nil

## REPORTS

### MS23.6 Adoption of Terms of Reference

HPERM Ref:  
D23/53494

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group receive this report for their information.

#### **RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group receive this report for their information.

CARRIED

### MS23.7 Additional Investigations - Yerriyong Motoplex Site

HPERM Ref:  
D23/182270

Mr Paul Dean advised that, having worked with Greg Pullen over the last few years, it was the impression of the Group that permissive occupancy of the Yerriyong Motoplex Site had been transferred to Motorcycling NSW, and sought clarification from staff. Mr Dean sought further clarification regarding Aboriginal Land Claims over the site and requested detail regarding the history of correspondence between Greg Pullen, Motorcycling NSW, and the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The Group sought clarification on the issues that management of the Motoplex site are having regarding the existing licence with Crown Lands. Council staff advised that Tyson French, Manager of the Motoplex site, has advised he is working to resolve some issues on the site and will attend a future meeting once resolved.

Mr Norman Mogg sought clarification from staff whether Council still had the option of purchasing the land on the opposite side of the road to the Yerriyong Motoplex site. Staff advised that the land was owned by Crown Land and that Council could not comment on if the Crown would sell this particular lot, however, staff noted that selling Crown Land to private investment was not considered usual practice. Council has only ever had temporary licence to investigate the land in the past, and that correspondence would be provided regarding licencing arrangement over that land.

During discussion, Ms Fiona Hatcher addressed the Group regarding potential funding opportunities for a Motorsports Complex and the existing business case. A handout was provided to the Group which is attached to these minutes.

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group receive this report for their information.

#### **RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group receive this report for their information and request that Council staff provide a further report back to the Group with:

1. Written advice from Lands NSW formally answering the question regarding permissive occupancy and management of the site, and further, if permissive occupancy still exists, whether that permissive occupancy has been converted into a license.
2. The letter sent to Greg Pullen from the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council which provides advice as to whether there is any objection to a DA being lodged for the site.
3. A copy of correspondence to Council indicating the licensing arrangements over the land.

CARRIED

**MS23.8 Support of Motor Sports Complex - Amigo Investment Holdings****HPERM Ref:  
D23/224706****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group receive this report for their information.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group receive this report for their information and extend an invitation to Amigo Investment Holdings to attend a future meeting with the Group.

CARRIED

**MS23.9 Motor Sports Complex Working Party****HPERM Ref:  
D23/150201**

It was discussed how the Shoalhaven Motor Sports Working Group can move forward with Council to work towards developing the business case and investigating potential sites for the development of a Motorsports complex.

**Recommendation**

That Council commits to identifying land suitable for the establishment of a Motor Sports Complex within its area.

**RECOMMENDATION** (By consent)

That Council commits to representatives of the Committee meeting with potential developers of a Motor Sports Complex with a view to enable development of the business case and investigation of potential sites leading to the development of a Motorsports complex.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6:35pm.

Clr Matthew Norris  
CHAIRPERSON