

MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN ECONOMIC GROWTH & ADVOCACY GROUP

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2022
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

The following members were present:

Mr John Lamont – Manufacturing - Chairperson
Clr Matthew Norris – Voting Councillor ward 1 (Remotely)
Clr John Kotlash – Voting Councillor ward 2 (Remotely) – Left 5:19pm, Returned 5:40pm
Clr Patricia White - Voting Councillor ward 3
Clr Mark Kitchener
Clr Tonia Gray (Remotely) – Arrived at 4:12pm
Ms Anna Finch - Human resources
Ms Brenda Sambrook - Tourism
Ms Holly Pastor - Education
Ms Michelle Bishop - Tourism
Ms Sandra Gray - Small business operator
Mr Jared Brown – Aboriginal Business Sector

Others present:

Ms Jemma Tribe - President - Shoalhaven Business Chamber (Remotely) – Left at 5:28pm
Ms Tania Goodman - President - Shoalhaven Professional Business Association
Mr Carey McIntyre – Director of City Futures – Left 5:08pm, Returned 5:37pm
Ms Coralie Bell – Tourism & Economic Development Manager
Ms Kristy Mayhew - Tourism Marketing Specialist
Mr Ryan Schulter - Senior Economic Development Officer
Mr Jim Fraser - Manager - Corporate Performance & Reporting
Ms Brooke Aldous – Governance Coordinator

Note: Clr White assumed the Chair until the election of a new Chairperson.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Copley, Iain Chalmers, Peter Masterson, Kaye Morris and Laurie Koster.

Declarations of Interest

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

EG22.1 City Futures Update

HPERM Ref:
D22/459637

Carey McIntyre, Director, City Futures provided an update on;

- His vision for City Futures
- Opportunities for partnership with SEGA

Ms Michelle Bishop suggested that clearer expectations need to be set by Council if a community chooses to pursue a community led strategic plan for their own CCB.

Ms Brenda Sambrook raised a concern that the views of the whole community are not always being represented by their own CCB, and noted that they can only go on input from those who attend meetings, respond to their emails or Facebook posts and surveys.

EG22.2 Presentation - Governance - Brief Induction

HPERM Ref:
D22/459771

Ms Brooke Aldous – Governance Coordinator – provided a brief induction on the following:

- Code of Conduct
- Declaration of Interest
- Code of Meeting Practice
- Delegations

EG22.3 Corporate Performance & Reporting Presentation - Jim Fraser

HPERM Ref:
D22/463186

Mr Jim Fraser - Manager - Corporate Performance & Reporting – presented to the committee regarding Integrated Planning & Reporting within Council.

The Group questioned where the community led strategic plans sit in terms of their relationship to Council's Community Strategic Plan, and what input they have.

Staff advised that they would take this question on notice and report back to the Group regarding the current status of the community led strategic plans within Council, and how they are being utilised, at the next meeting.

Note: Carey McIntyre – Director City Futures, left the meeting, the time being 5:08pm.

REPORTS

EG22.5 Shoalhaven Advocacy

HPERM Ref:
D22/459882

Ms Coralie Bell advised members that they can send through project suggestions to her by the end of the week.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Growth and Advocacy Group (SEGA)

1. Receive the report for information.
2. Suggest projects to be considered for inclusion in future editions.

RESOLVED (John Lamont / Brenda Sambrook)

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CARRIED

EG22.6 Project Update: Nowra Riverfront Activation Taskforce (NRAT)

**HPERM Ref:
D22/462393**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Economic, Growth and Advocacy Group receive the report for information

RESOLVED (Sandra Gray / Clr White)

That the Shoalhaven Economic, Growth and Advocacy Group receive the report for information.

CARRIED

EG22.7 Advocacy and Growth - Staff Update

**HPERM Ref:
D22/463126**

Note: Clr Kotlash left the meeting, the time being 5:19pm

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Economic Growth and Advocacy Group receive this report for their information.

RESOLVED (John Lamont / Brenda Sambrook)

That the Shoalhaven Economic Growth and Advocacy Group receive this report for their information.

CARRIED

EG22.4 Election of Chairperson and Notification of Council Resolution

**HPERM Ref:
D22/430172**

Ms Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager, assumed the Chair and asked the members present if there were any nominations for the role of Chairperson.

Mr John Lamont was nominated for the position of Chairperson and Mr Jared Brown for the position of Deputy Chairperson. There were no further nominations received.

Mr John Lamont was declared as Chairperson and assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Receive the report regarding Council Resolution – Re-establishment for information.
2. Elect (insert name) as Chairperson and (insert name) as Deputy Chairperson for the period to September 2023, noting that the appointment will be reaffirmed by Council.
3. Determine the meeting commencement time to be (insert time) for future quarterly meetings as per the Council Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION (Clr White / Michelle Bishop)

That the Committee:

1. Receive the report regarding Council Resolution – Re-establishment for information.
2. Elect John Lamont as Chairperson and Jared Brown as Deputy Chairperson for the period to September 2023, noting that the appointment will be reaffirmed by Council.
3. Determine the meeting commencement time to be 4.00pm for future quarterly meetings as per the Council Resolution.

CARRIED

EG22.8 Open Discussion - Economic Growth

**HPERM Ref:
D22/464538**

Note: Ms Jemma Tribe left the meeting, the time being 5:28pm

Note: Mr Carey McIntrye re-joined the meeting, the time being 5:37pm

Note: Clr Kotlash re-joined the meeting, the time being 5:40pm

The Group entered into a discussion to identify strengths, threats and opportunities regarding the regional economy. The following are some of the comments and feedback received:

Strengths:

- Growth in indigenous owned businesses
- Connection to Sydney

Opportunities:

- Increase the capacity of employers to employ and retain aboriginal employees
- Revitalization of the Nowra CBD
- Active transport to Nowra CBD – bike paths
- Growth in the education sector – provide more access to all three levels of education

Threats:

- Changing Industrial Relations (IR) reforms for small businesses
- Compliance requirements for small businesses
- Skills shortages
- Natural disasters and the impact on infrastructure

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Economic Growth and Advocacy Group receive this report and attachments for their information and participate in an open discussion about the strengths and opportunities for the regional economy.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Economic Growth and Advocacy Group receive this report and attachments for their information and note the comments of the open discussion about the strengths and opportunities for the regional economy.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Shoalhaven Economic Growth and Advocacy Group congratulated Mr John Lamont on his election to the position of Chairperson.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5:53pm.

Mr John Lamont
CHAIRPERSON