

# Employment and Economic Development Committee Meeting Record 13 June 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 1 Committee Room, 49 Mann Street, Gosford	
Date:	13 June 2019	
Time	Started at: 5.02pm	Closed at: 6.55pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00100	

**Present:**

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Chris Holstein (left 6.08pm), Councillor Kyle MacGregor (left 6.30pm), Councillor Bruce McLachlan, Councillor Jilly Pilon, Councillor Jeff Sundstrom, John Asquith, Mike Goodman, Brad Wilson

**External Attendees:**

Paula Martin – NSW Business Chamber

**Council Staff present:**

Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

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**Item 1 Apologies, Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**

Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins, William Adames, Michael Pilon

The Chairperson, Mayor Jane Smith, declared the meeting open at 5.02pm and undertook an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land statement.

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**Item 2 Disclosure of Interest**

The Mayor called for any declarations of interest.

Councillor McLachlan declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as he had done previously, as a business owner on the Central Coast.

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**Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 7 March 2019.

The Advisory Group reviewed the Action Log.

#### **Item 4                    Revitalisation of The Entrance – Letter and Response**

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The Committee discussed the letter received from Mr Doug Darlington regarding Revitalising The Entrance.

Discussion was held surrounding:

- Revisiting Key sites
- Town Centres Initiative
- Tourism Opportunity Plan
- Accommodation Strategy

**Action:** Advisory Group Support Officer to respond to Mr Darlington advising the letter was discussed by the Committee including the above mentioned discussion points.

#### **Item 5                    Clean Green Economic Development/Innovation Opportunities**

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The Committee discussed the following initiatives and opportunities:

- WRACK and how it can be used as feed, fertiliser or biochar
- Solar Power manufacturer, wind farms and renewable energies
- Robotics and new technologies, smart manufacturing
- Eco-Tourism
- Activating local businesses (sustainability cluster)
- Promoting the winter season on the Coast (whale watching, whale walks, wild flowers etc)

**Action:** The above mentioned initiatives to be sent to relevant Tourism staff to be considered as part of the *1000 small ideas*, particularly whale watching/walks and restaurant opportunities.

**Action:** The use of WRACK be referred to relevant staff to consider the possible use of WRACK on ash dams as part of rehabilitation.

**Action:** Disposal of WRACK to be discussed with the Newcastle University to see if there are students or academics that may have an interest or suggestions on how it can be used.

**Action:** Estuary Management staff to provide costs to Mike Goodman associated with WRACK (removal, reuse etc)

**Action:** The Committee requests information from staff on what sort of funding we are putting towards Economic Development for the region.

#### **Item 6                    Aviation hub (WEZ)**

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Jamie Barclay gave a presentation on the Aviation Hub.

#### **Item 7                    Reflect on Progress in line with Terms of Reference and Action Plan**

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The Committee agreed to hold off on reflecting on its progress in line with the Terms of Reference and Action Plan until the Economic Development Strategy goes to Council and is placed on public exhibition.

## **Item 8 Update on Economic Development Strategy**

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Jamie Barclay (Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery) gave a presentation on the Economic Development Strategy.

**Action:** Advisory Group Support Officer to circulate presentation to Committee members.

**Action:** Paula Martin – NSW Business Chamber to provide further information to the Committee on the levels of Trade qualifications in the region.

## **Item 9 General Business and Close**

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- a) Mike Goodman discussed his Supply Chain Logistics forum that is being held tomorrow, with another one in September at which he would like to discuss plastic roads and perhaps hold a site tour. Jamie Barclay will liaise with Mike to discuss further.
- b) Paula Martin to provide a presentation at the next meeting on the Central Coast Branch of the NSW Business Chamber.

**Action:** Advisory Group Support Officer to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

- c) John Asquith requested further information on the Future of Work paper that was provided at the last meeting.

**Action:** Staff to provide a presentation at the next meeting on youth unemployment.

**Action:** Jamie Barclay to invite P-Tech to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

**Next Meeting:** TBC