

Social Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Record 13 February 2020



Location:	Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 2 Committee Room, 2 Hely Street, Wyong	
Date:	13 February 2020	
Time	Started at: 4.03pm	Closed at: 5.52pm
Chair	Councillor Kyle MacGregor	
File Ref	F2019/00090	

Present:

Councillor Jillian Hogan (by phone), Councillor Kyle MacGregor, Colette Baron, Bert Cotte, Jackie Klarkowski, Deb Tipper

Council Staff present:

Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Beth Burgess – Unit Manager Libraries Learning and Education, Danielle Hargreaves – Section Manager Learning Community, Kerrie Forrest – Section Manager Community Planning and Services, Celia Pennycook – Social Planner Community Planning and Funding, Adele Johns – Innovations and Performance Partner, Donna Payne – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies

Apologies received: Councillor Chris Holstein, Julie Vaughan – Director Connected Communities, Belinda McRobie – Team Leader Community and Cultural Programs, Glitta Supernova, Joshua Maxwell (resignation received 20 January 2020)

Councillor MacGregor welcomed the Advisory Group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country.

The resignation of committee member Joshua Maxwell was raised. The committee agreed on the importance of representation for the young community and arts on the Central Coast. The resignation has created a void that needs to be reviewed.

Action: Glenn Cannard to approach Joshua to ask if he would reconsider his resignation.

Item 2 Disclosure of Interest

Bert Cotte declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as an employee of Westfield Tuggerah that includes the Central Coast Council's Tuggerah Library Branch.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 24 October 2019.

The Advisory Group decided to defer discussion surrounding the Action Log till Item 9 General Business and Close.

Item 4 Libraries and childcare centres (how these services can be utilised)

Beth Burgess – Unit Manager Libraries Learning and Education delivered a presentation on the services provided and the technology available throughout the Central Coast Library Branches.

There were 614 directly facilitated events that the Library Outreach service provided, with 40 of the programs at no cost to the community.

Council manages a total of 8 education and care services within the LGA for children aged 6 weeks – 6 years, this is a total of 349 spaces per day. They also support children with additional needs and hold intergenerational programs with the elderly community.

It was noted that all 8 services were finalists in the NSW 2019 Excellence in Early Childhood Education Awards, with Terrigal Children’s Centre winning the Family Involvement Program Excellence Award.

Councillors and Committee members congratulated the Libraries Learning and Education staff on the awards achievement and the comprehensive presentation provided in the meeting.

Councillor Hogan enquired about the Little Free Libraries with the suggestion of one being set up in Budgewoi. It was verified that Council do not facilitate these libraries but do support the establishment of them.

Action: Glenn Cannard to follow-up with Libraries Learning and Education Staff the establishment of a Little Free Library in Budgewoi.

Item 5 Broader community education

Danielle Hargreaves – Section Manager, Learning Communities presented on the Unit’s purpose and aim in working towards ‘lifelong and life-wide’ learning.

The Unit works with both state and private schools with two key areas: Community Education and Environmental Education. There is a total of 37 programs across 19 themes being delivered in 2019/20 that incorporate events, activities and tours focused around environmental education, estuary management education and business development. These programs are offered at minimal or no cost to the community. For example:

- a. Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Explore – an online learning app launched by the council in September 2019 that allows locals and tourists to explore Tuggerah Lakes via a virtual tour. The app includes interactive maps, information on tracks and trails, species identification for local wildlife and upcoming activities on the lake.
- b. New Directions – Virtual tours via a 360° camera available to schools and the community. It provides information on topics such as how the LGA water facilities operate and includes a virtual tour of a treatment plant.

This virtual technology can also provide visitors to the area and the local community with safety tips on topics of interest, such as;

- how to navigate around our roads safely
- recognise cues in animal behaviour and how to interact with an animal in a safe manner

Action: The Committee requested further information regarding education programs available to the community surrounding natural disasters. In particular the vulnerable groups of the community, that were identifiable with the recent fires and flooding situations that our current educational and assistance programs may not reach.

Item 6 Economic Disadvantage

To be deferred to the next meeting.

Action: Innovation and Futures Reference Group to prepare content for the topics of economic disadvantage strategy, Warnervale Employment Zone and other employment lands across the coast (Erina to Somersby Corridor, North Wyong Economic Corridor), apprentices and trainees.

Action: Councillor MacGregor requested the Innovations and Futures Reference Group provide further information about the Central Coast Draft Economic Strategy as this will be a key document in linking the Item 6 Economic Disadvantage topics.

Item 7 Feedback from Innovation and Futures Reference Group

Adele Johns - Innovations and Performance Partner gave a presentation on the upcoming Central Coast Innovation Series | 2020: Big and Bold Ideas.

The first of the series is on Thursday 20 February 2020, 8am – 11.30am at the Entertainment Grounds and is aimed at creating public forums to inspire ideas and create discussion around the challenges facing the Central Coast Community.

There will be a further three forums throughout the year with the following themes:

- April 2020: Economic Development and Jobs for the Future
- June 2020: Technology Data and Artificial Intelligence
- August 2020: Sustainability and Clean Industry

Councillor MacGregor advised the committee that the Central Coast Innovation Series 2020 is a potential source for committee ideas to be put forward.

Action: Innovation and Futures Reference Group to provide further information on the Innovations Series | 2020 to the committee members.

Item 8 Rainbow Community (LGBTIQ+ inclusivity in everyday consideration)

To be deferred to a future meeting, currently proposed for June 2020 agenda.

Item 9 General Business and Close

The Action Log pending items were discussed with the following outcomes:

- Item 6: Senior Services Program: Is still a work in progress, an update will be provided at a future meeting
- Item 7: Centralised Event Calendar: Community Partnership staff are currently working on a web-based platform that is linked to Town Centre review, a progress report is anticipated for the June 2020 meeting.

Deb Tipper informed the committee of the work she is currently undertaking with Elderslee Foundation and her plan to organise a forum on Older Women and Homelessness to coincide with Homelessness Week in August 2020.

Action: The topic of Affordable Housing Strategy and homelessness is earmarked for the June 2020 meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.52pm

Next Meetings: **Tuesday 7 April 2020**
(TBC) **4pm – 6pm**
 Central Coast Council Gosford Office
 Level 1 Committee Room

Wednesday 10 June 2020
 4pm – 6pm
 Central Coast Council Wyong Office
 Level 2 Committee Room

Tuesday 11 August 2020
 4pm – 6pm
 Central Coast Council Gosford Office
 Level 1 Committee Room