

Town Centre Advisory Committee

Meeting Record

29 October 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Wyong Office Level 2 Committee Room, 2 Hely Street, Wyong	
Date:	29 October 2019	
Time	Started at: 3.02pm	Closed at: 5.04pm
Chair	Mayor Lisa Matthews	
File Ref	F2019/00505	

Present:

Mayor Lisa Matthews, Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Richard Mehrrens (arrived 3:15pm), Councillor Jane Smith, Robert Diaz, Matthew Hingerty, Juan Iocco, Matthew Lusted, Paula Martin, Brenton Pavier, Georgia Thomas, Matthew Wales

Council Staff present:

Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Cobey Linsley – Section Manager Place Activation, Shari Young – Team Leader Enterprise and Activation, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies

Apologies received: Councillor Chris Burke, Rod Dever, Deborah Warwick, Julie Vaughan – Director Connected Communities, Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery

Mayor Lisa Matthews welcomed the Advisory Group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land Statement.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

The Mayor called for any Disclosures of Interest.

Matthew Hingerty declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as a registered 3rd party lobbyist, as he had also done previously, in particular, regarding The University of Newcastle.

Matthew Lusted declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest, as he had also done previously, having property ownership in the township of Wyong.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 20 August 2019.

The Advisory Group discussed the Action Log.

Item 4 Markets, Operational Models and Pricing

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) provided a presentation on operating a market.

The Advisory Group expressed concerns that the current model for markets isn't working. If we are looking at activating town centres and street frontages we need to be mindful that these activities don't clash with retailers in the town centre.

The Chambers would like to be consulted when markets are proposed in their area so they are aware as to what products are going to be sold.

Action: EOI currently being developed for the Toukley Markets model to be sent to members of the Town Centre Advisory Committee for feedback.

Item 5 Presentation on Events

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) provided a presentation on current/planned events in the Central Coast LGA.

The Advisory Group discussed concerns around the 9pm fireworks. Mayor Lisa Matthews advised discussions have been held with the State Member to hopefully extend the times.

Item 6 Update on Funding / Deliverables for Town Centres

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) provided an update on funding and deliverables for town centres.

Item 7 Chamber of Commerce Update (standing item)

- Bob Diaz from The Entrance Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the Chambers recent activities including:
 - Recently attended a meeting re accessibility requirements
 - Attended the BAM (Better Access Map) launch
 - Attended the Tourism event at Glenworth Valley and a meeting coming up soon as to how adventure can be brought to the Entrance
 - Fright Night to be held at The Entrance Thursday 31 October

- Matthew Lusted from Wyong Regional Chamber of Commerce (WRCoC) tabled a report on the recent activities of the Chamber. Matthew highlighted the two new advisory panels that have been refined to enhance the function of the WRCoC – Town Centre Advisory Panel and a City Planning Advisory Panel.

Georgia Thomas provided a brief update on the Wyong Writer's Festival.

- Matthew Wales from Peninsula Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the Chambers recent activities including:
 - Recently met with Councils Strategic Planning Staff who did a great job and will hopefully rectify planning issues in the area
 - Matthew thanked Council for their support in the Oyster Festival event

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) advised with the assistance of Ability Links, a pack will be put together for businesses and there will be a disability access education program available for the Chambers next year.

Item 8 General Business and Close

- a) Façade improvement program which includes the ability to apply for accessibility improvements funding should be rolled out February 2020. Businesses and Commercial property owners will be able to apply for the funding.
- b) Matthew Hingerty advised the University Gosford Campus project is going well.
- c) Matthew Wales referred to the Former Gosford Council Retail Centres Strategy which may be worth looking at.
- d) Matthew Lusted raised concerns which were echoed by other Committee members that there had been little contact or visibility with the new Town Centre "Managers". Matthew indicated it would be great to see them have more of a presence and visibility in town. Clarification is sought as to the role of the Town Centre "Managers" including their hours of work that may better suit the community.

Action: Each of the 5 town centres to have the opportunity to identify what their town centre needs including suggestions on a major project that Council could partner with. Council will circulate further contact details and roles and responsibilities of the "Managers" in November.

- e) Juan Iocco thanked Council for their support of the Coastal Twist festival.

Action: Juan to provide a presentation at a future meeting on the Coastal Twist Festival.

- f) Mayor Lisa Matthews advised that the CEO and Mayor will be attending the Town Centres regularly to meet with local business owners. A Mystery Busy Tour with the CEO, Directors and Media team will also be held, to get out and see what is happening in the community.

The meeting closed at 5.04pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 30 January 2020
3pm – 5pm
Gosford Administration Building
Level 1 Committee Room