

**Minutes of Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee
Monday 23 November at 2.30pm
Old RFS Building, Coonabarabran
and Blue Jeans**

Present: Cr Capel, J Young, S Edwards, D Burton, L Cutts, M McEvoy, J Whittall, J Lloyd, and J Houghton.

Observing: R James

Cr Capel chaired the meeting

Meeting Opened: 2.30pm

1 Apologies

L Ryan

S Edwards/L Cutts

2 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Nil

3 Minutes from Previous Meeting

S Edwards/L Cutts

4 Reports

4.1 Visitor Information Report

Recommended: That the Visitor Information Centre Report be received and noted.

D Burton/S Edwards

4.2 Tourism Report

Action: Manager EDT to investigate dual purpose banner poles for street banners and for Australia Day flags

Action: Manager EDT to resend link to Central West Cycle Trail

Recommended: That the Tourism Report be received and noted.

S Edwards/L Cutts

4.3 Economic Development Report

Recommended: That the Economic Development Report be received and noted

J Young/S Edwards

4.4 Business Case Funding for Virtual Reality Centre

Action: Manager to incorporate Indigenous night sky tours with indigenous youth tour guides

Action: Utilise TAFE NSW for training tour guides

Action: EDT committee to work with Manager EDT developing themed experiences throughout the region.

Recommended: That the Business Case Funding for Virtual Reality Centre Report be received and noted.

S Edwards/J Lloyd

4.5 EDT Terms of Reference Report

Recommended: That the EDT Terms of Reference Report be received and noted

D Burton/S Edwards

5 New Business

5.1 New walking track starting from Dark Sky Café at Siding Spring aiming to officially open 19 December

5.2 Binnaway investigating silo art

5.3 Coolah investigating silo silhouettes

5.4 Baradine radio improvements from bush fire funding

6 Meeting close: 4.00pm

7 Next meeting: Monday 22 February 2021 at 2.30pm