

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM, COOLAH COUNCIL BUILDING ON
MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 2.30PM AND VIA BLUE JEANS**

PRESENT: Cr Capel (Chairperson), Cr Brady, D Burton, J Young, B Condon, J Lloyd, S Edwards, and J Whittall

IN ATTENDANCE: Leeanne Ryan (Director Environment and Development Services) Jo Houghton (Manager Economic Development and Tourism) and S Nott

APOLOGIES: Mrs L Cutts and Mr R Noakes

S Edwards/J Whittall

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee held on 23 November 2020 be confirmed

S Edwards/D Burton

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Siding Spring Observatory update:** Café and observatory aim to open in two weeks with temporary opening hours while investigation is underway for long term commercial viability for café and astro-tourism.

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AGENDA ITEMS

Reports

4.1 Visitor Information Report

Action: Manager EDT to organise regular promotion for Coonabarabran VIC gallery, and refer exhibition leads to Pandora Art Gallery also.

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

S Edwards/J Whittall

4.2 Tourism Report

Action: Manager EDT commit to the Australian Volcanoes Discovery Trail – concept development proposal.

Action: Manager EDT to organise concept proposal meeting for potential attractions across Warrumbungle Region.

Action: Investigate helicopters for Matt Hall event

Action: Manager EDT to enquire about budget required for Coolah Tops Geo Trails

RECOMMENDED: That the Tourism Report be received and noted.

S Edwards/J Young

4.3 Economic Development Report

Action: S Edwards to email Manager EDT Coolah's Rural Aid summary report

Action: Manager EDT to discuss with 'Building Our Warrumbungle Communities' project team developing a similar report for each town post Peter Kenyon's visit, and potentially become adopted attachment to EDT strategy

Action: Manager EDT to email CDCs promotional material and information for Waste 2 Art

Action: Manager EDT and SNSW business concierges to encourage business partnerships to enable eligibility for Dine and Discover campaign

RECOMMENDED: That the Economic Development Report be received and noted

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4.4 Action Plan for Economic Development and Tourism Strategy Report

Action: Manager EDT to email CDCs required information to assist with sign audit

RECOMMENDED: That the Action Plan for EDT Strategy Report be received and noted.

D Burton/S Edwards

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussed History Digitalisation across LGA as a future project.

Next meeting: Monday 3 May 2021 at 2.30pm.

4.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting was closed