

MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 2pm
Upstairs Meeting Room, Coonabarabran Council Building

Present: Cr Brady, Cr Newton, Cr Kopke, L Ryan, J Houghton, S Edwards, T Hayman, N Pfeiffer, D Mulligan.

In Attendance Via Zoom: Cr Rindfleish, Cr Holcombe, Cr Todd, J Esdaile

Meeting Opened: 2.03pm

1 Apologies

Cr Doolan, K Rose.

2 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

- Cr Newton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.1 due to being involved in organising the event Warrumbungle Wings & Things.
- Cr Kopke declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.1 due to being a member of Mendooran Development Group.
- Cr Brady declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.1 due to being a member of Coonabarabran Suicide Prevention Network.

3 Minutes from Previous Meeting

S Edwards/K Brady

Nomination of Chairperson

Cr Newton was nominated as Chairperson by Cr Kopke, seconded by Cr Brady. Cr Newton accepted the nomination; no other nominations were received; Cr Newton was elected as Chairperson unopposed.

C Kopke/K Brady

4 Reports

4.1 Community Event Program

Attachment: Refer to spreadsheet with proposed events and funding allocations.

Recommended:

That Council:

1. Accepts the proposed events and funding allocations spreadsheet with recommendations to the Mayor, for both existing and new events, for the Community Events Program Fund as per table.
2. Request the relevant committee/organisation responsible for each event to complete form on how they intend to spend the funds, and return to Manager EDT by 14 June 2022.
3. Allocate unexpended funds towards Mendooran's town festival event or Coonabarabran's music + food event.

C Kopke/S Edwards

4.2 Tourism Report

Action: Manager EDT to invite National Parks and Wildlife Services to next EDT meeting to discuss Coolah Tops National Park closures and limited access within the National Park affecting visitor numbers to Coolah and its' local economy.

Recommended: That the Tourism Report be received and noted.

S Edwards/J Newton

4.3 Economic Development Report

Action: Manager EDT to enquire with Regional NSW whether a performance and outcome review report was established from previous Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) developed by Balmoral Group.

Recommended: That the Economic Development Report be received and noted.

C Kopke /K Brady

4.4 Visitor Information Centre Report

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

S Edwards/C Kopke

4.5 Review – Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre Report

Recommended: That Council continues to operate the Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre as a Level 1 Accredited Visitor Information Centre.

J Newton/K Brady

4.6 Town Entry Signs Report

Action: S Edwards to email Coolah's design for their town entry signs to EDT Committee members.

Action: EDT committee members to notify relevant history groups and organisations about the removal of old town signs should they want to keep old signage to preserve the town's history.

Recommendation: That EDT Committee members nominate one representative for each town from EDT committee to undertake consultations for town entry signage design and locations. To report back with design and location by 30 July 2022.

S Edwards/J Newton

4.7 Hickey Falls Report

Action: When complete, EDT committee to review Council's public toilet service level report.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Investigates eligible grants for construction of an information notice board at Hickeys Falls to promote the Warrumbungle Region.
2. Investigates different types of toilet blocks that maybe suitable for installation at Hickeys Falls, including associated costs for installation and ongoing maintenance and cleaning.

K Brady/C Kopke

4.8 Building Our Warrumbungle Communities Action Plans Report

Action: S Edwards to request action plans for each town to be endorsed by Council's Executive Leadership Team.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Building Our Warrumbungle Communities Action Plans for all towns.
2. Updates the EDT Strategy and Action Plan to incorporate WSC identified tasks and projects from Building Our Warrumbungle Communities Action Plans.

S Edwards/C Kopke

New Business:

- **Coolah Historical Digitisation Project** – project almost complete and can form a template for other towns should they take on a similar project.
- **Signage on corner of Golden Highway near Black Stump Way -**

Action: S Edwards to follow up contact details for billboard and process to renew signage.

- **Tooraweenah Air Show & Museum** – The potential for Council to work with Gilgandra Shire to increase visitors to both Warrumbungle and Gilgandra regions, in particular through the Tooraweenah scenic drive.

Next Meeting: 23 August, 2022 at 3pm

Meeting closed: 4.44pm

**Attachment – Community Event Program.
Resolution: 305/2122 Recommendation to Mayor for events and funding allocations**

Community Events Funding			
Town	Event	Amount	Total
<i>Coonabarabran</i>	Warrumbungle Wings and Thing	\$25,000	\$100,651
	Golf tour	\$5,000	
	Christmas event	\$5,000	
	Pool day	\$1,000	
	Tour De Gorge	\$5,000	
	Science in the park	\$5,000	
	Music and Food festival	\$54,651	
<i>Baradine</i>	Bowls day	\$5,000	\$21,000
	Christamas street fair	\$5,000	
	Hall opening	\$5,000	
	Golf day	\$5,000	
	Pool day	\$1,000	
<i>Binnaway</i>	Bowls day	\$5,000	\$22,500
	Golf tour	\$5,000	
	Football knock out	\$5,000	
	Pool Day	\$1,000	
	Lions Christmas carnival	\$5,000	
	Action plan launch	\$1,500	
<i>Coolah</i>	Bowls day	\$5,000	\$26,000
	Golf tour	\$5,000	
	Pool day	\$1,000	
	Christmas carols	\$5,000	
	Lions fun day	\$5,000	
	River walk opening	\$5,000	
<i>Dunedoo</i>	Tunes on the Turf	\$25,000	\$41,000
	Golf tour	\$5,000	
	Bowls day	\$5,000	
	Christmas event	\$5,000	
	Pool day	\$1,000	
<i>Mendooran</i>	Touch football knock out	\$2,500	\$23,500
	Pool day	\$1,000	
	Christmas in the park	\$5,000	
	Town festival	\$15,000	
<i>Goolhi</i>	Family day	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grant	\$239,651	Total	\$239,651
		Remaining	\$0