

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL INCLUSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in the Committee Room, Level Four of Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace,
Mount Gambier, on Monday, 27th April 2015 at 5.30pm

PRESENT: Cr Persello (Presiding Member)
Cr Lovett
Cr Richardson
Rob Foggo
John Amoroso

APOLOGIES: Cr Persello moved that the apologies from Caroline Hill and Emma Milera be received.

Rob Foggo seconded Carried

COUNCIL MEMBERS
AS OBSERVERS: Nil

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Manager Community Services & Development, Barbara Cernovskis
Library Manager, Vicki Hutchinson
Community Development Officer, Alison Brash

COUNCIL OFFICER
APOLOGIES: Chief Executive Officer, Mark McShane

COUNCIL MEMBERS
AS OBSERVERS: Nil

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.

MINUTES: John Amoroso moved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th August 2014 and the 23rd February 2015 be taken as read and confirmed (noting the small change in attendance of the meeting held 25/08/2014).

Cr Lovett seconded Carried

QUESTIONS: (a) With Notice - nil submitted.
(b) Without Notice – nil submitted.

1. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT Comprehensive Holistic Assessment Tool (CHAT) Survey Results, Ref. AF13/52

Goal: Building Communities
Strategic Objective: Develop an improved means of communication and engagement between Council and the community (including vulnerable communities) in the building of community capacity.

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The Environmental Sustainability Officer reported:

- (a) The development and purpose of the CHAT tool and the context in which it is applied
- (b) The application of Community Engagement and the Social Inclusion Charter within the assessment parameters of the tool.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

Cr Persello moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;**
- (b) The Environmental Sustainability Officer be thanked for his presentation;**
- (c) Additional question to include the Social Inclusion Charter as an additional requirement/field**

Rob Foggo seconded

Carried

**2. SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Liaison – Multicultural Groups
Liaison Refugee Welcome Zone Ref. AF12/165**

Goal: Building Communities
Strategic Objective: Develop an improved means of communication and engagement between Council and the community (including vulnerable communities) in the building of community capacity.

The Presiding Member reported:

- (a) Cr Persello has met with Mayor Andrew Lee to discuss the City of Mount Gambier becoming a signatory on the Refugee Welcome Zone;
- (b) A proposal for the City of Mount Gambier to subscribe to the Refugee Welcome Zones was received from Jacob Lynagh in February;
- (c) The committee noted that Refugee Week commences on Saturday, 14th June 2015 and concludes on Refugee Day 20th June 2015;
- (d) The submitted proposal and background information on the Refugee Welcome Zones are attached.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended:

- (a) The proposal be received;**
- (b) The Committee resolved to align signing of the Refugee Welcome Zone Declaration concurrent with one of the 2015 Refugee Week events occurring locally if appropriate;**
- (c) Collaboration with the Aboriginal community should be sought.**

Cr Richardson seconded

Carried

3. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – Community Engagement & Social Inclusion Sub Committee Report No. 2/2015, Ref. AF11/2284

Goal: Building Communities

Strategic Objective: (vi) Develop an improved means of communication and engagement between Council and the community (including vulnerable communities) in the building of community capacity.

Goal: Diversity

Strategic Objective: (vii) Develop the capacity of Council to effectively communicate and engage with our communities, other agencies and service providers.

Goal: Community Well-being

Strategic Objective: (v) Advocate for support programs which increase the level of community engagement in healthy lifestyle activities and which encourage our community to make quality health decisions.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Cr Richardson moved it be recommended:

- (a) Community Engagement & Social Inclusion Sub-Committee Report No. 3/2015 be received;**
- (b) Committee review the Great South Coast Strategy to Prevent Violence against Women & Children;**
- (c) Address domestic violence and family violence as part of the Regional Health Plan implementation;**
- (d) Administration update on the progress with Domestic Violence procedure;**
- (e) Clarification be provided to the Sub-Committee regarding Council representation on the Violence Against Women group.**

Rob Foggo seconded

Carried

4. RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN – Community Engagement & Social Inclusion Sub Committee Report No. 3/2015, Ref. AF15/78

Goal: Building Communities

Strategic Objective: (vi) Develop an improved means of communication and engagement between Council and the community (including vulnerable communities) in the building of community capacity.

(vii) Support the community's development through nurturing collaborative relationships and partnerships and through direct access to Council for recognition, funding, facilitation, and in kind support.

Goal: Diversity

Strategic Objective: (iii) Celebrate the positive contributions of all members of our communities, to our collective social, economic, cultural, health and overall well-being.

(vi) Facilitate the community's active involvement in meeting the varied aspirations, diverse needs and special services that are required (including those for marginalised and vulnerable groups).

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- (vii) *Develop the capacity of Council to effectively communicate and engage with our communities, other agencies and service providers.*

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended:

- (a) The Reconciliation Action Plan report be received;
- (b) Conversations and research with Reconciliation Australia begin;
- (c) Exploration of the appropriate Cultural Governance model to be used occurs;
- (d) CESI Sub-Committee schedule a half day to full day workshop to develop the RAP planning process, direction and time line with Mark Waters and invite Karen Glover, Chief Executive Officer of Pangula Mannamurna Inc.

Cr Richardson seconded

Carried

5. **GOVERNANCE - Committees - Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub Committee 2015 Community Engagement & Social Inclusion Sub-Committee Key Focus Areas Ref. AF15/78**

Goal: *Building Communities*

Strategic Objective: (vi) *Develop an improved means of communication and engagement between Council and the community (including vulnerable communities) in the building of community capacity.*

Goal: *Diversity*

Strategic Objective: (vii) *Develop the capacity of Council to effectively communicate and engage with our communities, other agencies and service providers.*

Goal: *Community Well-being*

Strategic Objective: (v) *Advocate for support programs which increase the level of community engagement in healthy lifestyle activities and which encourage our community to make quality health decisions.*

The Manager Community Services & Development reported:

- (a) The key focus areas for the Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub-Committee identified at the last meeting were:
 - Prison expansion - effect on community.
 - Local Unemployment – presentation
 - Community Accessibility/Communications for Sub-Committee - presentation
 - Advocacy ⇒ State and Federal Members/Ministers - presentation
- (b) The sub-committee prioritise the key focus areas noting that the Reconciliation Action Plan is an outstanding action that has a considerable resource requirement.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5

John Amoroso moved it be recommended:

- (a) The key focus areas be prioritised as follows:

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- a. **Refugee Welcome Zone**
 - b. **Domestic Violence**
 - c. **Reconciliation Action Plan**
- (b) **Guest speaker to be invited to every second meeting addressing areas such as:**
- **Prison expansion - effect on community**
 - **Local Unemployment**
 - **Community Accessibility/Communications for Sub-Committee - presentation**
 - **Advocacy ⇒ State and Federal Members/Ministers – presentation**
- (c) **the draft Regional Health Plan to be forwarded to Sub-Committee Members, and the City of Mount Gambier Community Health Officer be invited to present at the May meeting.**

Rob Foggo seconded

Carried

6. LIMESTONE COAST COMMUNITY SERVICES ROUNDTABLE - UPDATE

Caroline Hill, Chair of the Limestone Coast Community Services Roundtable (LCCSRT) reported:

- (a) Provided a verbal update on the LCCSRT Planning day held on Tuesday, 14th April 2015

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

Cr Lovett moved it be recommended:

- (a) **Due to Caroline Hill's apology the Agenda item be moved to the May meeting.**

Cr Persello seconded

Carried

7. OTHER MATTERS

- **Suicide Prevention Action Plan has been referenced and used in a toolbox nation wide as a best practice model.**
- **"Suicide Prevention Regional Network of Networks"**
Flyer to be distributed to Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub – Committee Members.
- **Take 5 and Take 10 App being launched, Invitation will be sent to Community Engagement and Social Inclusion Sub –Committee Members.**
- **Signage be an Agenda Item for discussion at May meeting.**

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - Nil

The meeting closed at 7.26 p.m.
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CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2015.

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PRESIDING MEMBER