

Meeting Notes

MidCoast Cultural Plan Working Group

Date	10 December 2019	Time	10:00am
Venue	MidCoast Council	Chair	Cr Pontin
	Committee Room Gloucester	Note-taker	Chris Tippett
Attendance	Deputy Mayor Claire Pontin (Chair), Deb Tuckerman, Rachel Piercy, Chris Tippett, Leigh Vaughan, Jill Watkins, Anne Keen, Carmel Spark, Deborah Knoke, Bettina Digby,		
Apologies	Kevin Williams, James Pearson, Stacey Evans		
Guests	JOC Consulting: John O'Callaghan (Phone), Mette Kirk (Phone)		

Meeting items

Item	Key points/actions
1	Acknowledgement of Country – Cr Pontin gave an acknowledgement of country.
2	Housekeeping/WHS : Cr Pontin provided information relating to amenities and exits.
3	<p>Introduction to new consultants – Rachel introduced the newly appointed JOC Consultants through FaceTime.</p> <p>John O'Callaghan gave a brief overview of the company, introduced staff and associated consultants, the proposal and engagement. Staged approach with short and long term goals/outcomes.</p> <p>Draft work plan and engagement process to be developed before Christmas 2019 to allow the group to rapidly progress the plan early 2020.</p> <p>What does culture mean to the group? A discussion ensued on the effects of fire in the community and how arts can facilitate healing and realisation of identity/cultural identity.</p>
4	<p>Questions and Discussion :</p> <p>JOC fielded questions from the group – What will the plan encompass?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be pop ups during consultation? • Don't want a plan that is left on the shelf. • Plan provides a framework for the delivery of specific outcomes. • Who are the stakeholders??

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the plan inform beautification of CBD's? • Public art and performance guidelines • Promotion of Indigenous culture, art and artists <p>JOC asked questions of the group –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High or low level • Who should JOC consult with? • Are there specific projects or frameworks? <p>Cr Pontin asked for each member to provide a brief description of what they expect the Cultural Plan to advise.</p> <p>Rachel Introduced the Facilities database and how the group can assist in expanding and populating the required data.</p> <p>Action – Rachel to share database with the group.</p> <p>General Discussion on Cultural plan outcomes, Council input, time frame for the Final plan and Council Election – how will changes to council affect the plan over time.</p>
5	<p>Meeting arrangements: A discussion was held in regards to meeting times and locations. Meetings will rotate between venues in Forster, Taree and Gloucester with phones/technology used as required.</p>

Next meeting

Date	Tuesday 21 January	Time	10.00am
Venue	MidCoast Council Forster Administration – room TBC		