

**Minutes from the
Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting
Held in the Grafton Council Chambers
On Thursday 2 February 2023 at 1:30pm – 3pm**

Chair: Cr Bill Day

Minute Takers: Justin Putze (CVC Staff)

Attendees: Cr Bill Day; Cr Jeff Smith; Adam Gordon; Ai Ling Gazzard (via TEAM, technical issue connecting); Tania Williams; Liza Bloomer; Mark Blackadder; Steve Tranter; Robert Cook; Marie Howlett.

Apologies: Angela Carroll; Graeme Nicholson; Kerrie DiMattia

Absent: Robin Gibb; Annie Dodd

CVC Staff: Justin Putze

Meeting was opened by the Chair at 13:37

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY: The Chair, Cr Bill Day, opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

Apologies: Graeme Nicholson, Angela Carroll

Resignations: Christine Tyler, Scott Graham

Moved: *Mark Blackadder*

Seconded: *Liza Bloomer*

Carried

Minutes from previous meeting – for adoption.

Moved: *Steve Tranter*

Second: *Adam Gordon*

Vote: *Carried*

Matters arising from previous minutes – none

Moved: *Robert Cook*

Second: *Mark Blackadder*

Vote: *Carried*

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION FOR ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>A. Jacaranda Stats Report B. Breakdown of VIC statistics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations were postponed to next meeting 	<p>Action: Katee to send information to members via email prior to next meeting. Action: Include in next agenda</p> <p>Moved – Liza Bloomer Seconded – Marie Howlett Vote - Carried</p>
<p>C. Council’s Tourism Touchscreen Hubs – Cr Jeff Smith</p>	<p>Motion - EDTAC RECOMMEND that Council sell, or scrap, or repurpose to another Council department Clarence Valley Council’s 7 Tourism Touchscreen Hubs.</p>	<p>Action: Council staff take the necessary steps to ensure that this Recommendation AND the Background information are included in the Council Agenda for the February Ordinary meeting of CVC.</p> <p>Moved – Cr Jeff Smith Seconded – Liza Bloomer Vote - Carried</p>
<p>D. CVC Tourism Rate Levy – Cr Jeff Smith</p>	<p>Motion – EDTAC RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL</p> <p>a) calculate the current value of the Tourism Special Rate Levy Variation adopted by local councils in 1989 & 1990 (prior to amalgamation) which is now paid to Clarence Valley Council and which was previously passed on to the Clarence River Tourist Association Inc in addition to annual ‘per capita’ tourism payments.</p> <p>b) allocate this amount each year, including annual rate rises, to Council’s Economic Development and Tourism departments for special projects, over and above CVC budgets for staffing and resourcing these departments.</p>	<p>Action: Council staff take the necessary steps to ensure that this Recommendation AND the Background information are included in the Council Agenda for the February Ordinary meeting of CVC.</p> <p>Moved – Cr Jeff Smith</p>

		<p>Seconded – Marie Howlett Abstained – Tania Williams Vote - Caried</p>
<p>E. Food Plunge. F. Christmas Decoration in the CBD. – Cr Jeff Smith</p>	<p>Agenda items were deferred to the next meeting</p>	<p>EDTAC members are welcome to discuss such events with potential organisers.</p>
<p>G. Grafton Gaol – Steve Tranter</p>	<p>Motion – EDTAC invites the Clarence River Historical Society (or other organisations) to confirm the availability of any space at the old Grafton Gaol site for community, historic or tourism use into the future.</p>	<p>Action: Steve Tranter agreed to report back to the EDTAC at the next meeting.</p> <p>Moved – Liza Bloomer Seconded – Steve Tranter Against – Tania Williams Vote – Caried Responsibility – Steve Tranter</p>
<p>H. Olympic games 2032 – Steve Tranter</p>	<p>Motion – Recommendation that Council commence communication with the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games organising committees to offer support and participation in these events.</p>	<p>Action: Council staff submit recommendation for consideration by Council for the February meeting.</p> <p>Moved – Steve Tranter Seconded – Tania Williams Vote - Caried</p>
<p>I. Historic Based Publications – Steve Tranter</p>	<p>Motion – Council to consider funding the reproduction of several publications to enhance the current offerings.</p> <p>The Item was discussed</p>	<p>Motion – Lapsed</p> <p>Action: Steve Tranter was invited to present examples of the special publications for reproduction at the next EDTAC meeting.</p>

		Action: This item is to be included in the next Agenda
J. 52 Discoveries booklet and printed material discussion	Item deferred to the next EDTAC meeting.	Action: Include in next agenda
K. Grafton Gallery VIC	Delegates were invited to visit the VIC individually	Nil
General Business	A delegate asked if National Parks contribute or support the production of promotional material or provide resource to promote the Clarence Valley.	No such support is provided
Meeting closed	3:02pm	
Next Meeting	23 March 2023 – Maclean Chambers 1:30pm	