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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Moranbah

7 December 2021

Attendees

Brianna Baggow

Melissa Westcott

Ash Dowd

Kristy Marks

Carolyn Fritz

Michelle Pope

Guests

Rob Cocco, RDA Chief Executive

(via Zoom)

Apologies

Anthony Edwards

Richard Engel

Sean Milfull

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Nicole Ireland

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 12.15pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 8 were moved by CF, seconded by MW and approved by all.

ACTION LIST incl COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

- Update provided on the recent edition of The Transformer and related web traffic results. MI advised the continued growth in the database through Roundtables and ongoing engagement specifically in the Moranbah and Dysart communities. Further engagement achieved with the YAC nomination process which saw an increased in nominations from 22 in 2020 to 30 in 2021.

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- 4IR Ag/Mining Roundtable

Event held on 26 October with 25 attendees. Positive feedback from participants on the future opportunities for the region, particularly on potential new industries (including algae farming) and the Future of Work study outcomes. Leading presenters from outside the region travelled to Moranbah and joined local stakeholders for networking and further discussions. The event will support the progress of other STAC projects.

- Community Services Study

As agreed at the previous meeting, the study findings have been shared with MHHS, NQPHN and IRC. MHHS has provided feedback to date and the report had been discussed with representatives of IRC.

EXTERNAL PRESENTATION – RDA – Regional Development

Mackay Isaac Whitsunday Regional Development Australia CEO Rob Cocco joined the meeting to present an update on the *Greater Whitsundays Regional Development Roadmap*. Rob outlined the process to date including four workshops with approximately 100 total participants contributing to the development for the Roadmap, which is due to be finalised by the end of December after a Working Group meeting. The launch is expected to be held in February 2022. It is anticipated the Roadmap will be re-evaluated annually and that the STACs will have the opportunity to participate in that engagement.

Rob also outlined a series of priority projects, from a much longer list, that will be included in the document. STAC members had some key questions and will review the document in full.

ACTION: Rob will provide a copy of the draft Roadmap for STAC members to review and provide feedback.

Housing/Industrial Land

MI provided an overview of the key findings from both the Industrial Land and Housing studies and the STACs had a general discussion on those findings.

ACTION: Secretariat to share both studies with IRC for review and subsequent discussion.

Community Roadmap Update

- Digital Connectivity

BB and MI advised that Downer, engaged by Telstra, had identified sites and the Development Applications were with IRC.

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- Youth Skills and Training
MI advised the next step for this project was Queensland Future Skills (QFS) to progress recruitment for the Careers Navigator role.
- Childcare
MW provided an update on the process and collaboration to date. Following Roundtables in Dysart and Moranbah, the next step is to develop an EoI to establish a Steering Committee for the regional Childcare Alliance.
- Community Skills and Training/Attraction and Retention
MI discussed the possibility of progressing these two projects through the MTA in the New Year. STACs supportive of trialling this approach.

ACTION: Secretariat to continue to support to progress these projects.

Other Business

- Moranbah Hospital
MW provided an update on the engagement to date on plans for the Moranbah Hospital plans.

Next Meetings

MI proposed the following dates:

14 and 15 February
4 and 5 April
6 and 7 June

It was agreed to approach Prof Pierre Viljoen to present to the next STAC meeting.

Meeting closed at 2.10pm with next meeting date to be advised.

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