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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Moranbah

28 November 2023 – Meeting 21!

Attendees

Vaughn Abrahms

Brianna Baggow

Jasmine Cadd

Ash Dowd

Anthony Edwards

Carolyn Fritz

Amanda Raymond

Melissa Westcott

Apologies

Michelle Pole

Guests

Steve Boxall, CEO RCoE via Zoom

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Melanie Stott

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.21pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 20 were moved by Carolyn Fritz, seconded by Brianna Baggow and approved by all.

AROUND THE GROUNDS – OPEN DISCUSSION

- BB asked how the filming went for the Volunteer Project; MI gave a positive briefing.
- MW noted that the Isaac Chamber of Commerce is now in operation. BB said they would be looking at making 'hubs' that are digitally connected. General discussion that the

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Moranbah Traders' Association (MTA) may close down and hand over to ICC. CF said members all met in person recently and they are moving forward.

- MI also notified the STAC that CF has been reappointed as a Board Member of GW3; STAC members expressed their congratulations and support.

ACTION LIST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Database has reached 283 subscribers, its highest number since inception but will go higher after new YAC parents signed up.
- Engagement highlights included an enviroMETS workshop, Black Coffee launch with the Local Jobs Taskforce, engagement with IRC and GWC over Housing, discussions with Dept of Resources re Glenden and learning opportunities, and the Outback Futures community forum in Dysart.
- MI informed the STAC that he and CF have been invited to present at a meeting of the Isaac Affordable Housing Trust (IAHT) on 13 December. General discussion re: housing and affordable housing development on Mills Avenue, as well as IAHT and various housing-related information shared.
- October's local media campaign focused on Innovative Futures, while November featured the YAC nominations process. Early 2024 local media will feature the 21st STAC meetings, after the publications take their holiday breaks.
- Smart Transformation's Social Tiles that are being posted on local community Facebook pages are continuing to result in a jump in website traffic.
- Actions from previous minutes have all been acted on, with further work underway.

RCoE PHASE THREE – Steve Boxall, CEO Resources Centre of Excellence

Steve Boxall presented to the meeting via Zoom:

- Steve gave an update on the status of the planned future stages of the Isaac Resources Centre of Excellence precinct.
- He presented a video showing highlights of the RCoE's first three years of operation: there have been over 18,000 visitors and 500 companies to the RCoE facility and in its second and third years, it made a small and then healthy surplus on operating costs.
- Signature Innovating Projects include the Resource Circularity Project with BMA, the Circular Economy Innovation Grants and the Decarbonisation Accelerated project.
- Over \$13M has been contributed to the local economy as a result of the RCoE.

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- The purpose is to “...connect the brightest minds in industry, education and research to shape our resource sectors.”
- RCoE does not align with any one level of government or political party or company.
- RCoE is also closely aligned with enviroMETS and believes there is great potential, depending on legislation changes.
- Steve agreed with the STAC members that there is a lot of “visionary” work happening.
- “There is trust and excitement from the State Government that they’re actually supporting an initiative that is well thought out. It’s got a passionate range of people – everyone from community, industry and local government involved. I think we’ve certainly got their trust and support to deliver exactly what we want to, for these communities.”

HOUSING REVISITED

- MW led a conversation regarding the structure of IAHT.
- JC said creating some sort of Alliance would be in line with current thinking and work.

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- YAC Plus – MI said progress has been made in adapting the structure of the YAC for 2024, after talking to both schools about increasing the opportunities for all students. The YAC alumni survey has also gone out to more than 50 students and eight replies have been received so far. Early data shows they did value the opportunity and it increased their knowledge about jobs for the future; full results will be presented at the February meeting (*See Actions*).
- CF said there could be synergies between YAC Plus and the State Government’s ‘Advancing our cities and regions’ strategy – MI to investigate (*See Actions*).
- No other discussions due to time constraints.

INNOVATIVE FUTURES – REFF AND enviroMETS

- MI said a huge amount of work is required to get this idea of economic post-mining land use going, for example sorting out the Environmental Protection Act and various legislative changes.
- MI asked STAC members whether they agree with the idea of talking to people outside the community about the end of a mine’s life.
- MW asked JC about BMA’s stance on mine closure options and JC said BMA is open to engaging the enviroMETS work and to explored these options.

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- JC said BHP is doing lots of work in NSW looking at post-mine options, providing a good example of how BHP is engaging with community and exploring alternative options for post mining land use.
- Discussion that the legislation is different in each state.
- MI said Allan Morton is asking the STACs to consider what should be the process from a community perspective, so there are many options for future conversations.
- MI also said there is a lot of goodwill about these ideas.

MORANBAH – VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY

- MI showed the STAC members rough-cut videos for the Volunteering Project, after footage was shot with five clubs earlier this month.
- Feedback from STAC members was very positive and a general discussion followed, detailing the plan for the Volunteering Project in 2024.

YEAR IN REVIEW

- General discussion of Year in Review slide showing that in 2023: the Digital Connectivity project towers were completed, the Careers Navigator role was put in place and a strategy was developed, the scoping visit by Outback Futures was conducted, the Childcare project progressed with new staff identified and funding options being pursued, the Housing project progressed with a forward plan and headway with IRC, IRC engagement was conducted for Services Advocacy, the Innovative Futures project has progressed with enviroMETS and the REFF, and the new Volunteering project is ready to kick off in 2024.
- AD said Housing should be a focus for Council next year.
- MI announced the departure of Moranbah Primary School principal Anthony Edwards, who has been a foundation member of the STAC and is moving to Perth with his family.

ACTIONS – MORANBAH

- MI to present the findings of the YAC alumni survey at the February meeting.
- MI and AD to investigate further options and ways for MCWC to support the Volunteering project.

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- Suggestion from AD to consider planning for another evening meeting in July – such as Christmas in July.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday 13th February, 12pm.

Meeting closed at 8.19pm.

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