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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

15 April 2024 – Meeting 23

Attendees

Jasmine Cadd
Chris Cowan
Sgt Tim Fahey
Brianna Jahnke
Carley McDonnell
Sandy Moffat
Jacqueline Smith
Seamus Taylor
Richelle Toshack

Apologies

Liz Fox
Dane Nielsen

Guests

Brent Sweeney, Outback Futures

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)
Melanie Stott

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.09pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 22 were moved by Richelle Toshack, seconded by Chris Cowan and approved by all.

AROUND THE GROUNDS – OPEN DISCUSSION

- MI notified the meeting that Cheryl Perry and Glenn Kirkpatrick have resigned from the STAC.
- New Saraji GM Dane Nielsen will be joining the STAC.

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- General discussion of the current situation with Glenden and the campaign by Q Coal in the lead up to the state election in October.

ACTION LIST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Database has had a slight drop down to 315 subscribers after an audit and the website numbers are down for the last two months by 11%.
- Engagement highlights included an enviroMETS meeting, an IRC monthly meeting, meetings with the NQPHN and Mackay HHS to discuss Outback Futures funding opportunities, as well as the Mackay Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce.
- April's local media featured the first YAC meeting, while the Digital Connectivity launch will feature in May.
- MI said the Volunteer Project videos have had approximately 970 views to date on the Smart Transformation YouTube channel.
- TV ads have also begun airing on Channel Seven, thanks to Ash Dowd and the Moranbah Workers Club; this campaign will run for approximately six months.
- Actions from previous minutes have all been acted on, with further work underway:
 - Digital Connectivity launch will take place in Moranbah tomorrow night.
 - Outback Futures' Brent Sweeney is reporting to the meeting tonight – agenda item.

DYSART COMMUNITY WELLBEING – Outback Futures' Brent Sweeney

- MI introduced Brent Sweeney via Zoom and asked the meeting for questions.
- SM asked about the sustainability of the Outback Futures (OF) program – BS said the primary goal is to facilitate healthy leadership in communities: “Rather than say OF is going to show up and run programs, our biggest goal is to better empower and equip the town's local leaders. The most important thing for us around sustainability is making sure that local people really own and drive what's happening. If it relies on us as external people, it's fundamentally unsustainable.”
- SM asked how OF plans to empower local leaders – through workshops or courses or how? BS: “There are community facilitator roles and there can be some education and training, but the tools are working alongside existing people to help them unlock their dreams and ambitions, really. It's a combination of local knowledge combined with the right tools and the right expertise to really let that fly.”
- BS: “That looks like us being on the ground regularly to meet with local leaders, to give them the confidence and the clarity to know what they want to achieve. It looks like us

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providing resources, it looks like running training courses. It really depends on what is needed at the time and breaking that down for people in a way that's manageable."

- JC asked re allied health services – do they run in parallel? BS: "Yeah that's right, there are two wings to what we do, building capacity for the long-term. Allied health services, there are always people who need support whether it be speech therapists, mental health support and so on. Our allied health teams are available and they respond depending on the need in the community. We design a multi-disciplinary team depending on what's already available and integrate broader community engagement."
- RT asked regarding the mental health supports and the eligibility for those services – would there be some flexibility with what the community needs? BS: "High flexibility, it would be by negotiation with BMA but highly flexible depending on what the community needs. The sweet spot for us is low to moderate intensity, down the lighter end of the spectrum, so for people with significant mental health diagnoses, we can play a role and help that person find some more help, but it's not really perfectly suited to that high intensity service need. We never really drop somebody but for more serious needs, we would refer them on. There's no session limit per se, and typically for us the community and the people come first."
- JS asked regarding speech therapy and occupational therapy services – are they run the same as mental health? Do they just get referred on because the waitlist in Mackay is 12-18 months at the moment. BS: "Normally we do assessments, then a therapy block working online with a program, called 'Stay With Me', which is a weekly program usually through schools."
- MI asked BS what happens next? How do you work out what's here now – an audit of services? BS: "On the allied health side of things, we would assess what's available in our next trip to Dysart, and the demand. We would promote our services and monitor that over time to see spikes in demand and so on. We'd stay in close contact with the STAC and other groups to see what's going on. In terms of wellbeing initiatives, our process would be to come back to the STAC and revisit the priorities and choose the top one or two. It's very collaborative and consultative working alongside local leaders, and that co-design process is about clarifying what's needed."
- RT told BS she would send him an invite to her next interagency meeting, and he said he'd love that. BS left the meeting.
- MI asked for further discussion but there were no further comments.

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity – launch event in Moranbah tomorrow night; all Dysart STAC members have been invited.
- Volunteering Project – 970 views and a TV ad campaign is up and running.
- 4IR Skills & Training – Careers Navigator position is finishing up in June 2024 and there is a new YAC video online – agenda item.

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- Childcare – SM said there is a new five-year Strategic Plan being put together and the new focus is on Lady Gowrie and C&K in Dysart. MI said the good news is there are now 25 new staff members working at centres in Moranbah and there are another 100 people ready to move, but the question is how to fund them to get them here. Progress is very positive though and SM said it's a big achievement in a short period of time. JC said the results are “viable and distinctly possible.”
- Innovation Project – MI said it was very exciting to see last week that the release of the Regional Transformation plan is imminent, with a follow up meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee planned for Friday 19 April where the plan will be presented. Also Lighthouse Project #2 is underway with enviroMETS.
- Housing – MI developed a brief for engagement with the Housing Minister, which took place on 3rd April – agenda item.

HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE

- IAHT discussions: progression of an EOI to develop a ‘Childcare Alliance’ solution for housing. A review of IAHT is being planned.
- GWC progress: includes exploring whether the three regional Councils would be interested in a collaborative grant application for front-end planning services.
- IRC discussions: Council has secured an agreement with Vitrintite to construct/provide a number of new homes and they are now keen to secure similar agreements with all new projects.
- CC said recent progress on the Vulcan South/Jupiter mine has been phenomenal, and the camps are full so the need is there. CC also said he would “count blocks (of land) on Thursday” for a future discussion and said that there have recently been a lot of houses go under contract.
- General discussion of blocks of land in Dysart and possibility of the state government having plans to sell some blocks of land later this year, according to ST.
- MI said IRC also helped with messages for Housing Minister.
- RDA has offered \$10K in funding for the 2024/25 year, subject to Board approval.
- MI discussed the meeting with Housing Minister at Community Cabinet: MI and AD gave recommendations to consider expanding the scope of the IAHT in order to “enable the pursuit of our recommendations.”
- Housing Minister Scanlon has committed to providing a formal response in the next two to four weeks.

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YAC UPDATE

- MI said the short YAC video has been produced to show all other students at both high schools what the YAC is all about and spread the word, as part of the YAC+ commitment. It is now finished, and the link has been sent to the schools. The video has been viewed 40 times in a short period of time.

ACTIONS – DYSART

- STAC members agreed it's time to have a conversation with the Education Department about strategies to improve attraction and retention issues at Dysart High School. MI to progress enquiries.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday 17 June 2024, 6pm.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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