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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Moranbah

16 April 2024 – Meeting 23

Attendees

Jasmine Cadd
Ash Dowd
Carolyn Fritz
Michelle Pole
Melissa Westcott

Apologies

Vaughn Abrahms
Brianna Baggow
Amanda Raymond

Guests

Luarna Dynevor
Angela Petersen

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)
Melanie Stott

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 3.16pm.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 22 were moved by Melissa Westcott, seconded by Carolyn Fritz and approved by all.

AROUND THE GROUNDS – OPEN DISCUSSION

- MW raised the prospect of a conflict of interest since she won a Councillor role in the recent Local Government election. CF asked MW to clarify the conflict of interest issue

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and MW said she just wanted to put it on the record that she is now a Councillor and will have to remove herself from some or all STAC conversations regarding Council. MI pointed out that Sandy Moffat from the Dysart STAC was on the STAC as a community member, not as a Councillor.

- CF confirmed the Isaac Chamber of Commerce is being launched on 30th May and STAC members are set to be invited. CF has also suggested former mayor Anne Baker be invited. Some people have come and gone on the Executive Committee but it's now complete.
- MI asked LD for an update on what Barada Barna is doing at the moment. "At the end of the day it's all our country and we need to protect the environment." It was noted that all of the projects have moved forward in a short four-to-five-year timeframe.

ACTION LIST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Database has had a slight drop down to 315 subscribers after an audit and the website numbers are down as well, by 11%.
- Engagement highlights included an enviroMETS meeting, an IRC monthly meeting, meetings with the NQPHN and Mackay HHS to discuss OF funding opportunities, as well as the Mackay Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce.
- General discussion of Glenden and Q Coal campaign.
- 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 is taking place this afternoon, after this meeting.
 - IAHT Board role – agenda item.
 - STAC membership – MP may be able to assist with contact details for a former YAC member or two who can now take a role on the STAC (*see Actions*).

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity – today's 'Collaboration Celebration' is the official launch of the completion of this major flagship project.

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- Volunteering Project – 970 views and a TV ad campaign is up and running, thanks to the Moranbah Community Workers Club. MW said there has been a big increase in the number of volunteers signing up for football this winter season. MW said the continual messaging in the videos has helped the club attract more volunteers. AP also said the Bulldogs are one of the top clubs attracting volunteers this season.
- 4IR Skills & Training – Careers Navigator position is finishing up in June 2024 and there is a new YAC video online – agenda item.
- Childcare – MW said in Moranbah over the last 18 months, there have been 25 new educators brought in, allowing 100 new families to access childcare. Dysart is “a little bit different.” The CLA is now transitioning to a company; Stanmore have come on board as well with some financial support. Central Highlands Development Association has just highlighted the CLA as best practice for sustainable childcare. Strategic Plan process is also underway. MW: “It’s amazing; never in my dreams did I think this is where it would end up, but it just keeps going.” MI asked if Mel Comerford should come to a meeting and give another update – MW said yes. MI to progress that (*see Actions*).
- Outback Futures/ Dysart Community Wellbeing – MI gave the Moranbah STAC a general outline and confirmed the Dysart STAC is progressing with them. Two parts – community development and allied health. MI said the big outcome from last night is that the STAC will need to stay involved for a while. MI said it’s looking like a year-long pilot and then funding opportunities in the future between MHHS, NQPHN and Council.
- Innovation Project – MI said it was very exciting that the release of the Regional Transformation plan is imminent, with a follow up meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee planned for Friday 19th April where the plan will be presented. Also Lighthouse Project #2 is underway with enviroMETS, with Allan Morton seeking a ‘rating’ on possible projects from community members.
- Housing – 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.
- AD said the situation has changed to previous years and the housing shortage is more severe now. AD said, “It’s a funny situation; it’s a tough one if they’re paying more (resources) tax.” General conversation between AD and CF about funding shortages and “investment boycotts.” AD said, “There are ‘second-tier’ (mining) companies on the gravy train doing nothing for the community.” AD also noted that the Housing Minister did not know that nurses in Moranbah do not get government housing. CF agreed that it’s

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important to stay across these issues and keep the people in charge aware of these problems and inconsistencies.

- MW said there are a lot of plans to “change up” IAHT with another eight units planned for development. LD said there are a lot of vacant housing commission houses – “What are they doing with them?” LD said there are about 100 sitting vacant.
- CF reinforced that there is excitement about the “whole restructure” of IAHT.
- 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.” MI said “we could potentially solve a lot of these problems moving forward.”
- Housing Minister Scanlon has committed to providing a formal response in the next two to four weeks.
- AD said it doesn’t hurt to sit in front of all the new Councillors and the new mayor and reinforce the STAC’s views on housing. MI to set up a meeting (*see Actions*).

VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

- Next steps – do we want to record videos for another five clubs? MW said if the budget is available, it would be good – Girl Guides, the horseracing club, other adult-focussed clubs. JC said it would be good to cover a “breadth of community organisations that spark people’s interests.”
- MW said these volunteer videos tie in with the Attraction & Retention campaign by informing and reminding people what is here if they move here.
- MW said, “There’s more to do in Moranbah than work.”
- CF and others also suggested the BMX club, the bowls club, Hinterland Community Care and others (*see Actions*).
- MP said she is using the volunteer videos to show prospective teachers what they can do outside of work.

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. MI reminded the STAC members that the YAC kids say they want to be able to study here in Moranbah.

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ACTIONS – MORANBAH

- MI asked if Mel Comerford should come to a meeting and give another update – MW said yes. MI to progress that, invite her and set a date.
- AD said it doesn't hurt to sit in front of all the new Councillors and the new mayor and reinforce the STAC's views on housing. MI to set up a meeting.
- MI to refine and confirm list of five new clubs/organisations for new Volunteer Project video shoot in May.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday 18 June, 12pm.

Meeting closed at 4.46pm.

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