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#### Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Moranbah

#### 13 August 2024 – Meeting 25

##### Attendees

Brianna Baggow

Declan Baggow

Jasmine Cadd

Ash Dowd

Michelle Pole

##### Guests

Robyn Grigg, BMA Review

Mick Allan, NBNC

Josie Maule, Dept of Energy

Beau Jackson, IRC

##### Apologies

Vaughn Abrahms

Carolyn Fritz

Angela Petersen

Amanda Raymond

Melissa Westcott

##### Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Melanie Stott

### MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 12.11pm.

### MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 24 were moved by Brianna Baggow, seconded by Michelle Pole and approved by all.

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### AROUND THE GROUNDS – OPEN DISCUSSION

- BB asked for an update on the construction in the high school carpark from MP – she said it would be returned as a carpark at the end of December as the big building out the back would be ready in November.
- Discussion on the CLA win at the Queensland Mining Awards Community Award.

### ACTION LIST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Database has had a slight increase to 323 subscribers after completion of the audit, while the website numbers are down but session times are up.
- Engagement highlights included a meeting with Tim Mander, a Local Jobs Taskforce and an enviroMETS update in June, meetings with Kylie Porter, the IAHT, IRC Mayor Kelly Veve and CEO Dale Dendle in July and a Regional Development Australia Women in Leadership committee meeting in August.
- August's local media featured the Volunteer Project, while the YAC will feature in September.
- Actions from previous minutes:
  - Connectivity presentation by NBNC Co – agenda item.
  - MI to discuss IRC's September funding deadline with OF – done.
  - MI sent details of renewable energy workshop – done.
  - MI confirmed details of next IAHT meeting – done.

### BMA SMART TRANSFORMATION REVIEW – Robyn Grigg, BMA Review (via Zoom)

- Discussion on BMA's review of Smart Transformation.

### ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity – agenda item.
- Volunteering Project – posting to Facebook community pages on the weekend resulted in much higher viewing numbers. MI said the clubs are using the videos in the way they see fit, but there is some planning with timing to coincide with seasons.
- Youth Skills & Training (YAC) – agenda item. MP said she's happy to be a part of this as the STAC Lead for the Project (*see Actions*).
- Childcare – big winners at the Qld Mining Awards.

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- Dysart Community Wellbeing – MI gave the meeting an outline of where this project is at, following questions from AD.
- Innovation Project – general discussion of renewable energy and AD expressed his concerns that policy in this area “was all changing and we’ll know more in six months.”
- Community training videos are being viewed again, and the Attraction and Retention videos have now hit 28,000 views after another recent round of publicity.
- Housing – workshop held with IAHT to further discuss recommendations, followed by another meeting with IRC Mayor Kelly Veve and CEO Cale Dendle. The Mayor discussed existing Isaac projects and approach, and has offered to present to STAC members. STAC members very keen to progress meeting with Mayor (*see Actions*).

### CONNECTIVITY PROJECT NEXT STEPS – Mick Allen, NBNC

- STAC members keen to ensure roll-out of NBN is progressing.
- MA explained to the STAC that NBNC is a Government Business Enterprise, “not completely private, not completely Government, we’re in between.”
- Importantly, in order to take advantage of the new technology, residents will need to upgrade their internet plan to allow for the faster internet speeds to be delivered through the NBN; upgrades are not automatic and STAC members can help to communicate this locally.
- Mick also spoke supportively of Kylie Porter and GW3’s work in seeking grants for better coverage.
- Mick also encouraged the community to look at the NBN regional grants opportunity for regional businesses.
- MA also told the meeting about the School Student Broadband Initiative – to provide broadband for up to 30,000 families with school-aged children right across Australia.
- MA also told the meeting about the Innovate with NBN grants opportunity and encouraged regional businesses to apply.

### INNOVATIVE FUTURES PROJECT – RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE CONSULTATION – Josie Maule, Department of Energy and Climate (via Zoom)

- Josie told the STAC she had recently visited Moranbah to start conversations about renewable energy, and bust some myths about what it is and what it isn’t.
- Josie said there are four phases to declare a REZ: planning phase, consultation and declaration phase, construction and operation phase, and a commissioning phase. REZ readiness assessments at two levels, regional level and a local level.

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- Three REZ regions in Qld: Far North, Central and Southern; Isaac shares space within the 'Central' region.
- Some of the key themes Josie's team has identified include local service and infrastructure provision, building on the positive legacy of the coal industry, building on other existing industries like agriculture, addressing cost of living challenges, the importance of engagement with First Nations people, and opportunities for training and upskilling.
- The declaration of a REZ, she said, was a way of managing and co-ordinating project impacts.

### **ISAAC REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE – Beau Jackson, Isaac Regional Council**

- Head of Advocacy for IRC, Beau Jackson presented on current initiatives including the Resource Centre of Excellence Phase 3 and the Country University project.

### **ACTIONS – MORANBAH**

- MI to follow up MP's comment that she's happy to be a part of further planning/events for the YAC+ program.
- STAC members very keen to progress meeting with and/or presentation from Mayor Kelly Vea Vea on Housing and the IAHT – MI to confirm date.
- MI to investigate options for a further ST Connectivity project to support and publicise the planned NBNC0 upgrades for Moranbah and Dysart in 2025.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday 15 October, 12pm.

Meeting closed at 2.22pm.

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