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Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

14 October 2024 – Meeting 26

Attendees

Carley McDonnell

Sandy Moffat

Jacqueline Smith

Seamus Taylor

Apologies

Jasmine Cadd

Chris Cowan

Sgt Tim Fahey

Liz Fox

Dane Nielsen

Richelle Toshack

Guests

Royce Bailey

Donna Gilvarry

Sueanne Greg

Kath King

Rheenie Rowe

Cr Kelly Veava, IRC Mayor

Cale Dendle, IRC Chief Executive

Robyn Grigg, BMA Review

Secretariat

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Melanie Stott

MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.08pm with apologies advised.

MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 25 were moved and seconded by Jacqueline Smith, and approved by all.

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AROUND THE GROUNDS – OPEN DISCUSSION

- SM notified the meeting of her charity fundraiser, the Dysart Dash, part of the Variety Bash fundraising.

ACTION LIST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Database is sitting at 327 subscribers, after an audit.
- Website traffic is up over the past two months, with a spike indicating the Transformer distribution.
- Engagement highlights included the NQPHN Regional Health Assessment, two Regional Housing Alliance monthly meetings, a Stakeholder Advisory Meeting for the Regional Transformation Strategy, meetings with the MDSS and the IAHT, and the GW3 METS diversification strategy launch.
- September's local media featured the YAC, while October's provided an update on the Outback Futures program.
- Actions from previous minutes:
 - OF booking times – done.
 - Mayor Kelly Vevea to present at meeting – done.

ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Childcare Leadership Alliance – 32 teachers are now in place in Moranbah and the CLA remains focussed on prioritising engagement for Dysart services.
- Innovation Project – GW3 has launched a METS diversification strategy and is seeking STAC engagement on Decarb efforts; planning for November meetings.
- Attraction and Retention Project – MI noted that videos are still being viewed.
- Youth Skills & Training (YAC) – Brisbane excursion from 3-7 September was very successful; MI said they are a great bunch of kids and it's been a worthwhile project. MI confirmed the kids are talking to their peers and their families about the information they are learning in the YAC; the kids either agree or strongly agree they are learning about the future and thinking differently about changing their study decisions. MI said the YAC+ program was well worth the extra effort this year, and confirmed that another eight kids from Dysart High will be in the program next year. Work is now underway with 2025 nomination process and forward strategy.

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

- Discussion on BMA's review of Smart Transformation.
- Robyn Grigg told the meeting of BMA's co-creation principles and measures of success, thanking the interviewees for participating.
- Summary: ST is a success with the credibility of the STACs providing a platform for problem solving, consultation and a project-based model to deliver tangible outcomes in partnership with other key stakeholders. The process is community led and this coupled with the support of BMA is seen as an example of best practice.

HOUSING PROJECT – Kelly Vea Vea, Mayor Isaac Regional Council and Cale Dendle, CEO Isaac Regional Council

- Mayor Kelly Vea Vea introduced herself, saying this is her “lucky 13th” year at IRC and her first as mayor.
- One of the main advocacy items Council is working on is a Regional Transformation Authority (RTA), to focus on the transformation of our communities – it has been on Council's agenda for the past 3-4 years.
- KVV agreed it's difficult to grow communities without the foundations of childcare, housing etc and has received a commitment from the LNP to establish RTAs.
- There have been six new and different pieces of 'regional transformation' legislation over the past few years and Council believes the 'transformation' funding streams should all be accessed through an Authority, “rather than continue to grapple with the bits and pieces”.
- Housing: local governments are working on this “to keep our communities liveable”.
- KVV handed over the Cale to talk about housing.
- Cale: Recently appointed as CEO of IRC.
- CD presented statistics that the permanent Isaac region population is 22,046 but “on any given night, it can be up to 32,862 FTE population, and that figure could grow by 20% over the next 10 years. There are a lot of unknowns about how we will transform, but the best guess is we can anticipate that sort of increase”.
- Need for more than 800 new houses across the region.
- There are 1200-1300 properties in the Dysart district, making a total of almost 1500 properties when you include multi-residential. BMA has a third in Dysart (approximately 500 homes), Council has 13, the state has 27 dwellings and of the remainder, the number of owner-occupied properties is only about half.
- Council's housing portfolio: includes detached houses and units, 205 properties across the region. A few years ago, Council supported by BMA started the IAHT, offering community housing. IAHT homes include Powell St and Spring Crescent in Dysart – four in total.

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- Long-term the IAHT is aimed to provide housing for those in the community who can't afford high rents; people who aren't in high-paying jobs and "our communities don't function particularly well if those sorts of people aren't around the place".
- CD has asked the State Government if there were any plans for new housing for teachers, nurses etc in the region but has received no information.
- "We do have to look to the government to do their bit to house their workers. Like everyone, they are part of the solution."
- CD spoke about "company commitments" and said BMA is the largest landholder in this district.
- 20-30% of the houses in Dysart are not occupied, according to water meter data.
- CD said there is an opportunity to target those homes to "bring them back" for use by people who need them. "The closer we can get that to full occupancy, the more pressure we take off."
- KVV advised IRC is awaiting BHP's Housing Strategy which they expect soon.
- KVV invited the STAC to Nebo on 28 November for a "conversation about renewables". KVV will send info through for MI to distribute (*see Actions*).
- KVV thanked the STAC: "Thanks so much for having us, I really appreciate it."

DYSART COMMUNITY WELLBEING – Brent Sweeney, Outback Futures

- Allied Health – results to date: 62 clients (OT, speech and language, psychology and counselling) have completed 77 sessions, including 45 face to face and 32 telehealth.
- School support: individual therapy to support particular needs, six workshops at primary school on social and emotional wellbeing; information and training session for parents; professional development workshop and individual therapy for staff.
- DG gave excellent feedback that the interactions have been "very good".
- Volunteer and Community Capacity: identified potential external expertise to support a trial of grant writing, and a focus on the two school P&Cs as a natural starting point for grant writing support.
- Public Campaign: slogans and campaign messages to be drafted for review by STACs in mid-November with workshops with community groups and businesses to create their contribution. Campaign rollout in early 2025.
- General conversation and good feedback for the recent OF engagement event. BS congratulated the STAC for getting such a good response to that event.
- Further general conversation of positivity relating to OF: JS said "it's reassuring to know that people are getting help now".
- MI said the number one demand has been for counselling, then speech therapy was a close second, with clients from young children to mid-40s.

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ACTIONS – DYSART

- SM requested a copy of the slides from Robyn Grigg's presentation.
- KVV invited the STAC members to Nebo on 28 November for IRC's event to spark conversations about renewables. KVV will send info through for MI to distribute details.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday 25 November 2024, 6pm.

Meeting closed at 8.09pm.

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