

## **REPORT OF THE INAUGURAL TERRIGAL BOWL STRATEGIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE (377.88.02)**

Held on Thursday 12 July 2001

Meeting No TB/01/01 commenced at 5.10 pm.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Councillor Craig Doyle (Chairperson)  
Councillor Malcolm Brooks (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Daniel Cook  
Jim Butt (Community)  
Sue Edwards (Community/Resident)  
Jane Smith (Community/Resident)  
Andrew Thackray (Community)  
Ian Medicott (Business/Chamber of Commerce)  
Prue Wyllie (Business)  
Steve Green (GCC)  
Michael Bowman (GCC)  
Noelene Lyon (GCC)  
Robert Eyre (GCC)  
Robert Hodgkins (GCC)

Apologies: Councillor Robert Bell  
Horst Endrulat (Central Coast Tourism)  
Inga Brasch (GCC)

Absent: Nil

### **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Chairperson invited Committee members to declare any interest they might have, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act 1993, in respect to the business of this meeting.

No declarations were received.

### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

As this is the inaugural meeting there are no previous minutes.

### **WELCOME**

Councillor Doyle welcomed all to the meeting and outlined how we had come to the point that a Strategic Plan was required. He also highlighted to the Committee that the Strategic Plan had been given a high priority by Council and that this project would place high demands on them as well as staff.

Councillor Doyle also acknowledged that people on the Committee were coming from different backgrounds and with differing views and that the Committee must find common ground for decisions to be made.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Each Committee member introduced himself or herself and outlined their particular interests in the Terrigal Bowl.

### **TB.001 ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON**

Councillors Brooks and Doyle nominated for the position. The community members and Councillors voted via a ballot and elected Clr Doyle as a chairperson and Clr Brooks as a Deputy Chairperson.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (Hodgkins/McCourt) that the above election be noted.

### **TB.002 OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT**

Robert Hodgkins outlined where the project is to go, what is expected from the Committee and drew reference to the Draft Time line. He also made reference to the fact that the point should be clearer in the project brief that the project is not looking at revisiting recent planning initiatives but building on them for the purpose of the Strategic Plan.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (McCourt/Bowman) that the above information be noted.

### **TB.003 CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE ROLE AND PROJECT TIMELINE**

As the draft project time line was only provided to members at this meeting it will be discussed at next week's meeting.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (Hodgkins/McCourt) that the above information be noted.

### **TB.004 CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONSULTANT BRIEF**

The following comments were made in respect of the draft project brief:

- Concerns were expressed over the time tabling of the exhibition period to coincide with the Christmas holiday break given that many residents may be away on holidays. A discussion then ensued on this matter with the following points raised:
  - The timing of the consultation was to fit into the original Council resolution;
  - Given that the project time line currently only gives the consultant 8 weeks to prepare a draft it would be unrealistic to consider moving the consultation back into this period however we will include in the brief the ability for the consultant to discuss with the Committee any potential savings in this regard;

- The benefit of having the consultation in the holidays will be that holiday makers will be able to view the draft and make comments accordingly;
  - The Schedule that the Committee adopts should ideally be included in the project brief with the consultants tendering to identify where they feel that savings in time can possibly be made.
- The consultant must identify the public information to be provided during the process and how this is to be distributed to the community.
- The point was made that the brief should be clearer on the fact that the Strategic Plan will draw together and build on existing plans and those currently under way as opposed to revisiting work already been undertaken on these matters. A discussion then ensued with the following points raised:
- Given the substantial money and resources already invested into these plans they should not be altered or put on hold if they are still continuing;
  - For the project to maintain credibility, the Strategic Plan must be able to recommend changes to existing/currently under way plans.
- The Point was made that Map 1 in the draft brief was incorrect as the original Council resolution was for the strategic plan to be for the “Terrigal Bowl Area and bounded by the Scenic Highway and Barnhill Road” and therefore should not include The Skillion. A discussion followed on the basis that this area should be included in the project for consideration:
- members were concerned that the Strategic Plan may not set future directions adequately if parts are removed from the Terrigal area;
  - The comment was made that these areas are to be considered in the Strategic Plan in that they are important to the study area but that the study will still concentrate on the area adopted by Council;
  - This map will be amended and brought back to the next meeting.
- The comment was made that the project brief should draw reference to the ‘Triple Bottom Line’ ie. Any recommendations of the Strategic Plan should be viable economically, environmentally and socially.
- Landuse Planning is to give a weighting to the criteria on which consultants will be selected (The Committee Members are to forward suggestions for additional criteria additional to those in the brief to Robert Hodgkins by Monday 16 July to be incorporated into the project brief).
- A draft project time line should be included in the brief so that the consultant is very clear as to Council’s expectations. This should also include the meeting schedule as well.
- The question was asked as to whether or not there exists tourism data in regards to stays (number and length), modes of transport and also owner occupancy rates etc.
- Comments are to be given to Robert Hodgkins by Monday 16 July - these are to be brought to the meeting.

- Meetings are to be 90 minutes in length with the Chair to put it to a vote if they are to extend past this time.
- Ian Medicott moved a motion that that a letter be sent to DUAP advising them that Gosford Council resolved to prepare a Strategic Plan for the Terrigal Bowl prior to announcements on changes to the NSW Coastal Policy and Coastal Management. This letter is to further advise DUAP that we will be informing them of the progress of this project and requesting that they do the same on their various initiatives that affect Terrigal.
- An amendment was also moved by Ian Medicott and seconded by Jim Butt that stated: The Living Centres (DUAP) team be contacted and be invited to present to The Strategic Plan Steering Committee on their directions and to have representation on this committee where appropriate.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (Medlicott/Butt) that a letter be sent to DUAP advising them that Gosford Council resolved to prepare a Strategic Plan for the Terrigal Bowl prior to announcements on changes to the NSW Coastal Policy and Coastal Management. This letter is to further advise DUAP that we will be informing them of the progress of this project and requesting that they do the same on their various initiatives that affect Terrigal.

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#### **TB.005 MINUTE TAKING**

Robert Hodgkins to take the minutes and to circulate the following week.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (McCourt/Bowman) that this information be noted.

#### **TB.006 PRESS RELEASE**

Clr Doyle and Robert Hodgkins to prepare a media release to outline that the Committee has met and is aiming to have a draft Strategic Plan available for public comment by the end of the calendar year.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS (McCourt/Bowman) that this information be noted.

**NEXT MEETING**      **Date:**            Thursday 19 July 2001  
                          **Time:**            4.00 pm  
                          **Venue:**          1<sup>st</sup> Floor Committee Room

#### **CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.



## **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **A The Information be Noted**

TB.001	ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON
TB.002	OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT
TB.003	CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE ROLE AND PROJECT TIMELINE
TB.005	MINUTE TAKING
TB.006	PRESS RELEASE

### **B For the Action of the Committee**

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### **C For the Action of Council**

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