



HAY SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE MINUTES THAT FOLLOW ARE FROM THE HAY SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LACHLAN STREET HAY ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2009
COMMENCING AT 4.30PM

1.0 PRESENT

Clr McRae (Hay Shire Council - Chair)
Janet Low (Community Representative)
Anne Longworth (Museums Representative)
Barb Nolen (Community Representative)
Daniel Basham (National Parks Representative)
Tony McNamara (Community Representative)
David Houston (Museums Representative)
Brian Gibbs (Shear Outback Representative)

In attendance was Robyn Ryan, Manager of Tourism and
Economic Development

2.0 APOLOGIES

Kim Biggs (Community Representative)
Sally Smith (Shear Outback Representative)

Moved: Janet Low
Seconded: Barb Nolen
Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Adoption of Minutes from May 20, 2009

Moved: Janet Low
Seconded: Barb Nolen
Carried

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 SURVEY

It was requested by David Houston that the Survey Report be provided to the Tourism Advisory Committee prior to presenting to the June meeting of Council.

4.2 YANGA NATIONAL PARK OPENING

Daniel Basham advised that Yanga National Park opening was a success with 200 people attending the official opening, and 1500 people taking part in the Open Day on Sunday June 31.

4.3 WEBSITE

The Manager of Tourism and Economic Development advised that the website is currently being finalised and will be launched in late July.

5.0 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager Tourism and Economic Development presented her report.

5.1 VISITING COACHES

David Houston requested that the names of the visiting coach companies be included in the Tourism and Economic Development Manager's Report each month.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 LA TROBE VALLEY AERO CLUB

David Houston advised the meeting that he had conducted a tour for two pilots from the La Trobe Valley Aero Club, and that they were interested in Hay as a destination for a club fly-in.

Contact details to be provided to the Manager of Tourism and Economic Development for further follow up.

6.2 MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER

Recommendation: That Council request a meeting with State Water to discuss river levels in the Murrumbidgee River at Hay.

Moved: **Brian Gibbs**
Seconded: **Barb Nolen**
Carried

6.3 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE UPGRADE

Council has approved the Centre upgrade, with the exception of the roof extension. Council has requested further information prior to making a decision on the roofing.

Recommendation: That Council give full consideration to the construction of the roof extension at the Visitor Information Centre, as opposed to the installation of a drainage/grate system due OHS issues.

Moved: **Barb Nolen**
Seconded: **Brian Gibbs**
Carried

6.4 HAY BUSINESS CHAMBER (HBC)

Tony McNamara advised the Committee on HBC activities. The July Meeting of the Chamber will focus on planning for the Christmas Festival, Ladies Shopping Night and Christmas Decorations. The meeting will be held at the Hay Services Club on Monday July 6, commencing at 6pm.

John Williams MP, Member for Murray-Darling will be participating in the *Pollies at Work* program, and will work in a Hay business on Tuesday July 28.

Digital Television – The Chamber is awaiting further information from WIN Television in relation to digital television.

6.5 LETTER TO THE EDITOR – Riverine Grazer

A Letter to the Editor was published in the Riverine Grazer in relation to the \$15 camping fee at the Hay Showground.

The Committee was advised that the Showground is managed by the Showground Trust and not Council.

6.6 SOUTH HAY ROUNDABOUT

Brian Gibbs expressed his concern about the state of the South Hay Roundabout.

The Committee was advised that this matter had been raised with Council's Director of Technical Services previously, and that the RTA have advised Council that there are no funds available for the roundabout upgrade at this stage.

6.7 SHIRE BOUNDARY SIGNS

The Committee was advised that designs and costing were currently being developed for the construction and installation of new Shire boundary signs.

6.8 LONG PADDOCK SCULPTURES

Photographs of the Black Swamp Long Paddock sculptures were tabled.

Installation of the Hay sculptures will commence on Friday June 28, 2009.

7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

The Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 15, 2009 in the Hay Shire Council Chambers commencing at 4.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 5.20pm.

Minutes Adopted _____
Cr Sandra McRae
CHAIR