

Minutes of the Tourism and Events Committee meeting held at the Community & Civic Centre Eighteenth Street, Renmark on Tuesday 16 April 2019 commencing at 3:02 pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

"I would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee region who are the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet."

1. OPENING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

2. PRESENT

Crs Du Rieu, Mayor Martinson (Ex-Officio), Messrs T Townsend, R Hughes, S Brewer, P Strachan, Mrs C Hein and Ms Z Hardwick (Committee Members), Mr P Bull (Acting Director Corporate & Community Services), Mrs E Mullin (Visitor Information Centre Officer), Mrs S Whitbourne (Visitor Information Centre Coordinator), Mr M Bell (Economic Development Officer) and Miss A Baker (Executive Assistant to Director Corporate & Community Services).

3. APOLOGIES – Crs Townsend, Messrs R Cook and D Baker

Mayor Martinson left the Committee Room at 4:25 pm

4. MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST - Nil

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Driverless Bus Update – Mark Bell Economic Development Officer

Mark Bell provided the Committee with an overview of the Driverless Bus Project, including the potential route and the challenges the bus will have travelling at 15 – 20km per hour and crossing Renmark Ave and Eighteenth Street. The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) are still approving the first route. Mark invited the Tourism and Events Committee (TEC) to provide ideas on tourism related content and unique offerings the bus could offer that could potentially be considered when the planning of stage 2 occurs.

Mr M Bell left the Committee Room at 4:37 pm

5.2 Paringa Paddocks Presentation – Phil Strachan

Phil Strachan provided the committee with an overview of the works currently being completed at the Paringa Paddocks. The land up until now has been under the care and control of the Remark Paringa Council but is now considered a National Park. Phil invited the TEC to provide any ideas or projects which could be considered within the planning for the future of the paddock.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2019

Moved S Brewer

That the minutes of the Tourism and Events Committee meeting held on 4 March 2019 be confirmed.

Seconded C Hein
CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 4 MARCH

7.1 Committee Terms of Reference

All TEC members are happy with the current Terms of Reference.

7.2 National Chevrolet Club Parking Permission

Provided the committee with an update on the event and discussed the potential risk the event may have if heavy rains are expected.

7.3 Tourism and Events E-News

All feedback received was positive.

7.4 Proposed 19/20 Annual Business Plan Project Submissions

Provided the committee with the four proposed Annual Business Plan projects which will be considered by Council in May/June 2019.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION - Nil

9. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS – Nil

10. LATE REPORTS

Moved T Townsend

That the Committee received the verbal report from Mayor Martinson on the Renmark Christmas Pageant.

Seconded Cr Du Rieu

CARRIED

11. REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS - Nil

12. INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS

Moved S Brewer

That the Tourism and Events Committee information only reports be received.

Seconded Cr Du Rieu

CARRIED

12.1 Significant Events Report (verbal discussion)

12.2 Riverfront Markets Debrief (verbal discussion)

Mr P Bull left the Committee Room at 4:26 pm

13. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

13.1 Renmark Christmas Pageant

Moved T Townsend

That Mayor Martinson, the Chair of the Renmark Paringa TEC and the Council Events Team approach the Renmark Christmas Pageant Committee Member Rhiannon Stephens, to see if there is still interest in organising the 2019 Christmas pageant.

Seconded Cr Du Rieu

CARRIED

- 13.2 Positive message from drought messaging
Moved Cr Du Rieu
A meeting be arranged between Renmark Paringa Council, South Australian Tourism Commission, Destination Riverland and the Chair of the Renmark Paringa TEC to workshop a proactive approach from the drought messaging.
Seconded T Townsend
CARRIED

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items have been provided by the Tourism and Events Committee Members and Council Staff for discussion

- 14.1 South Australian Tourism Commission 2030 Plan
Ask Destination Riverland to potentially present or provide further information to this.
- 14.2 Proposed Informal Meeting for Tourism and Events Committee action planning
An informal workshop will be scheduled for late May, meeting venue to potentially be at the Renmark Club or Hotel.
- 14.3 Drought messaging workshop
A meeting will be arranged between Renmark Paringa Council, South Australian Tourism Commission, Destination Riverland and the Chair of the Renmark Paringa TEC to workshop a proactive approach from the drought messaging.
- 14.4 Pest Free Status update from PIRSA
An update was provided on the recent changes to the biosecurity laws, as of January 2019.
- 14.5 School Holiday Activities
The April School Holiday Program produced by the Renmark Paringa Council Community Development team has been distributed throughout the local area. The program includes all known events relevant to children and families over the school holiday period. The TEC were encouraged to provide feedback on the program, in addition to recommending any known activities for future inclusion.
- 14.6 SATC Tourism Award Nominations
Informing the TEC nominations are now open. The Chair of the TEC encouraged tourism operators to apply as it provides great business exposure.
- 14.7 Destination Riverland Publications Survey
Destination Riverland have included a publications survey in their March 2019 Rivertimes Newsletter.
- 14.8 Changes to Loxton and Waikerie VIC's
It was brought to the TEC attention that the District Council of Loxton Waikerie have restructured their Visitor Information Centres, they are now included with their library services. This is at both Loxton and Waikerie.

14.9 Future agenda items

Ashleigh will continue to put a call out to committee members for future agenda items.

15. CLOSURE - 5.07 pm