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WALLERBERDINA STATION

Monday 14 May 2018

Economic Working Group

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Location: Hawker CWA Hall

Time	Item	Lead
1400 – 1415	Afternoon Tea	
1415 – 1430	Introduction and welcome	Chair
1430 – 1500	Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Information to be available before the vote	Bruce Wilson (DIIS)
1500 - 1530	Industry Expo Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Debrief and discussion- WS-EWG dinner – impact of the ANSTO presentation	Chair
1530 – 1600	Engaging Local Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strategy to engage local business to train the future workforce associated with a facility	Chair
16:00	Tea and Coffee – Meeting closes	

Attendees:

Malcolm McKenzie (Co-chair)	Ian Carpenter (Co-chair)
Kevin Wedding	Ashley Haywood
John Coulthard	Deidre McKenzie
Ronald 'Mopsy' Daniel	

Apologies:

Rachel Vella

Other Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Bruce Wilson	DIIS NRWMF – Principal Adviser
Stephen Clarke	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation
Ian Carter	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation
Adam White	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation
Sarah Hill	DIIS NRWMF – Community Consultation

Action Items	Status
Action 1: Department to provide advice on response to letter of BCC member	Completed
Action 2: Bruce Wilson to raise unauthorised access at next BCC meeting	Completed
Action 3: The department to send timeline paper to group	Completed
Action 4: The department to send AECOM list (of suppliers used) to group	Completed
Action 5: The department to provide 'cheat sheet' on the kind of qualifications needed for each job at the facility.	Completed – part of the construction event planned 18 July
Action 6: The department to provide a map around where the sites are situated	Completed

Meeting opened 2:00pm

Welcome to Country

- Mr Carpenter welcomed those present to the meeting and John Coulthard gave a welcome to country.

Community Industry Expo day

Members discussed the Community Industry Expo day which was held on 4 May. Co-Chair Malcolm McKenzie have an overview of the day for the group.

Discussion

- A member stated that it was a pity they didn't get more locals to the event but overall it was a really good day.
- Members agreed that the dinner was great success.
- A member suggested that the institute is now air-conditioned and could be used for events in the future.
- A member added that AECOM have built a great relationship with the Aboriginal people.

Breach of confidentiality

Co-chair Ian Carpenter read a letter he received from a member of the Barndioota Consultative Committee informing the WEWG one of their member's breached confidentiality on disclosure of the Community Benefit Programme.

Discussion

- The member explained that they heard the information on the Community Benefit Programme from a member of the bowling club who approached them.
- The member expressed that they were simply relaying concerns of the community.
- Members agreed that this was not a breach of confidentiality.
- Bruce Wilson added that the department does not see this as a breach of confidentiality. He reminded the group of the importance of confidentiality and the seriousness of any breaches.

ACTION 1: Department to provide advice on response to letter of BCC member

Unauthorised access to Wallerberdina Station

Members of the group expressed their concern regarding community members entering Wallerberdina station without permission.

Discussion

- Bruce Wilson stated that the owners of the property have been clear that they don't want anyone on the property that aren't authorised.
- A member expressed their concern that it is also a safety issue.
- Another member said that the dust is also an issue so the less traffic going out there the better.

ACTION 2: Bruce Wilson to raise unauthorised access at next BCC meeting

Project Update

Bruce gave an update on the project including on what information will be released and when.

ACTION 3: The department to send timeline paper to group

ACTION 4: The department to send AECOM list (of suppliers used) to group

Discussion

- Bruce Wilson added that Peta Ashworth University of Queensland will be following up on the work she did earlier.
- A member suggested that if the department would like to meet with businesses in Quorn again a personalised invitation will be more appropriate.
- A member suggested that the department have a cheat sheet for the kinds of qualifications needed for jobs.

ACTION 5: The department to provide 'cheat sheet' on the kind of qualifications needed for each job at the facility.

- Members stated that VYAC should be included in the distribution of this information.

Other business

- A member has received very good feedback on AECOM and their contractors in their work with local and the Aboriginal community.
- The members congratulated Deidre McKenzie as chairperson of VYAC on her hard work over the last few weeks.
- A member said there was still some misinformation on where the site actually is. People are being told that it's close to Hookina Creek.

ACTION 6: The department to provide a map around where the sites are situated

Ideas for projects

Bruce Wilson explained that when the Minister visited the Barndioota Consultative Committee last month he said that as part of the monetary package to go to the community he would be open to suggested proposals.

Discussion

- Members agreed that a standby generator at Yappala is required. Noting that the generator is just situated near Yappala but provides power for Hawker.
 - A member stated that the project would cost more than \$2million to complete.
- A member suggested training for people in the community and local businesses to build capability for construction and management of the facility.
- A member suggested a skate park. However, members agreed that it is not suitable for Hawker at this point in time.
- A member suggested childcare as a priority for Hawker
 - Members agreed that childcare is desperately needed.
- A member suggested funding towards joint venture partnerships where you aboriginals wanting to get into business can be mentored by local established businesses.
 - Members agreed that this would be a good idea.
- A member suggested an Information / Cultural Centre
 - Members discussed the best location for the centre.
 - Members agreed that it would be a great benefit to the community.

Meeting closed 4:20pm