

## **Minutes of the Weddin Shire Council Tourism Committee Meeting**

**held on Thursday 6th October 2022 at 3pm in the Council Chambers.**

1. **PRESENT:** Clr C Bembrick, Clr J Kenah, M Nowlan-Jones, C McCann, N Vu, J Bryant
2. **APOLOGY:** M Chalmers, Clr P Best.
3. **ABSENT:** Clr M Cook.

**Resolved:** Clr C Bembrick / C McCann that the apologies be accepted.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Resolved:** C McCann / J Bryant that the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 meeting be confirmed.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

3.25pm J Bryant entered.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Tourism Committee defer the review of the Charter to a later meeting and in the interim that a Position Paper to explore the purpose and strategic direction of the Tourism Committee be further explored and presented to the Committee to inform a future Charter. This is also to include a periodic status review of the Destination Management Plan at a biannual interval.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

NIL

7. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

To view [visitweddin.com.au/events-weddin](http://visitweddin.com.au/events-weddin)

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept to 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – ‘Passages & Portals’ by Networks Australia
- 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Rustic Maze & Country Garden Open Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Obstacool & Outdoor Cinema Night
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Safetalk
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Grenfell Open Gardens
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Greenethorpe Soldiers’ Memorial Hall Centenary Celebrations
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Iandra Castle Open House
- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Anglican Church Fete
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Nathan ‘Whippy’ Griggs
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – ‘Explorations’ exhibition by Di Franks, Wendy Hawthorne and Coralie Crouch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Cookie Workshop
- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Oktoberfest

- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Grenfell Dramatic Society presents the stage play 'Cosi' by Louis Nowra
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Day Commemorative Service
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Advanced Leadership Workshop
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wreath Workshop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan – 'Three in a Boat' exhibition by Keith Rowe, Kayo Yokoyama & Scott Coleman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Christmas Wreath Workshop
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Carols in Taylor Park

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- 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 'New Beginnings' by Grenfell Artists Inc
- 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – 'Light up the Night'
- 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Grenfell Picnic Races
- 8<sup>th</sup> June – Henry Lawson Festival

**Noted**

**8. BUSINESS WITH NOTICE:**

NIL

**9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:**

NIL

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Stronger Country Communities Fund**

Discussions held on topics raised by J Bryant.

- Clarity around previous rounds of SCCF and project status
  - o Village tourism signs
  - o Entrance to shire / village signage

**Comment:** The General Manager reported that the village signs are linked to the release of the SCCF and will follow up for further action. It was noted that an audit of the tourism signs would be actioned in the town and villages.

C McCann to follow up with Infrastructure Services on the audit of tourism signs and subsequently consult with the Progress Groups.

- Clarification that 'Official' free camp locations are not in all villages

**Comment:** Mrs Bryant raised concern about the commentary from the August 2022 Ordinary Meeting that an incorrect statement had been made that the villages had 'official' free camp locations and wanted to clarify this. The General Manager reported the SCCF Round 5 focused on improving existing facilities to formalise the areas and noted that the comment was not taken into consideration with the grant application.

**Weddin State Forest**

C McCann to enquire with Rural Fire Service about the maintenance of the Weddin State Forest access road which leads to the Black Springs Fire Trail (Management Trail). Concerns over how RFS would gain access to Management Trail in the case of a fire.

Discussions held about the poor condition of the Holy Camp Road to the Weddin Mountains National Park. C McCann explained that the Holy Camp Campground is for tent camping only, it is not a designated caravan site, and as such the road access is not suitable for this purpose.

C McCann to investigate road maintenance of the Holy Camp Road.

C McCann to discuss with National Parks about expanding the Holy Camp Campground to include caravans.

Better signage required for Eualdrie Road to direct traffic to Holy Camp Road for Weddin Mountains access.

**11. NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, 10am at the Council Chambers

**12. CLOSURE:** 4.37pm.