



Minutes

Wangaratta Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee

5:30pm Tuesday 07, July 2020 at Microsoft Teams

Attendees

COMMITTEE: Cr. Currie, John Joyce, Elizabeth Ellis, Robert Floyd, Stephen Oxley, Ilena Young, Christine Haddrick,

GUESTS: Cr. Harvey Benton, Alan Clarke (RCoW Director of Infrastructure)

NON VOTING: Stephen Swart, Celeste Brockwell, Janine Rolles, Travis Vincent, Kate Clark (minutes)

Apologies: Brendan McGrath, Jamie Ramage, Cr. Harry Bussell, Cr. Dean Rees, Cr. Dave Fuller, Simon Frazer.

Agenda Item	Action
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1. Welcome – John Joyce

- **Meeting Apologies** – as above.
- **Review of previous meeting minutes:**
Moved by: Christine Haddrick
Seconded by: Robert Floyd
- **Conflict of interest declarations:** N/A

2. Alan Clarke – Rural City of Wangaratta Director of Infrastructure

- Alan presented to details on the Organics plant.
- What is RCoW doing with the end product? Alan is working with both NECMA & Sustainability Victoria looking at potential farm trials for the future. There have been a lot of enquiries into the purpose of the end product.
- Alan informed the group that RCoW can be seen as quite progressive in the FOGO (Food Organics & Garden Organics) space given 2030 is the date all councils must provide a FOGO service to all their residents.
- The Organics plant is still in the exploration stage with more equipment scheduled to assist to filter the final product. The facility has been designed to expand.
- Ilena led discussion with a question around if the process/facility can be used for other kinds of waste. Alan noted that legislation has some glass crushing services coming up but you must have a use for the end product which we are working on at the moment. Ilena noted this would be a great project for start-ups to sink their teeth into – coming up with that end use.

3. Update – Travis Vincent –Truck Parking in the CBD

- Travis is in communications with a few properties about their desire or willingness to accommodate truck parking.
- Responses have varied from a property willing to consider it for short term only, to a property considering a stop hub providing fuel and services (conceptual stage only).
- Harvey Benton commented he believes there will be a take up if the facility was available and known about.

4. Fixed Item – John Joyce - Water Security

- John, Harvey, Rachael & Celeste took this subject to a separate meeting during the week.
- John noted that the Water Security Document designed earlier could and should be used as a point of advocacy.
- It was discussed whether or not another document should be developed. SWOT style with the 'Who's' and 'what's' of water- a situational analysis.
- Robert Floyd stated perhaps we should consider including our local member to advocate on the subject. John noted that this was discussed in the meeting during the week and it was determined that something physical report is needed first to present to the member. Rachel is collating some notes which will be circulated to this committee for further discussion.

- Circulate the notes from separate meeting onto the committee for review.

5. Fixed Item – RCoW – Branding & Marketing

- Janine noted the RCoW style guide updates for the sub brands of Invest Wangaratta and Visit Wangaratta.

6. Business Arising

Celeste informed the group RCoW's COVID & Bushfire Recovery Grant Program is coming soon and more details will be available once/if the program is endorsed by Council at the July Council Meeting.