

ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2021(06)**8 JULY 2021**

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE: Councillor Jacob Madsen (Deputy Chairperson presiding as Chairperson); Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic (Chairperson), Mayor Teresa Harding, Councillors Kate Kunzelmann and Andrew Fechner

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (Peter Tabulo), Acting General Manager Corporate Services (Sylvia Swalling), Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment (Sean Madigan), Manager Economic and Community Development (Cat Matson), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson), Senior Policy and Communications Officer (David Shaw), Principal Media Advisor (Darrell Giles) and Theatre Technician (Harrison Cate)

Councillor Jacob Madsen presided as Chairperson of the Economic and Industry Development Committee due to Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic's attendance via audio link.

ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO LINK

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic requested attendance at the Economic and Industry Development Committee of 8 July 2021 via audio link.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Fechner:

That in accordance with section 254K of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and 8.6.2 of Council's Meeting Procedures Policy, Councillor Nicole Jonic be permitted to participate in the meeting via audio link.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Harding

Kunzelmann

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Fechner
Jonic

The motion was put and carried.

NAIDOC WEEK – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Jacob Madsen (Chairperson) moved the following acknowledgement of Country in celebration of NAIDOC Week:

I would like to begin today by acknowledging the traditional custodians of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. I pay my respect to their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region. I honour the Elders, past, present and emerging and I extend my welcome to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who are present today for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

Ipswich is home to a diverse range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders businesses including artists, caterers, entertainers, housing and disabilities support providers. This year Council supported the recent Ipswich Business Expo at the Ipswich showgrounds. Part of this was to mentor and sponsor 9 local First Nation's businesses to join in the opportunity to share and showcase their unique talents and products. This event provided the opportunity for business relationships to strengthen, new connections made and a chance for these businesses to take the bold step out into the mainstream business arena. Murray Saylor from Tagai Managements Consultants presented at the event on the strengths and benefits of engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders businesses.

First Nation's businesses are a source of pride and furthers social and economic equality, these businesses with the support and encouragement by Council, will continue to strengthen our local economy, foster job creation and promote culture.

Council will continue to be proactive in leading and mobilising initiatives that allow significant growth potential in local Indigenous businesses.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2021(05) OF 10 JUNE 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
Seconded by Mayor Teresa Harding:

That the minutes of the Economic and Industry Development Committee held on 10 June 2021 be confirmed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Harding

Fechner

Jonic

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Kunzelmann (Abstain as was not present)

The motion was put and carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

2. SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING PROGRAM

This is a report concerning Ipswich City Council's Small Business Funding Program. The program was implemented in 2020-2021 to enable local business to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and was a significant success, distributing a total of \$264,147.54 to 195 businesses.

In 2021-2022 a further \$150,000 has been allocated to support local small businesses. This report outlines the proposed principles for the funding program and requests Council endorsement to structure the program to build resilience and scale growth.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Councillor Andrew Fechner:
Seconded by Councillor Kate Kunzelmann:

That Council endorse the proposed 2021-2022 funding program principles outlined in this report as 'Building Resilience' and 'Scaling Growth'.

AFFIRMATIVE

Councillors:

Madsen

Harding

NEGATIVE

Councillors:

Nil

Kunzelmann
Fechner
Jonic

The motion was put and carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 10.50 am.

The meeting closed at 11.01 am.
