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MOUNT LOFTY RANGES
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Project Steering Group

Monday 21 February 2018 from 9.30am to 11.30am

Conference Room,
Adelaide Hills Council Office, Stirling

Minutes

Attendees:

Adelaide Hills Council

Bill Spragg (BS), Mayor

Andrew Aitken, CEO

Marc Salver (MS), Director Strategy and Development

Alexandrina Council

Sally Roberts (SR), Manager Planning and Development

Simon Grenfell (SG), General Manager Infrastructure & Assets

The Barossa Council

Bob Sloane, Mayor

Paul Mickan (PM), Principal Planner

Mid Murray Council

Dave Burgess, Mayor

Russell Peate, CEO

Mount Barker District Council

Bridgette Ransome (for Greg Sarre, Manager Strategic Planning and Economic Development)

City of Onkaparinga

Adam Mrotek (AM), Manager Projects and Development Policy

Divya Bali Dogra (DBD), Built Heritage Planner

District Council of Yankalilla

Matt Robertson (MR), Manager Strategy Environment & Development

Project Consultant

Stephanie Johnston

Apologies:

Adelaide Hills Council

Mike Flehr

Mel Bright

Alexandrina Council

Keith Parkes, Mayor

Glen Rappensberg, CEO

The Barossa Council

Martin McCarthy, CEO

Gary Mavrincac, Director Development and Environmental Services

Louis Monteduro, Senior Manager, Planning Services

Clare & Gilbert Valley

Allan Aughey, Mayor

John Coombe, Acting CEO

Andrew Christiansen, Manager, Development and Environment

Light Regional Council

Bill O'Brien, Mayor

Brian Carr, CEO

Craig Doyle, General Manager Development Services

Mid Murray Council

Joel Taggart, Manager Development Services

Mount Barker District Council

Andrew Stuart, CEO

Greg Waller, General Manager, Planning and Development

Greg Sarre, Manager, Strategic Planning and Economic Development

City of Onkaparinga

Lorraine Rosenberg, Mayor

Mark Dowd, CEO

District Council of Yankalilla

Glen Rowlands, Mayor

Nigel Morris, CEO

RDA Barossa

Anne Moroney, CEO

Meeting start: 9.37 am

Meeting close: 11.35 am

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mayor Spragg welcomed members and staff and noted the apologies.

2. Adoption of previous minutes from 4 September 2017.

That the minutes of the 4 September 2017 meeting of the PSG be adopted.

Moved: Adam Mrotek

Seconded: Mayor Sloane

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3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

4. Project Status Update (Marc Salver)

- (a) MS advised that there has been further follow-up with the Australian Heritage Council (A.H.C.) in relation to the National Heritage nomination to understand their concerns with the bid.

Feedback received highlighted that three key matters need to be addressed:

- A clear narrative regarding the landscape's significance to Australia's national story (and how that is reflected through key exemplary sites) needs to be developed and refined from the work to date
- Support from the Aboriginal Groups within the Bid area needs to be demonstrated
- A robust academic case needs to be presented

The lack of State government support continues to be noted

- (b) In response to the above, the PMG has undertaken the following since the last PSG meeting:
 - o The November 2017 expert workshops were undertaken to inform our research efforts and gaps, and
 - o The October 2017 Aboriginal Workshop which resulted in the Kaurna signing a Statement of Support for the Bid
- (c) A letter updating the A.H.C about progress with the Bid was sent in February 2018 by the PSG Chair Mayor Spragg.

5. Expert Workshops Summary (Divya Bali Dogra)

DBD advised of the successful experts workshops held on 30 August and 6 and 7 November 2017. National and International experts attended and provided important guidance and direction to refine the narrative about the Bid and the WH listing criteria (ii), (iv), (v) and (vi).

Support for the workshops was provided by DEWNR and the University of Adelaide.

Further expert workshops will be held to commencing filling in the research gaps and identify the two or three key WH criteria that should be used as the basis of the nomination.

Feedback from the A.H.C is that we should focus on World Heritage values and look at links with the National Heritage criteria

1. *That this report and the attached summary report be received and noted.*
2. *That the Project Steering Group (PSG) agrees with the establishment of an expert advisory group to provide guidance in the World Heritage Listing (WHL) nomination process and preparation of the nomination dossier.*

Moved: Mayor Burgess

Seconded: Andrew Aitken

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6. National and World Heritage Nominations Status Update (Stephanie Johnston)

SJ outlined the work undertaken to address the feedback from the A.H.C:

- o There is a need to shift focus to preparing the World Heritage nomination ahead of the further work on the National Heritage nomination.
- o Links to the National Heritage nomination must be kept in mind.
- o There is a need to concentrate research on the outstanding universal values (OUV) of the Bid area for World Heritage listing and from there, and to review the boundaries of the nomination area.
- o Two outcomes are possible for our National nomination (in the upcoming 2018 assessment for short listing):
 - Short listing for assessment will be achieved, OR
 - The nomination will lapse
- o State Ministerial advocacy will be needed at the federal level for the nomination to have a real chance

DISCUSSION occurred regarding:

- o The need to clarify what our core narrative for the Bid is
- o The need to identify why is the Mount Lofty Ranges so important in a world sense (outstanding universal value)
- o Identify how many other National Heritage (NH) nominations from are from SA. It was noted that there were none and that the Flinders Ranges Bid is going for World Heritage

but not National. Further, there were 34 nominations made in 2017 (Australia wide) and only 3 were selected for assessment.

- The need to approach other Aboriginal Groups in order to obtain their support the Bid.

1. *That this report be received and noted*

Moved: Mayor Sloane

Seconded: Simon Grenfell

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7. Aboriginal Engagement and Story Update (Sally Roberts)

SR advised how discussions would proceed with all Aboriginal Groups, using relevant council staff who have interaction with the respective group(s) within each council area.

There is a need to ensure:

- That each group wish to engage with this Bid
- Recognition of the limited resources of individual groups to be able to respond
- Engagement must be with each group on an individual basis
- The ability to tell their story is provided for and identify what future opportunities for business and tourism are available to them, which are the key issues.

1. *That this report be received and noted.*

Moved: Andrew Aitken

Seconded: Simon Grenfell

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8. Building Better Regions Funding for Digital Knowledge Bank (DKB) (Marc Salver)

MS advised that the above is the first successful grant funding for the Bid in some time. The project will develop a website that will be a central repository of all Project documentation (including emails), provide for an on-line engagement facility and general administration requirements for the Project.

- The grant application is based on a cash contribution of \$40,000 and additional in-kind (officer) support from the consortium of Councils and a matching grant of \$40,000 from the Building Better Regions Fund
- Attachment 1 to the report outlines where the various funding and in-kind support will come from
- \$20,000 is already committed to the project from the 2017/18 budget
- In-kind resources are primarily the Project Consultant, Project Management Group and IT Staff from some of the consortium Councils
- The other \$20,000 in Bid funding is being sought from University of Adelaide (\$10,000 possibly) and funding from 4 new councils to the Bid
- 2 issues are:
 - Is the consortium happy to commit this level of funding to this project?
 - There will be an ongoing need to manage and maintain the website

DISCUSSION occurred regarding:

- The new website will be a way of ensuring the intellectual property of the Bid and archives are properly retained
- Corporate sponsors might also be a possible contributor (of last resort)
- If full funding by the Bid is not achieved – is there a Plan B? – this is discussed within the report which advises that:
 - The grant could be declined and therefore we would not progress with the website
 - Reduce the scope of the project to manage the project within current \$20,000 funding from 2017/18, or
 - Direct the 2017/18 funding commitment of \$20,000 to achieve a cheaper option
- It was requested that a summary of which councils currently fund the Bid and how they have contributed would be beneficial for new councils to know in order for them to contribute possibly more to the Project in the 2018/19 FY
- Are there any other projects that require funding? – The response was no

1. That this report be received and noted.

2. That the PSG approves the allocation of \$20,000 of the WHL Project budget to the development of the Digital Knowledge Bank project as outlined in this report.

Moved: Mayor Burgess

Seconded: Andrew Aitken

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9. Any other Business

Mayor Spragg noted:

- the update correspondence to the Australian Heritage Council from the Bid on was sent on 7 February 2018
- Mid Murray Council's decision to provide funding to the Bid was very much appreciated

Russell Peate advised that the Mid Murray Landcare Group had recently been involved in a bid for a site for an Observatory. News on the outcome of this bid should be known in 1 to 2 months' time.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 30th April 2018 (since rescheduled to 28 May), Location – West Wing Conference Room, Adelaide Hills Council office, Stirling

Bill Spragg

Chair, Project Steering Group