

## MINUTES

### KURANDA INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday 13 February 2020  
Commenced at 3:35pm

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#### Members Present:

Cr Tom Gilmore (Chair)  
Cr Angela Toppin  
Craig Crawford  
Steven Van Ballegooyen  
Fay Allen  
Melanie Wicks  
Cathy Retter  
Peter Franks (MSC)  
Sam Wakeford (MSC)  
Glenda Kirk (MSC)

#### Others Present:

Ankita Panjratn (Craig Crawford's office)

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#### 1. WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 3:35pm welcoming Craig Crawford and thanking him for his attendance. Craig recognised and thanked Tom Gilmore for the exemplary manner in which he has fulfilled his role as Mayor and touched on the uncertainty for the tourism industry and flow on impacts to other industries due to coronavirus. The committee was informed that the State budget will be announced in April.

#### APOLOGIES

Richard Berman-Hardman  
Anne Clarke

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**Moved: Melanie Wicks**

**Seconded: Fay Allen**

That the minutes of 14 November 2019 meeting be adopted as true and correct.

**Carried**

#### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

#### 4. FINANCIALS

**Moved: Fay Allen**

**Seconded: Cathy Retter**

That the financial statement submitted at the meeting be accepted as true and correct.

**Carried**

#### 5. PROJECT UPDATES

##### a) Wayfinding Signage

Tenders called for the supply of wayfinding signage, closing end of February 2020. It is anticipated to have signage installed during the wet season.

##### b) Barron Falls Walking Trail

Contract has been awarded and commencing immediately after the wet season. Council has worked closely with indigenous groups, Wet Tropics and Queensland Parks to plan and deliver the project. Contractor will also be working with local indigenous people to provide employment and training opportunities during construction.

**c) Jum Rum and Jungle Walk Rehabilitation**

Documentation currently being finalised with invitation to quote being invited shortly so works can commence at end of wet season.

**6. EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT**

The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs is considering the possible renewal of the KIA. However, such consideration is complicated by matters of legislation and the involvement of a number of agencies in the collection of the funds which underlie the agreement.

To allow time for these matters to be properly considered, the Minister has proposed a short-term extension of the Agreement.

The Committee supported the short-term extension so that a long-term extension can be finalised.

Discussions regarding the long-term extension with a view to focusing on maintaining and renewing the \$20M infrastructure already constructed under the Kuranda Infrastructure Agreement rather than building new additional infrastructure had general support.

Given QR and Sky Rail will be party to the final arrangements the QR representative present was not in a position to make comment regarding this matter.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a) Melanie Wicks tendered her resignation from the committee, effective from today. The Chair thanked Melanie for her role on the committee and work on strategic plan and wished her all the best.
- b) Cathy Retter thanked Council for cleaning up leaves on Jungle Walk following the lodgement of a customer request.
- c) Steven Van Ballegooyen advised that there is an average of approximately 200 people per service on Kuranda Scenic Rail currently. This is down from 300 passengers typical at this time of year. Numbers are usually low at this time of year, but they have definitely seen a decline in Chinese tourists following the travel restrictions related to Coronavirus.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

To be advised (after LG Election 28 March 2020)

Committee to be advised via email once quote assessments have been finalised.

**9. CLOSURE**

The Chair thanked all for their efforts and input on the KIAC and congratulated the committee members for what they have achieved.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4:20pm.