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10th meeting hosted by Committee for Perth from 19 to 20 March 2012 at Burswood Entertainment Complex

1. Attendees

Marion Fulker	CEO, Meeting Chair	Committee for Perth
John Atkins	Deputy Chair	Committee for Perth
Heather Shotter	Executive Director	Committee for Auckland
Doug Lloyd	Outgoing CEO	Committee for Ballarat
John Kilgour	Incoming CEO	Committee for Ballarat
Tony Chew	Chairman	Committee for Ballarat
Hayden Cock	CEO	Committee for Echuca Moama
Dean Oberin	Deputy Chair	Committee for Echuca Moama
Peter Dorling	Executive Director	Committee for Geelong
Michael Betts	Chairman	Committee for Geelong
Anita Rank	Executive Director	Committee for Portland
Ian Bail	Chair	Committee for Portland
Judy Galloway	Chair	Committee for Wagga Wagga
Chris Fitzpatrick	CEO	Committee for Wagga Wagga
Mary Aldred	Executive Director	Committee for Gippsland
Harry Rijs	Chairman	Committee for Gippsland
Andrea Gaffney	Chief Operating Officer	Committee for Melbourne
Jan Goates	Executive Officer	Committee for Wyndham

2. Welcome by the CEO

Attendees were welcome by the meeting Chair, Marion Fulker with a Welcome to Country conducted by Dr Richard Walley, OAM. A special welcome was made to first time attendees, John Kilgour, Hayden Cock, Chris Fitzpatrick and Andrea Gaffney.

It was noted that this would be Doug Lloyd's final meeting with the Network and everyone wished him well for the future.

Apologies were noted from the George Pappas, Committee for Melbourne; Richard Didsbury Committee for Auckland; Tim Williams Committee for Sydney; Jim Cosgriff Committee for Echuca Moama; Peter Hudson & Nik Tsardakis along with representatives of emerging Committees for Albany, Canberra, Christchurch, Gold Coast, and Broome.

3. Presentation by the Lord Mayor, the Rt Hon Lisa Scaffidi

Attendees were welcomed by the Lord Mayor and received a presentation on her vision for the City of Perth.

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4. Committees for Cities and Regions Network Discussion

- Participants approved the Guiding Principles in the draft profile document.
- The Guiding Principles were approved as the basis for membership to the Network for allied organisations.
- It was noted that Committee for Bellarine is no longer affiliated with the Network, (CfP to remove them from the master list).
- It was agreed that given that the Committee for Sydney had not attended any Network meetings they were to be contacted to confirm their affiliation, (AG to follow up).
- It was agreed that the initial MOU between Committees for Melbourne, Geelong and Wyndham would be the basis for a redrafted MOU to be signed by all affiliated organisations at the October meeting, (CfP to action).
- It was agreed that a company limited by guarantee should be established in the name of the Committees for Cities and Regions Network. This will require a drafting of a constitution and articles of association, (CfM to action).
- Once established all trademarks, domain names, etc are to be transferred to this company, (CfM, CFB to action).
- The aim is to publish the Profile Document in electronic form at the end of April noting that further edits are to be made, (CfP to recirculate and each C4 to advise of any final changes by 13 April).
- It was noted that a second edition of the Profile Document should be produced later in the year reinforcing our national agenda, (a subcommittee of Portland, Melbourne & Echuca Moama to progress this and report to October meeting).
- (CfP to circulate all C4 contact details).

5. Report Highlights

Reports were received from the various Committees.

6. Presentation by Brian Haratsis, MacroPlan Dimasi

The Chairman of the MacroPlan Dimasi, Brian Haratsis addressed the following issues and topics during his presentation:-

- The role of the Committees could be a game changer over the long term, acting as individual organisations within a region and as a collective organisation.
- Two speed economy – divide between the ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’, capital investment public v private sector investment.
- Skilled workforce – migration and underemployment
- Population growth – growth plans across the country not adequately dealing with long term population growth, countering the anti-growth movement.
- Health and ageing – funding and servicing future demands.
- Housing affordability – land supply, approvals reform and TOD.
- Freight and logistics – routes, connectivity of modes, airports (new and upgrades to existing).
- Federal government – role in State affairs/services, impact of carbon tax.
- ‘Sheepocracy’.
- (Copy of the presentation to be circulated by CfP).

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7. 'Free for All' Discussion

- Membership was discussed covering the following issues:
 - Fees and categories
 - Member benefits and offerings
 - Attracting and retaining members including during the early years with few 'runs on the board'
- Newly formed Committees for
 - What can existing Committees share to help.
 - The essential activities to undertake and strategies to put in place in the first two years of establishment.

8. The next meeting

- Discussion commenced with the proposed dinner to be held at Parliament House in Canberra and it was agreed to defer this for further consideration at the next meeting.
- It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in October and hosted by Echuca Moama with assistance from the Committee for Perth as the Secretariat.
- Along with standard agenda items the following were suggested:
 - Meeting with representatives from the Major Cities Unit or an address by the CEO of Infrastructure Australia.
 - Signing of MOU.
 - That local MPs and Senators from the host jurisdiction should be invited to attend the formal dinner.

9. Actions Arising

See attached table.

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Actions Arising

The following actions were recorded:

Action	Responsibility	Status
Circulate a copy of the presentation by Brian Haratsis	Marion Fulker	Completed
Circulate the contact list for participants to update	Marion Fulker	Completed
Circulate the Profiling document requesting amendments to be provide to the Committee for Perth by 13 April	Marion Fulker	Completed
Review existing MOU and redraft based on Network membership, circulate to colleagues for comment	Marion Fulker	For next meeting
Incorporate a Company Limited by Guarantee in the name of the Committees for Cities & Regions including drafting of Articles of Association & Constitution	Andrea Gaffney	For next meeting
Transfer trademark and domain name to new organisation	Andrea Gaffney/John Kilgour	Following incorporation
Next meeting to be hosted by Echuca Moama. Assistance with the agenda to be provided by the Committee for Perth.	Hayden Cock	Confirmed