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<b>Time:</b>	Started at: 4pm      Closed at: 6pm	
<b>Chair:</b>	Clr Bernard Purcell	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>		
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	John Brown, Senior Coordinator - City Activation	

**Committee Role:** To assist Council in the refinement and implementation of the Macquarie Park Master Plan vision and objectives to achieve sustainable growth in Macquarie Park.

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Clr Bernard Purcell	Council representative	City of Ryde (Chair)
	x	Clr Edwina Clifton	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Clr Trenton Brown	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Clr Jordan Lane	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Tony Abboud	Community representative	Riverside Business Chamber
x		Vanessa Hindmarsh	Community representative	Sonic Healthcare
x		Oliver Taylor	Community representative	Stockland
x		Paul Hogan	Community representative	Macquarie University
	x	Penny Dillon	Community representative	Optus
x		Lara Kirchner	Community representative	TSW
		Cameron Kline	Community representative	Macquarie University
	x	Mark Broomfield	Community representative	Macquarie University
		Michael Lichtenberg	Community representative	Colliers
x		Ben Matthews	Community representative	AMP Macquarie Centre
	x	Denys Bizinger	Community representative	Jones Lang LaSalle
		Michael Butterworth	Community representative	Community
	x	Tim Hunt	Community representative	Novartis
		Stefan Sjoka	Community representative	Cyrus Media
		Craig Chung	Community representative	City of Sydney
x		Anthony O'Neill	Community representative	Frasers
x		Mark Ames	Community representative	Connect
	x	Matt Hamilton	Community representative	Goodman
	x	Zara Crichton	Community representative	Venture Café Global
x		Cate Sinclair	Community representative	Northern Centre

#### Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
John Brown	Senior Coordinator – City Activation	City of Ryde
Jan Bouhali	Economic Development Coordinator	City of Ryde
Michael Dixon	Transport Manager	City of Ryde
Dyalan Govender	Manager – Urban Strategy	City of Ryde
David Anderson	Senior Coordinator – Traffic	City of Ryde
Frank Ianni	Development Director	Stockland
Maryann Litkouhi	Development Manager	Stockland
Nikki Tallentire	Campus and Transport Manager	Optus
Zetty Brake	Transport for NSW	TfNSW
Ethan Lock	Asset Manager	Altis Property

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
<p><b>1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies</b></p> <p>Councillor Purcell welcomed all present and provided an acknowledgement of country.</p> <p>The attendance and apologies were recorded as above.</p>	Noted.	
<p><b>2. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting were considered 'as read' and were endorsed.</p>	The minutes were confirmed.	
<p><b>3. M Park Presentation (11-17 Khartoum Road)</b></p> <p>Stockland's Development Director, Mr Frank Anni, and Development Manager, Ms Maryam Litkouhi, provided the following update on the M Park development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concept Plan and Stage 1 of M_Park was approved by Ryde Council in December 2019.</li> <li>- Stockland has revised the masterplan to allow for a reconfiguration of stages 2, 3 and 4.</li> <li>- Stockland has recently submitted a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for Stage 2, Building B for a purpose-built Data Centre.</li> <li>- M_Park will integrate state-of-the-art office and retail spaces with a pedestrian-friendly, public open park.</li> <li>- The masterplan has been designed to create a walkable environment with on-site conveniences such as childcare and cafes; activated spaces not just for workers but for the wider Macquarie Park community.</li> <li>- Reconfiguring the masterplan has allowed Stockland to considerably bring forward the delivery of key amenity, such as the open park and associated amenities.</li> <li>- The masterplan amending DA is currently under assessment by Council (presentation withheld).</li> </ul>	The information was noted.	
<p><b>4. Macquarie Park Marketing Update</b></p> <p>Economic Development Coordinator, Ms Jan Bouhali, shared two promotional videos recently created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Invest Macquarie Park – Business Community'</li> <li>- 'Invest Macquarie Park – Start Ups'</li> </ul> <p>This initiative is part of the Macquarie Park Marketing Implementation Plan.</p> <p>Ms Bouhali acknowledged and thanked those individuals and organisations who contributed to the development of this online marketing collateral.</p>	The information was noted.	

<p><b>5. Venture Café Sydney (VCS) Update</b></p> <p>Ms Zara Crichton was not able to attend to provide an update.</p> <p>Mr Paul Hogan assisted the Committee by providing some commentary regarding VCS from a MQU perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Venture Café Sydney (VCS) is in its final year of a three-year pilot.</li> <li>- The Executive Director VCS Zara Crichton has taken a role with Venture Café Global Institute, which coordinates the global network of Venture Cafes. Nathan Plummer (Acting Executive Director) will be departing on 18 December.</li> <li>- Macquarie University will host VCS to ensure it has the critical supporting resources, overseen by Melissa Ryan, Director Macquarie University Incubator.</li> <li>- The VCS branding will not change and will continue be governed by its independent board.</li> <li>- The program is currently being developed for 2021 and will, due to COVID, be a combination of digital and in-person gatherings.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>6. MPID Update</b></p> <p>Mr Paul Hogan provided an update to the Committee on recent MPID activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MPID has formed an Interim Governance Committee with Landowners to raise the profile of MPID.</li> <li>- MPID is now formally recognised by the Greater Sydney Commission as a priority precinct for innovation and economic development.</li> <li>- MPID is working with Connect Macquarie Park on a collaborative agenda for 2021.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>7. City of Ryde – Integrated Transport Strategy</b></p> <p>Mr David Anderson provided an update on the preparation of City of Ryde's 'Integrated Transport Strategy'.</p> <p>The purpose of the strategy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maximise person movement capacity</li> <li>- Maximise public and active transport</li> <li>- Efficient modal integration</li> <li>- Promote integrated development</li> <li>- Secure key transport projects</li> <li>- Consistent parking policies / pricing</li> </ul> <p>Internal consultation has been completed, with external consultation to soon commence; will include discussions with key landowners and tenants in Macquarie Park. The goal will be to have an updated ITS by mid-2021 for review by Council.</p> <p>Mr Anderson also confirmed that on-street car parking fees in Macquarie Park will increase from \$3.50 p/hr to \$4.00 p/hr on 1 January 2021. It was noted that the \$4 p/hr rate is comparable with similar business precincts, including Parramatta. A communication strategy is being developed to promote the change.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

<p><b>8. Macquarie Park Transport Access Plan</b></p> <p>Ms Lara Kirchner, Central River City Director provided the following update on behalf of Transport for NSW.</p> <p>The Australian and NSW Governments are investing nearly \$200 million over the next four years - to improve public transport and the road network in Macquarie Park. This will make it easier to get to and from Macquarie Park.</p> <p>Upcoming work in Macquarie Park includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upgrade to bus interchange between the Macquarie University and Macquarie Centre;</li> <li>- Build a bus layover that will create a dedicated space for buses to wait between services;</li> <li>- Road improvements, along Herring Road and at the intersection of Lane Cove Road and Waterloo Road.</li> </ul> <p>These projects will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve public transport to Macquarie Park and traffic flow;</li> <li>- Ease congestion and improve travel times for all road users;</li> <li>- Improve pedestrian safety by providing new and improved crossing facilities across a number of busy roads;</li> <li>- Improve connections between bus services and the metro stations.</li> </ul> <p>Herring Road improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Herring Road between Epping Road and Waterloo Road will be widened to provide a dedicated northbound bus lane.</li> <li>- Improve three intersections along this section of Herring Road: Herring Road and Epping Road, Herring Road and Ivanhoe Place and Herring Road and Waterloo Road.</li> <li>- Herring Road and Ivanhoe Place roundabout will be replaced by a signalised intersection.</li> <li>- At the Herring Road and Epping Road provide an additional northbound right turn lane.</li> </ul> <p>Work on these improvements will begin in December this year.</p> <p>Lane Cove Road and Waterloo Road intersection upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- create a dedicated bus only right turn lane from Waterloo Road south onto Lane Cove Road;</li> <li>- reconfigure Waterloo Road at the intersection to provide southbound two right turn lanes from Waterloo Road onto Lane Cove road - this is in addition to the existing bus only right turn lane;</li> <li>- create an additional westbound through lane on Waterloo Road.</li> </ul> <p>Work on this upgrade will begin in mid-2021.</p> <p>Bus interchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To cater for the future growth of the area, an upgrade of the bus interchange is required. The proposal will increase the capacity of the bus interchange, improve bus customers' connection to the Macquarie University Metro Station and optimise bus operations.</li> </ul> <p>This project is being developed further and will be displayed in the REF in early 2021.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
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<p>Bus layover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Required to support the interchange and remove the informal layover arrangements currently in place;</li> <li>- Capacity for 20 buses and a meals / amenities building.</li> </ul> <p>The Northern Bus layover will be included in the REF for the bus interchange and this will be displayed for community feedback in early 2021.</p> <p>A number of questions were raised during the presentation by Committee members. TfNSW have further investigated these matters and provided the following responses.</p> <p><b>What changes are being made at the bus interchange to improve place, particularly the extension of the footpath between the interchange and the Macquarie Centre?</b></p> <p>The new interchange will improve the placement of bus stands to increase access and connectivity to the Macquarie Centre, Macquarie University and the Macquarie University Metro Station. The central signalised pedestrian crossing and wider footpaths throughout the interchange will create more space for pedestrians and improve wayfinding, pedestrian safety and traffic flow. Place beautification will include bespoke architecturally designed bus shelters and the potential for aboriginal designed elements.</p> <p>The safety of the interchange will be improved by decreasing pedestrian and vehicle interactions, providing better weather protection for passengers, and providing new lighting and CCTV cameras.</p> <p>Transport is focussing on delivering a sustainable project by supporting the street trees with underground soil vaults, replanting at a rate of 5:1 in the local area and investigating the option to re-use the trees removed during the works within the local area.</p> <p><b>What is the situation for the intersection of Waterloo Road and Khartoum Road, specifically the introduction of traffic lights?</b></p> <p>The Waterloo Road and Khartoum Road intersection falls into a package of the road improvements in Macquarie Park which is on hold. Transport is awaiting agreement for Waterloo Road by City of Ryde Council, DPIE and Greater Sydney Commission via the Ryde Coordination Group.</p> <p><b>What is happening at the intersection of Talavera Road and Culloden Road, with the introduction of the Northern Bus Layover:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Will any changes to the intersection (currently a roundabout) be made?</b></li> <li>• <b>Will the roundabout be expanded to support a tight turning circle for buses?</b></li> <li>• <b>How many car parking spaces on Talavera Rd will be lost?</b></li> </ul> <p>There are no changes proposed to the roundabout at the intersection of Culloden and Talavera noting the layover can be accessed by buses travelling north and south along Talavera Road.</p> <p>Approximately 32 on-street car spaces will be permanently removed to enable the layover to be built and function efficiently.</p> <p><b>How many buses will layover at this site at any one time?</b></p> <p>The northern layover will have space for 20 buses.</p>	<p>TfNSW investigated the questions raised and provided the noted responses.</p>	
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<p><b>How many parking spaces will be lost by the Herring Road work?</b></p> <p>Twenty-six on-street car parking spaces will be removed along Herring Road between Saunders Close and Waterloo Road to provide space for the northbound dedicated bus lane. The removal of the kerbside parking will improve traffic flow by increasing the capacity of the road corridor.</p>		
<p><b>9. Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde update</b></p> <p>Mr Mark Ames (GM of Connect) provided the following update to the Committee.</p> <p>Connect has supported its members through COVID-19, with a Crisis Hub containing HR, Comms and Facilities Management resources.</p> <p>The "Back to Mac Park" campaign was displayed at busy bus stops, on office screens and at Macquarie Centre, helping returning commuters to plan a safe trip and to avoid busy times on the road and transport network. This distinctive campaign will run again in the new year.</p> <p>Connect surveyed employees during this disruptive period and document this research in the report, "Finding the path forward: measuring the impact of COVID-19 on work and travel in Macquarie Park" ...includes local data, global case studies and strategies for running successful hybrid teams. It is available to download from its website.</p> <p>This year Connect's annual forum went online. Charting the progress of Macquarie Park, the 'Special Event' included contributions from the Mayor, local MP, landowners, thought leaders and business community members, and showcased the latest developments. You can watch again online: <a href="https://youtu.be/ZyHrgR7p6FM">https://youtu.be/ZyHrgR7p6FM</a></p> <p>Mr Ames highlighted Connect's members are very engaged in the issue of fringe benefit tax on employee car parking in Macquarie Park - due to be introduced by the ATO in April 2021.</p> <p>Connect's members worked together to meet with the Federal MP, consult with the ATO and talk to the Treasurer which helped lead to a postponement - giving business in Macquarie Park more time to prepare and saving the area an estimated \$100m tax bill.</p> <p>To help members manage demand for parking and this transition, Connect has prepared a new Car Parking Toolkit. Contact Mark Ames if you'd like to know more about this issue. mark@connectmacpark.com.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>10. Macquarie Park Special Levy Projects (MPSL) Update</b></p> <p>Mr John Brown confirm the funded projects to be delivered as part of the 2020-2021 work program. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support for Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde;</li> <li>- Support for Venture Café and related Place Making projects;</li> <li>- Upgrade to the public domain along Giffnock Avenue (Stage1 completed June 2020). It is noted the Committee indicated its support for Stage 2 of the upgrade of Giffnock Ave to proceed in 2020-2021 should funds be available;</li> <li>- Construction of a new footpath connection between Bundarra Reserve and Rivett Road (along Epping Road);</li> <li>- An Embellishment Planting Program to improve the landscaping at the interface between private and public land.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Brown provided a presentation which highlighted embellishment planting projects delivered in 2019-20.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	<p>Mr Brown to confirm funding for stage 2 of the Giffnock upgrade at the next meeting.</p>

<p><b>11. General Business</b></p> <p>Tony Abboud informed the Committee that the soccer club, 'Sydney FC' will be setting up its headquarters and training facility at Christie Park in Macquarie Park.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	<p>Mr Abboud to invite Sydney FC to attend the next Committee meeting</p>
<p><b>12. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 18 February 2021 (TBC)</p>		