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<b>Venue:</b>	Macquarie University site – 58 Waterloo Road	
<b>Date:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	
<b>Time:</b>	Started at: 4:07pm	Closed at: 5.52pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Clr Bernard Purcell	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<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)
		Clr Chris Moujalli	Council representative	City of Ryde
	x	Clr Edwina Clifton	Council representative	City of Ryde
		Martin Keetels	Community representative	Konica Minolta
	x	Tony Abboud	Community representative	Riverside Business Chamber
x		Vanessa Hindmarsh	Community representative	Sonic Healthcare
		Oliver Taylor	Community representative	Stockland
x		Paul Hogan	Community representative	Macquarie University
x		Penny Dillon	Community representative	Optus
x		Cameron Kline	Community representative	Macquarie University
x		Michael Lochtenberg	Community representative	Colliers
x		Natalie Douglas	Community representative	AMP Macquarie Centre
	x	Denys Bizinger	Community representative	Jones Lang LaSalle
		Michael Butterworth	Community representative	Community
		Tim Hunt	Community representative	Novartis
		Stefan Sjoka	Community representative	Cyrus Media
	x	Craig Chung	Community representative	City of Sydney
		Malcolm McDonald	Community representative	Department of Planning (DoP)
x		Anthony O'Neill	Community representative	Frasers
x		Mark Ames	Community representative	Connect
	x	Matt Hamilton	Community representative	Goodman
x		Zara Crichton	Executive Director	Venture Cafe

#### 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
Lindsay Godfrey	Manager – Community and Ranger Services	City of Ryde
Maryann Litkouhi	Development Manager	Stockland
Jerome Laxale	Mayor	City of Ryde
Katrina Loader	Associate Director – Transport for NSW	TfNSW
Michael Galderisi	Consultant	City of Ryde
Joe So	Manager – Strategy and Innovation	City of Ryde
Nicole Lasky	Development Manager	John Holland
David Anderson	Senior Coordinator – Traffic	City of Ryde

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> <p>Clr Purcell thanked the University for hosting the meeting.</p>	Noted.	
<p><b>2. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were confirmed.</p>	The minutes were confirmed.	
<p><b>3. Macquarie Square Presentation (45 – 61 Waterloo Road)</b></p> <p>John Holland's Development Manager, Nicole Lasky, provided a SWOT analysis from a developer's perspective on Macquarie Park. Summarised below are key observations.</p> <p><b>Strengths</b>  Macquarie University /Venture Café / professional/skilled workforce  New Metro / Macquarie Shopping Centre  Growing interconnectedness between organisations  Low rents compared to CBD and North Sydney  Multiple developments create new modern hub</p> <p><b>Weaknesses</b>  Perceived lack of business activity / lack of amenity  Inward looking office spaces  Constructed around car use – not easy for pedestrians  Lack of developments to create 24 hour economy/security through passive surveillance, e.g. office, retail, residential</p> <p><b>Opportunities</b>  Desire by Council and state government to modernise Macquarie Park  Tight labour market means move towards high quality office accommodation</p> <p><b>Threats</b>  Low priced alternatives, e.g. Parramatta, Rhodes  Authorities slowing development pace</p> <p>Ms Lasky also played a promotional video for its site at 45-61 Waterloo Road (video can be viewed on Council's web site).</p>	The information was noted.	
<p><b>4. Macquarie Park Transport Access Plan</b></p> <p>Ms Katrina Loader provided an upgrade on behalf of Transport for NSW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The RMS and Transport for NSW have recently merged.</li> <li>- The new agency will follow a multi modal model rather than the silo approach of the past.</li> <li>- Stage 2 of the Delhi Road Bridge will be completed by the end of February with the final connection installed in early March. This bridge will provide pedestrian and bike access from Lachlan's Line to North Ryde Station.</li> <li>- The Business Case for the Interchange at Macquarie</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>A Councillor workshop on the Macquarie Transport Interchange to be arranged when more information is available.</p>	

<p>University is progressing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are three options for the site with the “at grade” option the current preferred option.</li> <li>- The business case is expected to be complete in Q2 of 2020.</li> </ul>	<p>Penny Dillon to present at the next meeting of this committee re the impact of the Metro on Optus and its employees.</p>	
<p><b>5. Venture Café Update</b></p> <p>Ms Zara Crichton provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Today (20 February 2020) is the first anniversary of the establishment of Venture Café in Macquarie Park.</li> <li>- Over 4,000 people have attended Venture Café events during the past year.</li> <li>- Ms Crichton noted the level of positive development in the local area, and commented positively on the work being done by groups such as the MPID and Connect.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>6. Smart Cities – City of Ryde</b></p> <p>Michael Galderisi provided the following background and information on behalf of Ryde Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activities such as the Incubator positively showcase Macquarie Park as a forward thinking place to do business.</li> <li>- There is a need for more collaboration between businesses and government.</li> <li>- Ryde should be a showcase for smart city thinking.</li> <li>- A steering committee with representatives from Council, individuals, companies, Chambers of Commerce, community groups etc. is needed.</li> <li>- State government is soon to establish a dedicated smart cities section.</li> <li>- Data privacy and security is a major concern to be managed.</li> <li>- Much of the current thinking (re smart cities) is still old fashioned and related to areas such as parking systems and bin identification / new ideas are available which should be embraced.</li> <li>- It is expected that government will mandate that Councils have a smart city strategy.</li> <li>- The study being undertaken at Ryde will take six months to complete.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>7. Macquarie Park Special Levy Projects (MPSL) Update</b></p> <p>John Brown provided the following update regarding MPSL projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Macquarie Park Special Levy 2019/20 projects will include: footpath upgrade in Giffnock Ave (adjacent to Sonic Healthcare) –widening the path in granite/ landscaping and multi-function poles; construction to commence in March.</li> <li>- Funding will continue to support Venture Café, Connect, and the implementation of the Macquarie Park Marketing Plan.</li> <li>- Projects regarding the embellishment planting program to improve the quality of the public domain will be delivered in April.</li> <li>- Hypothecated funds from Macquarie Park car parking fees will be directed to: widening footpath along Lyonpark Road (completed Dec 2019) 10 x additional bike racks (March) / behavioural change programs (May).</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>8. Macquarie Park Car parking Strategy</b></p> <p>Mr Michael Dixon and Mr Lindsay Godfrey of Council provided the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By 2036, the resident population in Macquarie Park is expected to increase from 13,500 to 32,000.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The number of students will increase from 40,000 to 55,000.</li> <li>- Jobs will increase from 60,000 to 79,000.</li> <li>- Commercial space will increase by 1,000,000 sqm to 1,250,000 sq. m.</li> <li>- There are 800 on street car parking spaces in Macquarie Park and the charge for these is relatively cheap compared to other CBDs.</li> <li>- Since 2016, Council has been adjusting car parking rates in line with other comparable centres (currently under review for 2020-21).</li> <li>- The proportion of on street 12P and 2P parking is always under consideration. Over time, the number of 2P parking will increase.</li> <li>- It is necessary to change worker travel modes if the increase in working and residential population numbers is to be accommodated.</li> <li>- There is a need to look at the 'whole trip' scenario which gets people from door to door.</li> <li>- Taxis and shared parking shares will also be reviewed to provide further transport options.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p>A further update will be provided at the May meeting.</p>	
<p><b>9. Macquarie Park Marketing Plan AFR Innovation Summit</b></p> <p>Jan Bouhali provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Macquarie Park promotional plan is currently being undertaken; the campaign will comprise videos and supporting fact sheets targeting specific markets.</li> <li>- Maps with guides regarding activities available in the park are also being distributed.</li> <li>- A Community of Practice will be established to discuss and promote the NTE in Macquarie Park.</li> <li>- It will include information from Service NSW promoting the 'easy to do business' model, advice about liquor and gaming etc. The key will be bringing people together who have an interest and involvement in NTE.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Event is planned in May.</p>	
<p><b>10. Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde update</b></p> <p>Mark Ames (GM of Connect) provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed changes to tax law regarding FBT for car parking continues to be a burning issue.</li> <li>- There are 30,000 parking spaces in Macquarie Park which would be impacted.</li> <li>- Currently the university, shopping centre and hospital are exempt from triggering FBT, but under the new proposal they would not be.</li> <li>- It is believed that the matter will be deferred until next year.</li> </ul>	<p>The update and information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>11. General Business</b></p> <p><b>Child minding</b></p> <p>John Brown advised that if members of this committee require child minding, it can be arranged with two weeks' notice.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>12. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Ryde Council, North Ryde. (TBC)</p>		