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<b>Venue:</b>	Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	
<b>Time:</b>	Started at: 4:00pm      Closed at: 5.45pm	
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Chung	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	John Brown	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**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.

**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Clr Craig Chung	Chairman	City of Ryde
	x	Clr Roy Maggio	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Clr Artin Etmekdjian	Council representative	City of Ryde
	x	Clr Terry Perram	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Tony Abboud	Community representative	Ryde/Macquarie Chamber
x		Vanessa Hindmarsh	Community representative	Sonic Healthcare
	x	Morrell Boyce	Community representative	Ryde Business Forum
	x	Andrew Parker	Community representative	Optus (item 4 on)
	x	Andrew Wheatley	Community representative	Johnson and Johnson
	x	Stephen Sanlorenzo	Community representative	Johnson and Johnson (APP)
		Joe Vurchio	Community representative	Johnson and Johnson
	x	Mark Broomfield	Community representative	Macquarie University
	x	Kim Saxon	Community representative	Macquarie University
x		Ritchie Howitt	Community representative	Macquarie University
	x	Peter Stewart	Community representative	Macquarie University (Graduate School of Management)
x		Rebecca Lehman	Community representative	Connect Mac Park + North Ryde
		Ray Chapman	Community representative	Connect Mac Park + North Ryde
x		Kamani Krishnan	Community representative	Property Council of Australia
		Vic Tagg	Community representative	Eastwood Chamber of Commerce
x		Nathan Moulds	Community representative	Salvation Army – Ivanhoe Place
x		Jeff Peers	Community representative	AMP Macquarie Centre
x		Denys Bizinger	Community representative	Jones Laing LaSalle
		Graham McMaster	Community representative	Rosewood Research
	x	Gordon Hunt	Community representative	Transport for NSW
		John Goubran	Community representative	John Goubran and Associates
		Dominic Johnson	Group Manager, Environment and Planning	City of Ryde
x		Meryl Bishop	Manager – Urban Planning	City of Ryde
x		John Brown	Place Manager, Urban Planning	City of Ryde
x		Nathan Pratt	Economic Development Manager	City of Ryde
x		Dyalan Govender	Acting – Manager Strategic City	City of Ryde

Name	Position Title	Organisation	
Kristina Mastrullo	Senior Analyst	Property Council of Australia	
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde	
Details		Action	Responsibility and Date
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Attendance and Apologies</b></p> <p>Attendance and apologies were recorded as above.</p> <p><b>Confirmation of Minutes</b></p> <p>The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting of 6 August 2015</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Endorsed.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Presentation by Max Potential</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dee Joma of Max Potential outlined their mentoring program.</li> <li>Program typically runs for 22 weeks catering for youth 16- 22 yrs.</li> <li>It aims to empower youth through leadership coaching.</li> <li>Skills learnt include goal setting, confidence building, and increasing focus on achieving goals.</li> <li>Coaching is highly recommended for managers as it teaches them great skills and creates a positive work culture.</li> <li>Dee encouraged the Forum members to contact her for further information regarding coaching roles/training opportunities.</li> </ul>	Noted.	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Presentation by Property Council of NSW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kristina Mastrullo from Property Council of Australia provided a commercial property market update.</li> <li>It was noted that office space take up in North Ryde (Macquarie Park) has fallen in the six months to July 2015.</li> <li>There is a 10% vacancy rate currently; it was noted this was cyclical responding to supply and demand. It was noted North Sydney has similar vacancy rates with Parramatta a little higher.</li> <li>In both North Ryde and other areas, lessees prefer higher grade property; Ms Mastrullo highlighted that A grade stock is always in demand and more stock is coming on line in North Ryde.</li> <li>It was noted that there is currently significant demand for property in North Ryde.</li> </ul>	<p>The Forum would invite Ms Mastrullo back to provide a further update in 2016</p> <p>Discussions to take place between staff and PCA a to confirm which areas are included under the name 'North Ryde'</p> <p>Denys Bizinger to be invited by PCA to the Agents meeting on 19 November 2015.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Planning Update</b></p> <p>John Brown provided an update as follows:</p> <p><u>Macquarie Park Car Parking Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The car parking review report was considered by Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.</li> <li>Bitizios has undertaken a review of car parking</li> </ul>	Noted.	

	<p>rates to assist Council respond to car parking supply and traffic congestion pressures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently 75% of people working in Macquarie Park drive to work – this figure is not sustainable.</li> <li>• It is anticipated that the workforce in Macquarie Park will double by 2031.</li> <li>• Public transport options need to improve - by 2018, the North West Rail Link will be operational.</li> <li>• It is proposed to introduce a two tier parking system rather than the current three tier system.</li> <li>• A briefing session with the business community will be facilitated during the exhibition period early in 2016.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to this change in the commercial car parking rates, it is proposed to change the cost of on street parking charges to a flat fee per hour across Macquarie Park with no cap on time, the rating being \$3.50 per hr. The proposed changes will be further discussed at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of 8 December 2015.</li> <li>• Chair sought the Forum’s view on using any additional revenue from the car parking rate change to be directed to transport orientated projects.</li> <li>• Forum indicated support for this principle and requested information on revenue impact to be reported back to the Forum once sufficient data was available (approx. 6 months).</li> </ul> <p><u>Macquarie University Priority Precinct</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Macquarie University Priority Precinct is the new name for the former Herring Road UAP.</li> <li>• As part of the redevelopment of this area it is proposed to replace the current 259 social housing units located in the “Ivanhoe Estate” with 556 social housing units, 128 affordable housing units and 1900 provide dwellings.</li> <li>• All three types of accommodation will be integrated which is considered a positive outcome.</li> <li>• Developers and commercial operators will have until January 2016 to express an interest in being part of the redevelopment.</li> <li>• It is estimated that around 20% of current public housing tenants will return to Ivanhoe Estate as the redevelopment process will take more than five years. .</li> </ul>	<p>Briefing session to be arranged for early 2016.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Data regarding revenue impacts to be collected and reported back to the Forum (within 6 mths)</p>	
5.	<p><b>Macquarie Park Special Levy (MPSL) Projects Update</b></p> <p>John Brown provided an update on the MPSL infrastructure projects underway.</p> <p><u>Delhi Road upgrade</u> - to be complete by 30 November 2015.</p> <p><u>Footpath into the National Park along Plassey Road</u> – to be completed by 22 December 2015.</p> <p><u>Byfield Street footpath upgrade</u> (between Waterloo Road and Lyonpark Road) to commence early 2016 and be complete by June 2016.</p> <p><u>PAMP projects</u> - kerb connection upgrades to improve pedestrian access at Giffnock Ave, Julius Ave, Khartoum</p>	Noted.	

	<p>Road and Talavera Road are currently being designed; to be completed by 30 June 2016.  <u>Signage</u> – shared zone signage will be upgraded with line marking to highlight 'shared zones'.</p> <p>A question was raised as to whether any additional revenue raised from increase parking meter charges could be used for projects to help people transfer to other modes of transport within Macquarie Park.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Council give consideration to using any additional parking meter revenue raised in Macquarie Park to provide additional multi modal transport projects within Macquarie Park.</p>	<p>A report would need to be provided to Council once revenue raised is determined (30 June 2016).</p>	
6.	<p><b>Macquarie Park Marketing Group update</b></p> <p>Nathan Pratt provided an update on projects and events to Implement the marketing plan.</p> <p><u>Human Resource (HR) Manager's forum held 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 80 people attended / key note speakers were well received.</li> <li>• Johnson and Johnson received the inaugural Corporate Sponsorship award.</li> </ul> <p><u>Ryde – China Business Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The forum will discuss business opportunities to increase bilateral trade.</li> <li>• The date of the event has been changed to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to align with the itinerary of the China delegation.</li> <li>• Council is partnering with Macquarie University to host the event. Tours of local businesses will form part of the program.</li> <li>• Austrade, NSW Business Chamber will be in attendance.</li> <li>• The forum will focus on the health industry which has significant trade and investment opportunities between China and the businesses of Macquarie Park.</li> </ul> <p><u>Skills Expo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Expo was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015/ 30 exhibitors were present (up from 11 in 2013).</li> <li>• The event was well attended with people receiving advice on 'job ready' skills.</li> </ul> <p><u>TEDx</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This event held at Macquarie University in September 2015 was a sell out with over 550 people attending.</li> </ul>	Noted	

7.	<p><b>Macquarie Park Transport Management Association (Connect) Update</b></p> <p>Rebecca Lehman highlighted the benefits for businesses of joining Connect. These include participation in surveys, carpooling opportunities, discounts on membership to a number of organisations including, Bike NSW and Go Get.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stocklands has now joined Connect - this means the majority of Tier One businesses are members.</li> <li>• Ride to Work Day was a success with three sites involved. There was good weather on the day and lots of prizes were on offer.</li> <li>• People have now been signed up with bike buddies to help familiarise them with cycling in the Macquarie Park area.</li> <li>• The Ride Share program is going well – prizes are being offered / 150 participants have signed up to the program.</li> <li>• Go Get is increasing the number of sites where access to a car can be obtained.</li> <li>• Negotiations are continuing with regard to operating Go Get sites at Sydney Airport.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted</p> <p>Ms Lehman was congratulated on work done to date. The Chair noted the impressive gains being made by Connect since being established.</p>	
8.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><u>Letter to City of Ryde from Parramatta Council re Macquarie Park</u></p> <p>The Committee discussed a letter received by City of Ryde from Parramatta Council regarding potential merger option; of concern was discussion regarding splitting Macquarie Park.</p> <p>The Forum discussed the need to maintain the integrity of Macquarie Park.</p> <p>Jeff Peers of AMP stated that AMP would write a letter of support (for City of Ryde) to the Premier and Minister for Local Government advising of AMP's opposition to the potential splitting of the Ryde LGA.</p> <p>The Macquarie Park Forum strongly rejects the Parramatta Council proposal to take 50% of Ryde including splitting Macquarie Park and North Ryde.</p> <p>Macquarie Park Forum does not believe that Ryde should be split under the current reform proposals and should remain wholly within the existing Ryde boundaries.</p> <p>Macquarie Park Forum believes that the future demographic and geographic synergies for Macquarie Park and North Ryde are more appropriately achieved in existing NSROC Councils.</p> <p>The Forum will provide to Council the following statement of support ... <i>Macquarie Park Forum strongly rejects Parramatta's proposal to grab 50% of Ryde including the splitting of Macquarie Park and North Ryde. Macquarie Park Forum does not believe that Ryde should be split under the current reform proposals and that Macquarie Park and North Ryde should remain wholly within the current City of Ryde Boundaries. The Forum believes that the future demographic and geographic synergies for Macquarie Park and North Ryde are more appropriately aligned with other NSROC Councils'.</i></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted and will be provided to Council for its consideration.</p>	

	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Civic Centre – Ryde.</p>		
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