

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 11 December 2012  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 7.30pm

**Note:** *This meeting will be recorded on audio tape for minute-taking purposes as authorised by the Local Government Act 1993.*

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**27 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND MACQUARIE PARK FORUM - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**Report prepared by:** Governance Support Coordinator

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

At its meeting held 27 November 2012 (conducted on 4 December 2012), Council resolved that the Economic Development Advisory Committee (including Macquarie Park Forum) be separated and be considered as two separate Committees.

As a result, staff contacted all those who had nominated for the Economic Development Advisory Committee asking them to specify whether their Expression of Interest should be considered for the Economic Development Advisory Committee, or the Macquarie Park Forum.

This report provides a summary of the responses and recommends that Council appoint the nominations received for both the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Macquarie Park Forum.

It is also recommended that Council call for further Expressions of Interest for the Macquarie Park Forum.

Council is also requested to determine the Councillor representatives for both the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Macquarie Park Forum.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council accept the nominations to the Economic Development Advisory Committee and Macquarie Park Forum **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER - CONFIDENTIAL**, subject to part (b) below.
- (b) That Council call for further Expressions of Interest for the Macquarie Park Forum from 20 December 2012 to 31 January 2013 with a report to be provided to Council at its meeting on 12 February 2013.
- (c) That Council nominate a Councillor chairperson to each of these Committees, in accordance with their 2010 Terms of Reference.
- (d) That Council nominate Councillor representatives to each of these Committees in accordance with their Terms of Reference.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 EOIs for Macquarie Park Forum and Economic Development Advisory Committees - December 2012 – **CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER - CONFIDENTIAL**

**ITEM 27 (continued)**

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**ITEM 27 (continued)****Background**

At the Extraordinary Council meeting on 16 October 2012, Council resolved, interalia;

*(a) That the following Advisory Committees be convened for a term of 12 months, subject to a report back to Council:*

- Access
- Audit
- Bicycle
- Community Harmony Reference Group
- Country Council Partnership
- Eastwood Events and Promotions
- Economic Development (including Macquarie Park)
- Heritage
- Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services
- Ryde Youth Council
- Sport and Recreation (including Wheeled Sports)
- Status of Women

*(d) That following the closure of the Expression of Interest period a report be provided to Council at its meeting on 27 November 2012, to determine the representatives on all Advisory Committees, including Councillor nominations for each Committee.*

*(e) That once Council confirms its Committees, that the Committees be requested to review and confirm the Terms of Reference.*

From 23 October 2012, Expressions of Interest were called for interested persons to nominate to be Community Representatives for these Committees, including the Economic Development Advisory Committee (including the Macquarie Park Forum)

This was advertised as follows:

- on the City of Ryde website from 23 October 2012;
- in the Northern District Times on 24 October 2012; and
- in Ryde City View on 31 October 2012.

Committee Members from the former Macquarie Park Forum were also advised that the Forum was to be absorbed into the Economic Development Committee and were invited to submit an Expression of Interest to those committees.

The Advisory Committee nominations closed on 7 November 2012. There were 22 Expressions of Interest (EOI) to become Community Representatives for the Economic Development Advisory Committee (including Macquarie Park).

**ITEM 27 (continued)**

At the Council meeting on 27 November 2012 (concluded on 4 December 2012), Council accepted all nominations, and appointed Councillor Chairs to the following City of Ryde Advisory Committees:

- Access Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Community Harmony Reference Group
- Eastwood Events and Promotions
- Heritage Advisory Committee, and
- Status of Women Advisory Committee

At that same meeting, Council also resolved, interalia

*That with regard to the Economic Advisory Committee, the following action be taken:*

- (i) *That a further report be presented to Council next Tuesday, 11 December 2012 presenting nominations for both the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Macquarie Park Forum.*
- (ii) *That all nominees be contacted regarding the splitting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Macquarie Park Forum into two separate Committees and request that they nominate which Committee they would like to join.*

**Discussion**

Following the Council resolution of 27 November 2012 (concluded on 4 December 2012), each of the 22 nominations to the Economic Development Advisory Committee (including Macquarie Park) were notified that this Committee would be split into two, and were requested to nominate which Committee they would like to be considered for.

The results of this consultation are summarised below.

The details of each nomination, including any late nominations, are provided in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER - CONFIDENTIAL.**

<b>Committee Title</b>	<b>Number of Expressions of Interest confirmed:</b>	<b>Community Representative profile</b>
Economic Development Advisory Committee	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four (4) x Commercial Property Owners</li> <li>• Four (4) x Business Community</li> <li>• Two (2) x Educational Institutions</li> <li>• Two (2) x Community Organisations</li> </ul>

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<b>Committee Title</b>	<b>Number of Expressions of Interest confirmed:</b>	<b>Community Representative profile</b>
Macquarie Park Forum	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial landowners in Macquarie Park</li> <li>• Macquarie Centre (AMP/Westfield)</li> <li>• Property Council</li> <li>• Transport &amp; Infrastructure Development Corporation (TIDC)</li> <li>• Macquarie University</li> <li>• Residents of Macquarie Park and environs</li> <li>• Tenants in Macquarie Park</li> <li>• Relevant business groups (eg Chamber of Commerce)</li> <li>• Relevant State Government entities</li> <li>• Relevant education providers</li> </ul> <p>It is anticipated that the Forum will comprise about 40 members.</p>
Not yet confirmed	5	

*Note:* a number of nominees have expressed interest in being members of both the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Macquarie Park Forum.

**Call for further Expressions of Interest to the Macquarie Park Forum**

While advertising for Expressions of Interest in October 2012, steps were taken to ensure all affected community members were informed of the amalgamation of the two committees, including:

- the Economic Development Advisory Committee was advertised as Economic Development (including Macquarie Park Forum),
- the new Committee's advertised role included referring to the Macquarie Park Vision, and
- former Macquarie Park Forum members were advised by email that the two committees were to be combined and were encouraged to nominate to the new Economic Development Advisory Committee.

However, some former members of the Macquarie Park Forum advised staff that they elected not to nominate for the newly created Economic Development Advisory Committee as they believed they did not meet the criteria.

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Therefore it is recommended that Council call for further Expressions of Interest for the Macquarie Park Forum from 20 December 2012 to 31 January 2013 with a report to be provided to Council at its meeting on 12 February 2013.

It is also proposed to follow up with the five original nominees (as set out in the **ATTACHED**) who did not specify in which Committee they preferred to participate.

It is noted that former members of the Macquarie Park Forum would be advised of this Expression of Interest process and this would address concerns they had raised regarding their suitability for the combined Committees (Economic Development Advisory Committee and Macquarie Park Forum)

It is not anticipated that this would impact upon the conduct of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and it is expected that arrangements for meetings of this Committee would progress.

**Councillor Representatives to Advisory Committees**

In addition to Council determining the Community representatives to the two Committees, Council needs to determine the Councillors to be appointed to each Committee.

The table below indicates the number of Councillors to be appointed to the Committees, as provided in their Terms of Reference.

<b>Committee Title</b>	<b>Councillor Delegate</b>
Economic Development Committee	No less than one (1) Councillor appointed annually
Macquarie Park Forum	No less than one (1) Councillor appointed annually

**Financial Implications**

The recommendations in this report will be met from the current budget allocation for Advisory Committees.

**Critical Dates**

The City of Ryde Advisory Committees provide a mechanism for consultation, advice and feedback. Council has resolved that once Council determines the membership of each Advisory Committee, the Committees will then review and confirm their Terms of Reference. This process cannot commence for the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Macquarie Park Forum until the membership of the committees is confirmed.

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**Report prepared by:** Acting General Manager

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