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<b>Venue:</b>	Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	
<b>Time:</b>	Started at: 4:00pm      Closed at: 6.00pm	
<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
		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		Penny Dillon	Community representative	Optus
		Andrew Wheatley	Community representative	Johnson and Johnson
	x	Stephen Sanlorenzo	Community representative	Johnson and Johnson (APP)
	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
x		Gordon Hunt	Community representative	Transport for NSW
x		Stefan Sjoka	Community representative	Cyrus Media
	x	Meryl Bishop	Manager – Urban Planning	City of Ryde
x		John Brown	Place Manager, Urban Planning	City of Ryde
x		Dyalan Govender	Acting – Manager Strategic City	City of Ryde

Name	Position Title	Organisation	
Alastair Mein	Project Manager	Land and Housing	
Ralph Buenaventura	Property Supervisor	Sonic Health	
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde	
Details		Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	<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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Endorsed.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Presentation on Ivanhoe Estate redevelopment and housing</b></p> <p>Alastair Mein from Land and Housing presented information regarding the redevelopment of the Ivanhoe Estate. Communities Plus is the project name for the State Governments Community Housing initiative.</p> <p>The State Government has seven sites it is bringing to the market – six are rezoned and ready for development - Ivanhoe Estate is the 7<sup>th</sup> site and is considered the prime asset of its type.</p> <p>The aim of Community Plus is to deliver additional housing to improve people's lives, provide a safety net for vulnerable people, and promote opportunities for residents to link into support services.</p> <p>Currently 130,000 social housing units are available with 60,000 additional units required; developments such as Ivanhoe Estate will add to the NSW Govt's housing stock.</p> <p>There is strong demand for 1-2 bedroom units – the average age of tenants is ageing and many have a disability.</p> <p>The ideal mix of social to private housing in new developments is a maximum of 30% social housing and the remainder being affordable or private housing.</p> <p><u>Ivanhoe Estate</u> Occupies 8 ha and currently has 259 dwellings + a childcare centre. It is estimated that 2,500 new dwellings can be located on the site in an integrated community.</p> <p>The relocation of current Ivanhoe Estate tenants has commenced with 11 families already relocated.</p> <p>It is anticipated that development of the site will commence in 2018 following tenant relocations, development approvals etc. It was noted that major infrastructure works are required in the area surrounding Ivanhoe Estate.</p>	<p>The information presented by Mr Mein was noted.</p> <p>Council write to the NSW Government requesting that supporting regional infrastructure be provided to support the development.</p> <p>A further update on relocations from Ivanhoe Estate is to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clr Chung to present this request from the Forum to Council on 22 March 2016.</p>
3.	<p><b>Update on Council mergers</b></p> <p>The following information was provided by Clr Chung and</p>	<p>The information was</p>	

	<p>Dyalan Govender, Acting Manager Strategic City.</p> <p>The State Government's recommendations regarding Council mergers were released on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.</p> <p>Dr Robert Lang is the delegate appointed by the State Government to facilitate discussions between Council, the State Government and the Office of Local Government for the proposed merger between City of Ryde, Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Councils.</p> <p>The government did not support the JRA proposal recommended by City of Ryde, Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Councils. Final written submissions must be lodged by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016.</p> <p>Council will be forwarding a submission outlining again the reasons why Ryde is fit for the future in its current form.</p>	<p>noted.</p> <p>The RBF will be making a submission to the government and any other interested group is encouraged to do likewise.</p>	<p>Tony Abboud</p>
4.	<p><b>Macquarie Park Strategic Review</b></p> <p>The Department of Planning has called for tenders to undertake a strategic review of Macquarie Park. This is the first tender of its kind ever sought by the Department. The review applies only to the commercial area and not the UAPs.</p> <p>There were concerns raised regarding residential development in the commercial core. To date, Council has held firm to this principle.</p> <p>The review will investigate issues such as employment needs, transport, capacity analysis, urban design, and investigation of ways to activate spaces, improve public domain and infrastructure.</p> <p>There will be one lead consultant – supported by subcontracted consultants. A base study will be undertaken to allow for future projections.</p> <p>Two consultation sessions will be conducted in March - details will be provided to members when available.</p> <p>Clr Chung advised that the review is being undertaken at the request of Council following the receipt of numerous DA's which were submitted with little vision for future infrastructure needs.</p> <p>Council was asked to seek a separate meeting with the consultants so members of the Forum can have input into the process.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Council to seek a separate meeting for members of the forum in addition to the public consultations proposed.</p>	<p>John Brown By 18 March 2016</p>
5.	<p><b>Macquarie Park Car Parking Review</b></p> <p>John Brown provided the following update.</p> <p>In 2015 Bitzios carried out a review of car parking in Macquarie Park and recommended that the three zone system be changed to a two zone system with more stringent parking controls.</p> <p>On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 Council considered and endorsed the changes to the commercial car parking rates as well as the changes to the on-street parking fees which included removal of the 12P all day cap and replacing with an increased hourly fee from \$2.50 to \$3.50.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Format of meetings to be determined. Information sessions to be widely publicised.</p>	<p>John Brown By 10 March 2016</p>

	<p>Following concerns raised by the business community Council at its meeting of 15 December 2015 resolved to undertake further consultation with the business community regarding the proposed changes.</p> <p>Information Sessions will occur on 10 March 2016 (1-3pm and 5-7pm). The format of the sessions is currently being finalised, however the sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss the research and explain the reasons for the proposed car parking changes. The sessions will provide an opportunity for businesses to provide feedback and ask questions.</p> <p>The information sessions will be extensively promoted including: letters to property owners, letterbox drops to businesses/ tenants and promotion on Council's and Connect's web sites.</p> <p>Connect GM Rebecca Lehman highlighted the opportunity to hypothecate any additional car parking revenue into transport improvements.</p>		
6.	<p><b>Economic Development /Marketing Update</b></p> <p>Ryde – China Forum was successfully delivered on 27 November 2015. More than 60 representatives of the Chinese delegation and local businesses participated in the inaugural Forum. Following presentation at Macquarie University, delegates were given a tour of the Campus visiting Cochlear and the Hearing Hub. Later in the afternoon the delegates toured the Optus campus.</p> <p>It is understood that MGSM will be hosting a group from Beijing in the near future following the Ryde – China Forum. When more details are available, Forum members will be updated.</p> <p><u>Night time economy</u></p> <p>On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Council resolved to undertake a study to examine the “night time economy” in the City of Ryde, including Macquarie Park.</p> <p>At present Macquarie Park does not have a night time vibe however it is considered ripe for daytime and evening activation.</p> <p>In the future Macquarie Park could potentially support businesses outside regular business hours, i.e. cottage industries, creative industries, festivals etc.</p> <p>The two priority precincts near the shopping centre and train stations are seen as potential village sites which could benefit from activation.</p> <p>It was reconfirmed that it is important to retain the commercial core of Macquarie Park.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The possible introduction of a night time economy could be included in the strategic review referred to in item 4.</p> <p>Any ideas about the possible night time economy should be forwarded to John Brown.</p> <p>It was noted that the policy regarding food trucks will be available in draft form soon.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Macquarie Park Transport Management Association (Connect) Update</b></p> <p>Rebecca Lehman, GM of Connect provided a presentation regarding work culture in Macquarie Park.</p>		

	<p>75% of staff is on site 5 days per week. Most of these staff arrive during peak times. Despite technology, there has only been a 3% increase in work off site over recent times.</p> <p>To improve access to Macquarie Park people need to work smarter, avoid peak travel and have more flexibility to work off site. These initiatives can help reduce road congestion, absenteeism and improves work/life balance.</p> <p>Connect will be hosting workshops in the coming months to discuss way to implement these opportunities.</p>	The information was noted	
8.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><u>Toronto Haccathon</u></p> <p>Information was provided about the Toronto Haccathon which involved a group of people with diverse skills and knowledge meeting for a limited time to brainstorm ideas to complex issues. Discussion occurred if such a process could be considered to generate innovative solutions to the transport issues facing Macquarie Park.</p> <p>It was noted that Optus has run a similar concept looking at solutions for the imminent closure of the rail line at Macquarie Park.</p> <p><u>Peter Board site</u></p> <p>Masters will not be proceeding with the DA for the site on Epping Road.</p> <p><u>Economic Development Officer</u></p> <p>Applications for this position close on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.</p> <p><u>Format of Macquarie Park meetings</u></p> <p>Members of the committee were asked to consider changes to the format of the Forum meetings - possible rotation of sites to host the Meetings was canvassed.</p> <p>AMP has agreed to host the next meeting at the Macquarie Shopping Centre and provide a presentation regarding its future development.</p> <p>Optus also expressed an interest in hosting a future meeting.</p> <p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Macquarie Shopping Centre.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Next Meeting of 5 May 2016 will be held at AMP Centre.</p>	<p>D</p> <p>John Brown By 28 April 2016</p>