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| Venue: | Woolwich Room | |
| Date: | 4 th May 2017 | |
| Time: | Started at: 4:00pm | Closed at: 6.00pm |
| Chair: | Councillor Laxale | |
| Meeting Support (MS): | Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors | |
| Staff Convenor: | John Brown, Senior Coordinator - City Activation | |
| Circulation: | | |

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 |
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| X | | Clr Jerome Laxale | Council representative | City of Ryde (Chair) |
| X | | Clr Terry Perram | Council representative | City of Ryde |
| | | Clr Roy Maggio | 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 |
| X | | Penny Dillon | Community representative | Optus |
| | X | Mark Broomfield | Community representative | Macquarie University |
| X | | Kim Saxon | Community representative | Macquarie University |
| X | | Ritchie Howitt | Community representative | Macquarie University |
| | X | Nathan Moulds | Community representative | Salvation Army – Ivanhoe Place |
| X | | Ben Matthews | Community representative | AMP Macquarie Centre |
| X | | Denys Bizinger | Community representative | Jones Laing LaSalle |
| | | Gordon Hunt | Community representative | Transport for NSW |
| | | Stefan Sjoka | Community representative | Cyrus Media |
| x | | Craig Chung | Community representative | City of Sydney |
| | X | Malcolm McDonald | Community representative | Department of Planning (DoP) |
| | X | Kate McDonald | Community representative | Ryde Business Forum |
| | X | Zara Whitwell | Community representative | Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde |
| | | Sue-Lyn Ung | Community representative | Goodman |
| | X | Ian Sutcliffe | Community representative | Stockland |
| X | | Trenton Brown | Community representative | Resident of Marsfield |
| | X | Dyalan Govender | Acting Manager – Strategic City | City of Ryde |
| X | | John Brown | Senior Coordinator – City Activation | City of Ryde |
| X | | Jan Bouhali | Economic Development Coordinator | City of Ryde |

Additional Attendees

| Name | Position Title | Organisation |
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| Margaret Prendergast | Coordinator General | Transport for NSW |
| Michael Lichtenberg | Director, Leasing and Development | Colliers International |
| Lexie MacDonald | Acting Manager – City Planning | City of Ryde |
| Linda Smith | EA to the Mayor and Councillors | City of Ryde |

| Details | Action | Responsibility and Date |
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| <p>1. Site Visit – Sonic Healthcare</p> <p>Ms Vanessa Hindmarsh welcomed those present to Sonic Healthcare. A tour of the facility was provided by Mr Andrew Cullen, Laboratory Manager for Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology.</p> <p>Mr Cullen provided details of the number and type of tests carried out in the Sonic Healthcare laboratory at North Ryde, the state of the art equipment used at the facility, the hours worked and the equipment installed to ensure that work can carry on regardless of power cuts, water issues etc.</p> <p>Mr Cullen also provided advice as to costs, new services which can be offered and gave a history of pathology testing from 2004 to 2017.</p> <p>Forum members then viewed two laboratory areas which carry out testing of blood samples and biopsies.</p> <p>Both the presentation and site visit were very well received.</p> | | |
| <p>2. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>Attendance and apologies were recorded as above and Cllr Laxale chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Laxale advised that on 20 April 2017, Mr Artin Etmekdjian was disqualified from holding public office as a Councillor of the City of Ryde. As a result Mr Etmekdjian was not eligible to participate as a Councillor member in the Macquarie Park Forum.</p> <p>It was noted that Mr Jeff Peers has resigned from AMPCapital to take up a position with University of NSW; Mr Ben Matthews will now represent AMPCapital on the Committee.</p> <p>Mr Michael Lochtenberg from Colliers International was also welcomed as a guest of the Forum.</p> <p>Confirmation of Minutes</p> <p>The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting of 16th February 2017.</p> <p>It was noted that Mr Trenton Brown attended the February meeting and should have been noted as present in the minutes. The minutes were amended.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>The minutes of 16th February 2017 were endorsed with the amendment to the attendees.</p> | |
| <p>2. Macquarie Park Access Plan Update</p> <p>Ms Margaret Prendergast from Transport for NSW provided an update on the Macquarie Park Access Plan.</p> <p>Key information included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Taskforce which was established in April 2017 is continuing to examine traffic issues associated with travelling in and out of the park. | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation is underway regarding proposed measures to assist with the above issue with submissions closing on 12th May 2017. • Transport for NSW is working with the Dept of Planning to dovetail arrangements associated with DA approvals that have been approved - \$3 billion worth of new DA's have been identified. • Planning for the period to 2040 is being undertaken. Expected growth and infrastructure, interchange needs etc are being considered. • Transport for NSW is working with Council and Connect on matters of strategy including changes to traffic signals, entrance and exits for traffic etc. • It was noted freight and servicing need to be considered as part of future planning. • Metro closure (three train stations) is on track to be closed mid-late 2018. • Bus services into and out of the park are being examined. • Capacity improvements into the future, not just during rail closure are being examined. • Key intersections will be updated as part of the overall Plan; need to optimise traffic movements. • Some signal updates can't happen due to required land acquisitions. • Rapid bus services, priority routes, new routes, servicing of new areas (west) with bus services all being considered. • Walking and use of cycling will be promoted. • Some street parking and street trees will be removed. • Stage 1 of works will commence at the end of 2017 and take twelve months to complete. • Stage 2 will commence in late 2019 after the Metro reopens. • On demand transport options are being considered. Uber style shuttle buses to transport people to Macquarie Park or the last mile to transport are being investigated. • Working with Connect to communicate key messages will continue. • It was noted that north south traffic on Lane Cove Road which does not enter the Park causes significant delays and also the traffic on Epping Road is an issue. | | |
| <p>4. Macquarie Park Strategic Review Update</p> <p>Lexie MacDonald, Acting Manager of City Planning provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dept. of Planning and Environment has carrying out technical studies and is now undertaking a Master Plan for Macquarie Park. • The Dept. is looking at a vision for the Park - 15 international companies have been invited to tender to carry out the Masterplan. • Tenders close in June. Contract expected to be awarded in July with completion of the work in December 2017. • Macquarie Park is the 8th biggest economic driver in Australia. • The commercial and employment status of the area is recognised by the State Government.. | | |

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| <p>5. Macquarie Park Special Levy Infrastructure Projects</p> <p>Mr John Brown Senior Coordinator City Activation gave the following update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public domain works in Byfield Street have been completed. • A gateway treatment is being designed which will featured multi-function poles along Lane Cove Road (between Waterloo and Talavera Roads). Construction is scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2018. • The short term parking trial (40 of 500 parking spaces on the street were converted from 12P to 2P parking) will continue till September – greater parking turnover has been noted by local businesses, including Optus. • In July 2017, the all-day parking fee will be removed with parking charged at \$3 p/hr (which is the current fee). • A Go Get vehicle is also being trialled in Lyonpark Road. • The additional funds raised will go towards traffic and transport projects. • Mr Brown highlighted that a recent study by Deloitte Economics listed North Ryde/Macquarie Park as equal No. 1 with Sydney/Haymarket as innovation districts. | | John Brown |
| <p>6. Macquarie Park Marketing Plan</p> <p>Ms Jan Bouhali advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 100 new businesses in Macquarie Park have registered for an ABN this financial year- these businesses include scientific, construction, medical and technology industries. Eight new transport businesses have moved into the area. Amazon has also moved into the business park. • Following a Manufacturing Innovation event held in conjunction with CSIRO, a core group have been meeting to provide assistance to new businesses. • A Chinese trade delegation of approx. 35 – 50 people will be visiting Macquarie Park in June 2017 exploring investment opportunities. • The Marketing Plan for Macquarie Park will be refreshed in 2017-18 focusing on the key groups: visitors, residences and businesses. | | Jan Bouhali |
| <p>7. Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde Update</p> <p>The report was provided by the Chair of Connect, Mr Andrew Parker. The update highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walters Kluwer is the newest member of Connect. • Over 60,000 commuters are now covered by Connect. • CoHop, Connect's Ride Share app continues to grow in popularity – currently 1461 people are now members of CoHop. • It was noted that use of CoHop is available to anyone whether or not their employer is a member of Connect. • Connect continues to work with Transport for NSW in communicating to the business community regarding the rail shutdown. • New staff (supporting communications) is to be engaged. | | |

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| <p>8. General Business</p> <p>Mr Morrell Boyce asked if the school to be built at Smalls Road will be suitable for residents of Macquarie Park given its distance from that area.</p> <p>It was advised that in 2015, Council sought advice from the government regarding additional infrastructure, including a school, proposed for Macquarie Park.</p> <p>It was noted that Google has looked at Macquarie Park in its search for a new business location but its preference is a City location.</p> <p>The Forum stated that it wished to express its thanks and offer its well wishes to former CIr and Chair of this forum – Artin Etmekdjian.</p> <p>Staff advised that the Night Time Economy study has been completed and that a report was endorsed by Council in April.</p> <p>The study highlighted that the community identified creative lighting as a positive way to encourage activation making places safer and more attractive. In 2017-18 \$400,000 has been earmarked to deliver a creative lighting project (Stage 1 NTE).</p> <p>The annual fundraiser by the Fusion Foundation was highlighted by Mr Craig Chung. This event is supported by the Ryde Business Forum and will be held at Curzon Hall. The beneficiaries of the night will be Alzheimer’s Australia, Royal Rehabilitation Ryde and Achieve Australia.</p> | <p>Letter of thanks to be forwarded to former CIr Etmekdjian.</p> <p>A copy of the Night Time Economy study report is to be sent to Members of the Forum via a link to the Council website.</p> <p>Craig Chung to send John Brown the details regarding the Fusion Foundation event for distribution to Forum members.</p> | |
| <p>9. Next Meeting – 3rd August 2017</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd August 2017 – hosted at Council – Richardson Place North Ryde.</p> | | <p>John Brown</p> |