## **MEETING RECORD**



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Venue:	Macquarie Business School			
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2019			
Time:	Started at: 4:00pm	Closed at: 5.30pm		
Chair:	Clr Bernard Purcell			
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors			
Staff Convenor:	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
Х		Clr Bernard Purcell	Council representative	City of Ryde (Chair)
		Clr Chris Moujalli	Council representative	City of Ryde
	Х	Clr Edwina Clifton	Council representative	City of Ryde
	Х	Martin Keetels	Community representative	Konica Minolta
х		Tony Abboud	Community representative	Riverside Business Chamber
х		Vanessa Hindmarsh	Community representative	Sonic Healthcare
х		Oliver Taylor	Community representative	Stockland
х		Paul Hogan	Community representative	Macquarie University
х		Penny Dillon	Community representative	Optus
	Х	Mark Broomfield	Community representative	Macquarie University
	Х	Michael Lochtenberg	Community representative	Colliers
Х		Ben Matthews	Community representative	AMP Macquarie Centre
	Х	Denys Bizinger	Community representative	Jones Lang LaSalle
	Х	Michael Butterworth	Community representative	Community
	Х	Tim Hunt	Community representative	Novartis
		Stefan Sjoka	Community representative	Cyrus Media
	Х	Craig Chung	Community representative	City of Sydney
	Х	Malcolm McDonald	Community representative	Department of Planning (DoP)
		Cameron Jackson	Community representative	Frasers
х		Mark Ames	Community representative	Connect
	Х	Matt Hamilton	Community representative	Goodman

## **Additional Attendees**

Name	Position Title	Organisation	
John Brown	Senior Coordinator – City Activation	City of Ryde	
Jan Bouhali	Economic Development Coordinator	City of Ryde	
Maryann Litkouhi	Development Manager	Stockland	
Cate Sinclair	Executive Officer	Northern Centre	
Colin Bailey	Community representative	City of Ryde	
Anthony O'Neill	Project Manager	Frasers Property	
Francisco Princi	Project Manager	Jones Lang LaSalle	
Zara Crichton Executive Director		Venture Cafe	



Details		Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	Welcome, Attendance and Apologies		
	uncillor Purcell welcomed all present and provided an knowledgement of country		
The	e attendance and apologies were recorded as above.	Noted.	
2.	Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising		
The	e minutes from the meeting of 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 were confirmed.	The minutes were confirmed.	
<b>3.</b> Zar	Venture Café Update ra Crichton provided the following update:	The information was noted.	
	<ul> <li>Events at Venture Café are attracting good numbers (50-80). Sessions at Venture Café on any day include: workshops, discussions, panels sessions and times to engage.</li> <li>There have been over two thousand visitors since Venture Café Sydney was launched in February 2019.</li> <li>Attendees are drawn from education, finance, software industry with approx. 43% women and 13% of attendees living in the Macquarie Park area/ a third of attendees are aged 27 – 35 which is positive.</li> <li>Collaborations, engagements and communications are being facilitated.</li> </ul>		
	Macquarie Exchange presentation  othony O'Neill from Frasers Property provided a presentation on the cquarie Exchange project.	The information was noted.	
	<ul> <li>The Exchange is located on the Corner of Lane Cove Road and Waterloo Road (next to the Macquarie Park Train Station).</li> <li>The Exchange is considered less a business park and more a community concept /Australia's first community business district. It will feature three football sized fields of community and green space.</li> <li>The masterplan envisages a large plaza area near the metro station with laneways selling food and beverages featured and also green space, a gym, childcare facilities, and a 17 storey commercial tower with roof top terraces.</li> <li>The project will have a helipad and underground parking for 800 vehicles and bike storage.</li> </ul>		
5. Joh	<ul> <li>Macquarie Park Special Levy Projects Update</li> <li>an Brown provided the following update regarding MPSL projects:</li> <li>The Macquarie Park special levy 2019/20 projects include: Footpath upgrade in Giffnock Ave (adjacent to Sonic Healthcare).</li> <li>Funding will also support Venture Café, Connect, and the implementation of the Macquarie Park Marketing Plan.</li> <li>Place making will be supported with a community party in the upgraded Wilga Park (22 November 2019).</li> <li>To continue to improve the quality of the public domain, an embellishment planting program will also be delivered in cooperation with the major landowners.</li> </ul>	The information was noted.	City of Ryde and Connect to develop a plan and present at November meeting.



Through the hypothecation of parking revenue, \$200,000 will be allocated to traffic and transport initiatives to support pedestrian and cyclist movements with in the precinct. City of Ryde will work with Connect and its members to develop a work program.		
<ul> <li>6. Macquarie Park Marketing Plan AFR Innovation Summit Jan Bouhali provided the following update: <ul> <li>On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Ms Bouhali attended the Financial Review Summit which focused on innovation.</li> <li>Tech markets are considered the "new oil" - the top five companies in the world are tech companies.</li> <li>It was noted that Macquarie Park has eight data centres but these centres do not employ many workers - growth is to be found in small businesses and high tech start-ups.</li> <li>The MQU Incubator and Venture Café are good facilitators for Macquarie Park to attract start-ups.</li> <li>Engineering staff talent required for start-ups is in limited supply across the country. The Macquarie Park Marketing Plan will be important to attract this human resource.</li> <li>Innovation will provide a way of expanding business opportunities for existing companies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	The information was noted.	
<ul> <li>7. Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde update</li> <li>Mark Ames provided the following update: <ul> <li>During the closure of the rail line, transport options ran smoothly and all who assisted during this time were thanked.</li> <li>There is a sign of confidence in the Park at present; however, growth will continue to be managed carefully.</li> <li>The CoHop app is receiving greater interest and usage.</li> <li>A guide will soon be available outlining the various transport options in Macquarie Park.</li> <li>Connect has expanded its business offering and is now able to support small businesses.</li> <li>Events are planned for October – theme is 'Movement and Activity'. It will feature vintage bus rides, exercise classes, walkathon, ride to work day etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	The update and information was noted.	
<ul> <li>8. General Business</li> <li>New Heart of Ryde – Have Your Say</li> <li>Submissions and on line comments will be accepted until 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</li> <li>Local Strategic Planning Study</li> <li>Members of the Forum are invited to a special workshop to discuss the Local Strategic Planning Statement on 21 August 2019.</li> <li>White Ribbon Event <ul> <li>A walk for White Ribbon will be held in Macquarie Park on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The event will end at Elouera Park and is being held in conjunction with NSW Police.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Eden Unearthed</li> <li>Members are encouraged to attend Eden Unearthed event currently on show at Eden Gardens.</li> </ul>	The information was noted.	
9. Next Meeting Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Ryde Council, North Ryde.		