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Venue:	Optus		
Date:	9 May 2019		
Time:	Started at: 4:00pm	Closed at: 5:45pm	
Chair:	John Brown (Acting Chair)		
Meeting Support (MS):	Jan Bouhali		
Staff Convenor:	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
	X	Clr Bernard Purcell	Council representative	City of Ryde (Chair)
		Clr Chris Moujalli	Council representative	City of Ryde
		Clr Edwina Clifton	Council representative	City of Ryde
		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
		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
_		Malcolm McDonald	Community representative	Department of Planning (DoP)
	Х	Cameron Jackson	Community representative	Frasers
х		Mark Ames	Community representative	Connect
	Х	Will Dwyer	Community representative	Goodman
	Х	Matt Hamilton	Community representative	Goodman

## **Additional Attendees**

Name	Position Title	Organisation	
Margaret Prendergast	Coordinator General	TfNSW	
John Brown	Senior Coordinator – City Activation	City of Ryde	
Dyalan Govender	Manager – Urban Strategy	City of Ryde	
Jan Bouhali	Economic Development Coordinator	City of Ryde	
Michael Longworth Senior Coordinator - Parks		City of Ryde	
Simon James	Manager - Parks	City of Ryde	
ikki Tallentire Acting Campus and Transport Manager		Optus	
Jonathan Ap Member Services Coordinator		Connect	



Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
Welcome, Attendance and Apologies		
John Brown (Convenor of the Forum) acted as Chair with Clr Purcell unable to attend the meeting.		
The attendance and apologies were recorded as above.	Noted.	
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising The minutes from the meeting of 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 were confirmed.	The minutes were confirmed.	
3. Central Park Update		
Michael Longworth (and Simon James) provided an update on the new proposed open space in Macquarie Park at 43-61 Waterloo Road. A concept design has been developed by Council for community consultation; including three options to name the park.  'Have Your Say' opportunities have been created:  - 16 May – Drop In sessions at Novartis (8:30 – 10am) and Venture Café (4-6pm)  The park will include: fitness loop, public art, performances spaces, amenities building and a multi –use central lawn grassed area. It was noted that a pedestrian crossing nearby would be beneficial.  The consultation 'Have Your Say' will close on 2 June. <a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/Have-your-Say/New-Park-Coming-Soon-on-Waterloo-Road">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/Have-your-Say/New-Park-Coming-Soon-on-Waterloo-Road</a>	Provide link to the 'Have Your Say' to Forum members	John Brown
Marg Prendergast from Transport for NSW provided an update on the Macquarie Park Transport Access Plan.  The train line will reopen Sunday 26 May. Station Link services will cease operation a few hours after Metro commences.  The train services will operate 4 mins in the peak/ 10 min off peak.  Peak services for the first 6 weeks will be around 5 minute frequencies.  Trains are state-of-the-art with safety features and smart technologie and are fully accessible with no gap between the platform and train.  Customer service staff in Teal shirts will be on hand to assist customers.  Fares will be the same cost as other similar trips on the network.  Trip Planners have been synchronised for the Metro trains.  Bus network changes will facilitate access to the Metro stations.  Night buses will operate from Sunday to Wednesday for the first six months to enable additional works to be completed – operating from Tallawong from 930pm and Chatswood from 10.05pm.  Stage 2 works are being finalised- including the signalised crossing at Khartoum and Waterloo Roads.  Denys Bizinger asked if peak services could be extended across the	considered 'peak'	Marg Prendergast
Denys Bizinger asked if peak services could be extended across the busy lunch period – it was noted that Metro services around lunchtime would be 6 per hour, similar to peak services on the Epping to Chatswood line prior to Metro conversion. Demand will be closely monitored.		



5. Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde update		
Mark Ames provided the following update:		
<ul> <li>Connect has delivered the Jambusters awareness program to inform and encourage people to use/consider sustainable transport options.</li> <li>Future growth forecasts indicate that worker numbers will increase to over 72,000 by 2020 and 110,000 by 2035; which highlights the need for workers to continue to move to more sustainable transport options.</li> <li>During the train closure remote working (and working from home) increased significantly which reduced work trips and traffic congestion. It is hoped these positive initiatives will continue post the reopening of the train stations.</li> </ul>	The update and information was noted.	
6. Optus Presentation – 'On Track'		
Nikki Tallentire provided a case study on Optus's 'On Track' transport initiative.	The update and information was noted.	
- The objective of the program was to manage the disruption of		
the rail closure (Sept 2018- May 2019).		
<ul> <li>The program encouraged travels to 'move the peak' and work more flexibly.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Optus established a dedicated transport kiosk to assist</li> </ul>		
workers and provide timely information regarding travel		
options During this period drive alone trips reduced by 4% and bus		
travel increased by 10%.		
<ul> <li>Flexible work agreements were negotiated between staff and Management.</li> </ul>		
- Optus continues to work closely with Transport for NSW and		
Connect on travel solutions.		
7. Macquarie Park Marketing Plan – Hoyne Consulting		
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Jan Bouhali provided an update on the draft Macquarie Park Marketing Plan.	The information was noted.	
<ul> <li>The draft Plan has been finalised and will be reported to Council on 11 June. If endorsed it will go on public exhibition for 28 days.</li> </ul>		
- The key objectives of the Plan are to attract inward investment, position and promote the Precinct, and enhance the experience of workers and visitors.		
<ul> <li>Target audiences include: Employers/ Employees/Investment Stakeholders &amp;Tech Start-ups.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>The Plan was positively received by the Forum and it was acknowledged that it will provide the blue print for marketing Macquarie Park going forward.</li> </ul>		
It was noted (Paul Hogan) that the names of some of the		
Government entities have changes since the Plan was created; it was agreed this could be updated as required.		
- Following a discussion regarding development in the precinct	Invite Frasers Property to	Denys Bizinger
<ul> <li>Following a discussion regarding development in the precinct, Denys Bizinger suggested that a presentation by Frasers Property regarding the Macquarie Exchange development would be timely.</li> </ul>	provide a presentation of the Macquarie Exchange development at the next meeting	to follow up
	meeting	



8. Joh	Macquarie Park Special Levy Projects Update on Brown provided the following update regarding MPSL projects:	The information was noted.	
	<ul> <li>Wifi and CCTV have been installed at Elouera Reserve – next stage is to install in Wilga Park by 30 June.</li> <li>Development of the Macquarie Park Marketing Plan is on track to be completed by 30 June 2019.</li> <li>Transport and pedestrian initiatives – Council and Connect are working together to investigate a direct bus service (slingshot) from the Northern Beaches (Dee Why) to Macquarie Park.</li> <li>The public domain upgrade along Khartoum Road will be completed by 30 May.</li> <li>Embellishment planting program has been completed with works occurring in Giffnock Ave, Lyonpark Road and Waterloo Road – the program will continue in 2019-20 and provides an opportunity for land owners to work with Council to improve the public domain.</li> <li>Council supported the official launch of Venture Café on 21 February. Council is working closely with Venture Café to host activation activities in the precinct. Upcoming events at Venture Café include:         <ul> <li>23 May -Welcome Choir 5-8m</li> <li>13 June - Riverside Business Chamber After Hours.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	John Brown (Council) and Mark Ames (Connect) to further discuss and confirm way forward.	
9. Nil	General Business		
	<b>Next Meeting –</b> The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 at MGSM (MQU).	The information was noted.	