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<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	
<b>Time:</b>	Started at: 4pm Closed at: 5.40pm	
<b>Chair:</b>	Clr Bernard Purcell	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>		
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	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)
	x	Clr Edwina Clifton	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Clr Trenton Brown	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Clr Jordan Lane	Council representative	City of Ryde
x		Tony Abboud	Community representative	Riverside Business Chamber
x		Vanessa Hindmarsh	Community representative	Sonic Healthcare
x		Oliver Taylor	Community representative	Stockland
x		Paul Hogan	Community representative	Macquarie University
x		Catherine Alekna	Community representative	Optus
	x	Lara Kirchner	Community representative	TSW
x		Cameron Kline	Community representative	Macquarie University
x		Mark Broomfield	Community representative	Macquarie University
x		Michael Lichtenberg	Community representative	Colliers
		Ben Matthews	Community representative	AMP Macquarie Centre
x		Francesco Princi	Community representative	Jones Lang LaSalle
		Michael Butterworth	Community representative	Community
	x	Tim Hunt	Community representative	Novartis
		Stefan Sjoka	Community representative	Cyrus Media
		Craig Chung	Community representative	City of Sydney
x		Anthony O'Neill	Community representative	Frasers
x		Mark Ames	Community representative	Connect
	x	Matt Hamilton	Community representative	Goodman
		Zara Crichton	Community representative	Venture Café Global
	x	Cate Sinclair	Community representative	Northern Centre

#### Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
John Brown	Senior Coordinator – City Activation	City of Ryde
Jan Bouhali	Economic Development Coordinator	City of Ryde
Marita Perry	Data Analyst	City of Ryde
Hannah Goodchild	Centres Coordinator	City of Ryde
Dyalan Govender	Manager – Urban Strategy	City of Ryde
Maryann Litkouhi	Development Manager	Stockland
Ethan Lock	Asset Manager	Altis Property
Helena Dorczak	General Manager	Sydney FC
Danny Townsend	CEO	Sydney FC
Rob Wilkinson	Treasurer	Riverside Business Chamber
Jonathan Ap	Data Analyst	Connect

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
<p><b>1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies</b></p> <p>Councillor Purcell welcomed all present and provided an acknowledgement of country.</p> <p>The attendance and apologies were recorded as above.</p>	Noted.	
<p><b>2. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting were considered 'as read' and were endorsed.</p>	The minutes were confirmed.	
<p><b>3. Development Update</b></p> <p>Dyalan Govender provided the following update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Govender provided a Macquarie Park development update using the mapping information available from Connect on its website 'Planning Hub'.</li> <li>- Sites that were discussed included: Macquarie Centre (AMP Capital) Macquarie University M Park (Stockland) Developments around Wilga Park... along Cottonwood and Peach Tree Avenues 45-61 Waterloo Road (John Holland) Macquarie Exchange (Frasers) Midtown Mac Park (Frasers)</li> <li>- Mr Govender highlighted that development approvals have exceeded \$1.8b since 2019, with more in the pipeline.</li> <li>- Mr Govender confirmed that the 'Strategic Investigation' by the Dept of Planning is ongoing; Council anticipates concept plans will be available in the coming months. Macquarie Park is being viewed by the Department as a 'place of many places'.</li> <li>- Mr Govender responding to a question from Michael Lochtenberg explaining the engineering challenges which has resulted in the height differential between the John Holland site and the adjacent Dexus Property.</li> </ul>	The information was noted.	
<p><b>4. Macquarie Exchange Presentation</b></p> <p>Anthony O'Neill from Frasers Property gave the following update on this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project began in 2017. Macquarie Exchange (MQX) aims to establish a new kind of CBD for Macquarie Park, a Community Business District.</li> <li>- It will comprise four commercial towers totalling 83,000m2 of GFA at the Macquarie Park Metro Station, delivering CBD quality accommodation and amenity including retail eat street laneways linking the station plaza and central park.</li> <li>- The first stage is underway with earthworks happening.</li> <li>- The buildings will be supplied with 100% renewable energy; 6 Star Green Star and 5.5 Star NABERS.</li> <li>- When it is complete, it will house approx. 7,000 employees.</li> </ul>	The information was noted.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Metro will bring people to the site every four minutes... and 30 bus routes also service the site.</li> <li>- A boulevard will be installed to provide a buffer from Waterloo Road.</li> <li>- The masterplan is diverse with a sense of place being created by the active plaza, park space and retail.</li> </ul>		
<p>Sydney FC Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Danny Townsend from Sydney FC gave a presentation and made the following remarks.</li> <li>- Sky Park is a world-class high performance football centre to be built at Macquarie University Sports Fields. It is a collaboration between Macquarie University, the NSW Government and Sydney FC.</li> <li>- The \$15M+ project will include two new synthetic pitches.</li> <li>- Sky Park will be a place for all – Sydney FC professional and youth football teams, administration staff, members, fans and the community.</li> <li>- The facility will allow for increased community football and education programs, more professional internships and professional development opportunities; fit for purpose facilities for females leading into the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.</li> <li>- The project will go to tender next month (March 2021) with construction to commence June 2021 and completed by April 2022.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>	
<p>Connect Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark Ames – General Manager at Connect, gave the following update.</li> <li>- Connect's Board of Directors and Macquarie Park Innovation District's interim governance committee are in advanced staged discussions to expand Connect's mission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to boost ties between our area's business, academic and innovation community;</li> <li>- to create a more unified voice for Macquarie Park's needs;</li> <li>- to help raise Macquarie Park's profile and PR, to assist with talent and investment attraction; and;</li> <li>- to create more opportunities to bring the Macquarie Park community together.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Connect and MPID will be business-led, so the more members are involved the more opportunity for benefit and influence can be delivered. To learn more, please contact Mark Ames at: mark@connectmapark.com 0434 436 668</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>5. Marketing Update</b></p> <p><b>Jan Bouhali provided the following update.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Macquarie Park Marketing Plan is guiding activity through the period 2019-2023.</li> <li>- Council is currently developing a suite of videos to further promote the Precinct.</li> <li>- MPID, Connect, Venture Café and Council are planning to deliver an Innovation Summit by June 30, 2021.</li> <li>- The Summit would be a great opportunity to put the spotlight on Macquarie Park and share its story.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

<p><b>6. Venture Café Update</b></p> <p><b>Paul Hogan provided the following update on behalf of Melissa Ryan who was attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary event at Venture Café.</b></p> <p>Venture Cafe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Returning in 2021 with a hybrid in-person/online format.</li> <li>- This f2f trial will determine the viability of the format given the restrictions imposed on large gatherings. If the trial goes well the plan will be to continue 'in person events' monthly.</li> <li>- Online events will continue to build bridges to other VCs around the globe.</li> </ul> <p>MQ Incubator – 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nine new startups have joined the incubator community, bringing the total start-ups currently being incubated to 33 companies.</li> <li>- Launch new expressions of interest process for 'Experts in Residence'.</li> <li>- Second round of the Innovation Districts Challenge on economic recovery and resilience will occur.</li> <li>- Incubator company YourLink won our districts 1st Challenge receiving a \$10K prize.</li> <li>- Educate sessions continue from experts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Angela Bee Chan from Schneider Electric on Pre-prototyping on 23 February.</li> <li>- Mike Nicolls from Main Sequence Venture on sales and marketing fundamentals for start-ups on 9 March.</li> <li>- the Business Model Canvas series of three workshops and 1on1 coaching / mentoring has just completed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- MQI welcomes the engagement of corporates, industry and government with its program delivery, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subject matter experts providing education sessions</li> <li>- Mentors / Advisors positions</li> <li>- Start-up Board Members</li> <li>- Investors</li> <li>- Judging Panels</li> <li>- Speaking at our Leaders Innovators and Disruptors events</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Want to know more, please contact Melissa Ryan at <a href="mailto:melissa.ryan@mq.edu.au">melissa.ryan@mq.edu.au</a></p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p><b>7. Macquarie Park Special Levy Projects (MPSL) Update</b></p> <p><b>Mr John Brown provided the following update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stage 1 of the Giffnock Ave public domain upgrade has been completed.</li> <li>- Funding to complete Stage 2 of the upgrade has been approved. Construction will start soon and be completed by November 2021.</li> <li>- Upgrade to the footpath along Epping Road (between Bundara Reserve and Rivett Road) will commence in March and be completed this financial year.</li> <li>- The planting embellishment program will focus on improving the landscaping in the median between MQU and the Macquarie Shopping Centre.</li> <li>- Other sites to be embellished will include... near Hattrick Café, corner of Lane Cove and Waterloo Roads and along Waterloo Road towards Khartoum Road.</li> <li>- The Macquarie Park Special Levy will continue to support Connect, Venture Café and the delivery of the Macquarie Park Marketing Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

<p><b>8. General Business</b></p> <p>The following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark Broomfield advised that the Uni is again open to students with lots of people returning to campus.</li> <li>- Mr Broomfield advised the new central courtyard with new food outlets is open and all are welcome to visit.</li> <li>- Mr Broomfield offered to present an update on development at MQU.</li> <li>- President of the Riverside Business Chamber informed the Forum that RBF will rebrand and relaunch as 'Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber' at an event to be held at the Courtyard Marriot on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.</li> <li>- Mark Ames encouraged Council ( when safe) to return to hosting meetings across the Park.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	<p>Mark to provide pictorial update on developments over the last 12 months to next meeting</p> <p>Optus offered to host the Forum (once restrictions are removed)</p>
<p><b>9. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 6 May 2021</p>		