

Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting Record 3 March 2020



Location:	Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 1 Committee Room 49 Mann Street Gosford
Date:	3 March 2020
Time	Started at: 3.05pm Closed at: 4.32pm
Chair	Councillor Jane Smith
File Ref	F2018/00101

Present:

Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Jane Smith, Joy Cooper, Dianne Haydon, Chris Krogh, Edwina Nikora

External Representatives:

Caine King – Urban Development Institute of Australia Central Coast Branch, Lydia Luo – Transport for New South Wales (via phone)

Council Staff present:

Karen Tucker – Unit Manager Strategic (on behalf of Scott Cox – Director Environment and Planning),
Donna Payne – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies received: Councillor Rebecca Gale, Councillor Louise Greenaway, Scott Cox – Director Environment and Planning, Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery, Michael Papadopoulos – Roads and Maritime Services, Michael Conroy, Rod Dever

The Chairperson, Councillor Jane Smith, completed an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land statement.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

The Chair called for any disclosures of Interest.

No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 21 November 2019.

The Advisory Group discussed the Action Log. The following points were noted:

- Action 23: Tender to be re-advertised – to be addressed at the next meeting
- Action 24: Information provided post meeting to circulate with minutes
- Action 26: Information provided post meeting to circulate with minutes
- Action 27: Complete
- Action 28: Complete
- Action 29: Complete
- Action 30: Completed – update was provided to Councillor Planning Workshops
- Action 32: Advised by Innovations and Futures staff formal documentation on structural integrity of Kibbleplex building is available.

Item 4 Progress Report on Gosford City Centre Transport Plan (Action 28)

Lydia Luo – Acting Manager Operational Delivery, Transport for New South Wales delivered a presentation via teleconference on the findings of the Woy Woy On Demand trial. A copy of the presentation will be distributed with the meeting record.

The Woy Woy On Demand pilot program, or “Coast Connect” commenced on 31 May 2018 and is being run for a 24 month period, an evaluation of the program will take place in April 2020.

The service has been conducted in the Woy Woy Peninsula and Bay area’s only. The trial was run to determine the best operating model for an on-demand service and to monitor community buy in.

The committee were pleased with the success of the pilot program, stating that 84% customer satisfaction is a good result.

The following points were noted upon conclusion of the presentation:

- A phased approach to implementation of the On-Demand transport service would be ideal when the Busway contract is under review
- The start-up costs would be lost if the pilot program was stalled, continuity of the on-demand service is important (while the Busway contract is under review)
- It was noted that the school buses are a constraint on the flexibility of the current network service

Action: The Advisory Group Support Officer to acknowledge their appreciation of the presentation on behalf of the committee and forward the dot-points on to the presenter.

Action: Council Transport staff to provide feedback to be distributed with the minutes on the pilot program and the benefit to continuing the program.

Action: The committee to request of Transport for NSW for further information that provides a comparison between regular bus use and the on-demand service.

Recommendation: Council make representation to the local State Member, Liesl Tesch, and Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Adam Crouch, requesting the continuation of the On Demand service and expedite the bus network review if possible.

Item 5 Current and Proposed Developments in Gosford CBD (standing item)

Karen Tucker provided an update on the current and upcoming state significant development proposals for the Gosford CBD and surrounds as of 2 March 2020. This included:

- Previous Consultations
 - SSD 9813 Donnison Street Gosford (Gosford Alive/Kibbleplex/Lederer Group)
 - SSD 10114 Mann Street Gosford (Central Coast Quarter/St Hillier Proposal/Old School site)
- Currently on Exhibition
 - SSD 1-159 Northside Private Hospital, West Gosford (EIS on public exhibition until 25 March 2020)
- Anticipated Upcoming Applications (that we are aware of)
 - SSD 10374 Dane Drive Gosford (Central Coast Leagues Club)
 - SSD 10321 89 John Whiteway Drive, Gosford (Residential Flat Building)
 - SSD 10414 Watt Street, Gosford (The Gateway Site)

It was noted that the four week exhibition period is in line with current regulations.

The committee has not considered any detail around the Northside Private Hospital proposal, however the following concerns were raised:

- Potential contaminated land
- Traffic implications – the hospital was not incorporated into previous studies and this needs to be addressed, including the bridge over the railway line
- Consistency with development controls

Action: Council staff to provide an update to Councillors on Northside Private Hospital during the exhibition period.

Item 6 Updates from Committee Members (if applicable)

Chris Krogh spoke on the Gosford CBD / Heritage project that covers the topic of British arrival and first contact with the indigenous people of the Central Coast. This is a valuable project targeted towards young people and students.

Chris Krogh also discussed a survey being conducted on the Gosford CBD and how it assists or contributes to living a life of value to the local population. The results will be collated and distributed in 4-6 weeks time.

Action: Chris Krogh to provide a copy of the survey once completed to the Advisory Group Support Officer who will forward onto the committee members.

Edwina Nikora distributed flyers on the Vegan Festival and Umina Beach Markets.

Edwina mentioned she was pleased to see Central Coast Council teaming up with Bring it On Sports to deliver the 2020 Gridiron Australia National Championships that will take place at Central Coast Stadium 29 May – 7 June 2020.

Action: Caine King requested an update from staff on how the "Welcome to Gosford" Signage is coming along and requested a further update from Transport staff on the "Travel from Sydney to Gosford in 1 hour" program.

Joy Cooper raised questions around better usage of the Baker Street carpark and that it may be better redirected away from train station.

Action: The committee requested that staff provide a status update on the Gosford Waterfront before the next Council meeting.

Action: Link to the Gosford CBD Heritage Interpretation strategy to be sent to committee members once placed on Council's website.

Item 7 General Business and Close

Action: Councillor Holstein requested that staff provide an update on how short-term parking is tracking, the long-term proposals for parking, and what parking changes are being made in the Gosford CBD?

The meeting closed at 4.32pm.

Next Meeting: **Thursday 14 May 2020**
 4pm - 6pm
 Central Coast Council Gosford Office
 Level 1 Committee Room