

Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting Record 18 September 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 1 Committee Room 49 Mann Street Gosford	
Date:	18 September 2019	
Time	Started at: 2:35pm	Closed at: 4:23pm
Chair	Mayor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00101	

Present:

Mayor Jane Smith, Councillor Louise Greenaway (arrived 4:09pm), Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Kyle MacGregor (arrived 3:09pm), Michael Conroy (left 3:42pm), Joy Cooper, Dianne Haydon, Chris Krogh

Council Staff present:

Scott Cox – Director Environment and Planning, Ricardo Martello – Executive Manager Innovation and Futures, Lisa Fox – Senior Advisor Policy and Projects, Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery, Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Brett Sherar – Unit Manager Open Space and Recreation, Tina Nay – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies received: Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins, Councillor Richard Mehrtens, Rod Dever, Edwina Nikora, Caine King – Urban Development Institute Australia (UDIA), Michael Papadopoulos – Roads and Maritime Services, Nicola Robinson – Central Coast Regional Development Corporation (CCRDC)

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

Quorum was not achieved until 3:09pm and was lost at 3:42pm with the departure of a voting member. The meeting achieved quorum again at 4:09pm with the late arrival of a voting member.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were made.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Meeting Records from 13 February and 8 May 2019 and the Action Log were held over till the next meeting.

Item 4 Road Infrastructure in and around Gosford CBD (deferred from previous meeting)

The Committee noted an issue with parking and traffic movement around Gosford Hospital, particularly concerning the access near Gosford High School.

The Committee briefly discussed the Erina to Somersby corridor and questioned the effect the rapid bus service may be having on the area.

Action: Gosford CBD Traffic Modelling Project to be an agenda item for next meeting.

Action: Representative from Roads and Maritime Services to be invited to discuss possibility of a traffic study at the next meeting.

Item 5 Reflect on Progress in line with Terms of Reference and Action Plan (deferred from previous meeting)

Mayor Jane Smith raised the issue of this meeting not reaching quorum, noting there are six Councillors on this Committee.

The Committee agreed that the voting membership of all Advisory Groups and Committees may need reviewing in the future. It was suggested that some Councillors may be willing to be 'non-voting' members of the Committee.

Item 6 Update on Kibble Park

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) gave an update on Kibble Park.

It was noted that discussions about the William Street Mall Huts are ongoing. A decision will be made once Place Plans have been undertaken. Small businesses that use the Huts will be offered temporary space within the Imperial Centre, until another location is available.

The Committee discussed the proposal to do a Place Plan for Kibble Park. It was acknowledged there has been a Government Architect Plan already completed.

Brett Sherar (Unit Manager Open Space and Recreation) advised the Committee that Council does not have the funds to implement what the Plan had suggested and that it does not address the small-scale issues.

Action: Government Architect Plan and Place Plan for Kibble Park to be considered at the next meeting.

Item 7 Town Centre Changes

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) gave an update on Town Centre Focus and events planned for the remainder of 2019.

A special thank you was given to the Connected Communities team due to the feedback received from the local community on the success of the Tai Chi classes; with 144 people attending.

Item 8 Christmas/NYE Events in Gosford

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) gave an update on the events to be held in Gosford during Christmas and New Year.

Although there will be no Christmas Parade this year due to logistics, there are five other events being held over the Christmas and New Year period.

The oval space near Central Coast Leagues Club was discussed with regard to the New Year's Eve Fireworks being a popular location for families. It was noted that two thirds of the open space will be lost with the pending field works to commence in November.

Item 9 DA 54602/2018 Residential Flat Development containing 237 Units

Scott Cox (Director Environment and Planning) spoke to the DA document distributed to Committee members, noting there are currently two DA applications, although the revised DA is a reduction in size. The original DA submitted in 2003 did not comply with height restrictions and was originally a smaller footprint but a bigger building. Committee members raised concerns with the impact of traffic from the units on the already busy John Whiteway Drive.

It was noted that although DAs are considered via SEARs or a Local Planning Panel this Committee's Terms of Reference state that 'the role of the Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee – Central Coast is to advise Council on all matters relating to the Gosford CBD and Waterfront'. The Committee is also 'responsible for proving advice and feedback to Council on; Initiatives to promote and appropriately develop the Gosford CBD'.

Action: Traffic Assessment Report and Information on 2018 DA application compliance to be referred to the Committee

Action: Director Environment and Planning to provide further commentary on how the Committee can provide advice and feedback on the future development of Gosford CBD.

Item 10 Updates from Committee Members if Applicable

Joy Cooper asked if the land in Brisbane Water near the railway line is Council or Crown land, as it has been reported as being the most polluted water in the area. It was noted that the water doesn't have great flow, however there may not be just an issue with water but also the soil. There was some discussion about the source of information that suggests soil / substrate is contaminated.

Action: Joy Cooper to provide further information on request regarding potential soil contamination.

Item 11 General Business and Close

No general business was discussed.

The meeting closed at 4:23pm.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 13 November 2019**
 4pm - 6pm
 Central Coast Council Gosford Office
 Level 1 Committee Room