

Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting Record 3 December 2020



Location:	Zoom Meeting	
Date:	3 December 2020	
Time	Started at: 3.02pm	Closed at: 4.08pm
Chair	Glenn Cannard, Unit Manager Community Partnerships	
File Ref	F2018/00101	

Present:

Michael Conroy, Joy Cooper, Chris Krogh,

External Representatives:

Caine King – Urban Development Institute of Australia Central Coast Branch

Council Staff present:

Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery, Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Shari Driver – Unit Manager Strategic Planning (joined 3.16pm), Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies received: Edwina Nikora, Michael Papadopoulos – Roads and Maritime Services, Nicola Robinson – Central Coast Regional Development Corporation, Julie Vaughan – Director Connected Communities

The Chairperson welcomed the Advisory Group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 13 August 2020.

The Advisory Group discussed the Action Log, noting updates on outstanding items.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to check with Lydia Luo (Transport for NSW) if there is a report available from the Woy Woy On Demand trial that outlines results.

Item 4 Update on Draft Parking Strategy and Implementation Plan

Jamie Barclay (Unit Manager, Economic Development and Project Delivery) provided a verbal update on the draft Parking Strategy and Implementation Plan.

The following key points were noted:

- Submissions received during public exhibition have been collated and Council Report is being drafted for early 2021.
- COVID19 has significant implications for strategy as demand for parking has significantly reduced and data continues to evolve.
- Council's current financial position also impacts outcomes of strategy – will need to consider funding opportunities for identified actions after further consideration.
- Comments made regarding order of development activity and impact on area (e.g. demolishing upgraded roads to place sewer infrastructure). Staff continue to meet with internal and external stakeholders to consider future city planning and implications.
- Question raised about comparison of cost for parking in Gosford CBD – this was investigated as part of study and staff continue to assess options as part of leasing arrangements.

Action: Jamie Barclay to provide further update on options for CBD parking with regard to cost benefits.

Item 5 Updates from Advisory Group Members (Standing Item)

The Advisory Group were invited to provide any updates. The following points were noted:

- Noted that early concept plans for Leagues Club field site showed a significant amount of established trees, but current amount is much less than expected which is disappointing.
- Concerns raised about Performing Arts site and Gosford Council Chamber being considered for sale as part of response to Council's current financial situation, given the implications for Gosford CBD (such as economic benefit gained from people occupying those sites).
- Regarding sale of assets, staff are following procurement guidelines and note that an Advisory Committee was resolved by Council for establishment. Staff will continue to consider and provide advice on how to achieve best outcomes with regard to environmental, social, employment and economic considerations.

Item 6 General Business and Close

- a) Members expressed appreciation for Council's Planning staff regarding submissions made to DPI for State Significant Sites in Gosford CBD.
- b) University of Newcastle survey about Gosford CBD is still open for feedback. Members encouraged to share survey with their networks: <http://limesurvey.newcastle.edu.au/index.php/434325?lang=en>. A summary on results will be brought to next meeting.
- c) Regarding end of year events in Gosford there are minor Christmas decorations and activities occurring. There will be no NYE event as confirmed with police and other State agencies. Member flagged amusement group on waterfront have advertised fireworks – staff advised this is not affiliated with Council and unsure of details.

d) Good news that there has been fantastic response to Australia Day Awards planned for 2021.

The meeting closed at 4.08pm.

Next Meeting: March 2021 (TBC)