

# Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting Record 14 May 2020



Location:	Skype Meeting	
Date:	14 May 2020	
Time	Started at: 4.02pm	Closed at: 5.37pm
Chair	Councillor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00101	

**Present:**

Councillor Louise Greenaway, Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Kyle MacGregor, Councillor Richard Mehrtens, Councillor Jane Smith, Michael Conroy, Joy Cooper, Rod Dever, Dianne Haydon, Chris Krogh

**External Representatives:**

Caine King – Urban Development Institute of Australia Central Coast Branch, Nicola Robinson – Central Coast Regional Development Corporation

**Council Staff present:**

Scott Cox – Director Environment and Planning, Ricardo Martello – Executive Manager Innovation and Futures, Julie Vaughan – Director Connected Communities, Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery, Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Karen Tucker – Unit Manager Strategic Planning, DonnaPayne – Advisory Group Support Officer

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**Item 1                    Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country**

Apologies received: Councillor Rebecca Gale, Edwina Nikora, Michael Papadopoulos – Roads and Maritime Services

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

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**Item 2                    Disclosures of Interest**

Caine King declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest at Item 6 as he has been involved in some work on developments in North Gosford.

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**Item 3                    Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 03 March 2020.

The Advisory Group discussed the Action Log.

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#### **Item 4 Government Architect Plan and Place Plan for Kibble Park (Action 23)**

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Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships confirmed that an external consultant has been engaged and work will commence over the next week or two. There will be the opportunity for community consultation and for participation in online meetings/forums. The intent is to better activate the park by looking back on information that has been gathered in the past and consider previous comments (positive and negative) to gain an understanding on how people want to use the park.

**Action:** Glenn Cannard to dot-point the information provided in the update on the Government Architect Plan and Place Plan for Kibble Park and provide to Advisory Group Support Officer for circulation.

**Action:** Advisory Group Support Officer to liaise with Glenn Cannard to place 'Update of the Regional Library' on the agenda for a future meeting.

**Action:** An update on the Place Plan be included in a future meeting. Advisory Group Support Officer to check with Glenn Cannard when to include this as an agenda item.

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#### **Item 5 Feedback on Integrity of Kibbleplex Buildings (Action 32)**

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Jamie Barclay – Unit Manager Economic Development and Project Delivery advised that Council is not involved with the building, as it is owned by a private group. There is no structural report or accurate records to talk on. The site is currently being used as a public carpark.

It was asked if the site is subject to contamination and whether further information can be obtained from the Council records surrounding this subject.

**Action:** Staff to investigate if there is further information available surrounding the possible contamination of the Kibbleplex site.

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#### **Item 6 Current and Proposed Developments in Gosford CBD (standing item)**

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An update on the current and proposed developments in Gosford CBD was tabled to the Advisory Group providing the current status on the major applications in the Gosford City Centre.

It was noted that most developments are going to the Regional Planning Panel (RRP) with Council staff preparing reports to the panel.

A question was raised regarding the development stimulus offered due to COVID-19. The Minister's announcement was referred to and it was noted that this in relation to proposals that have already been exhibited and gone through the consultation phase.

Comments were raised surrounding visual amenities, placemaking and the look and feel of Gosford CBD. The topic of development around the Central Coast Leagues Club was also raised.

**Action:** Joy Cooper to email Advisory Group Support Officers identifying in particular what she would like to be discussed and included on the agenda for a future meeting. Advisory Group Support Officer to forward this information onto the Convenor and Chair.

**Action:** Scott Cox to investigate if any application has been lodged with regards to development surrounding the Central Coast Leagues Club and advise the Advisory Group.

### **Item 7                      Notice of Motion – Gosford Waterfront Marina**

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It was noted that the Resolution is slightly different to the NoM provided to the Advisory Group prior to the meeting. Once the report in the Business Paper has been finalised, it is to be forwarded to the Advisory Group members for their information and comments.

It was mentioned that there are more positives (than negatives) in activating the waterfront/foreshore area however, noted that each person may well have a different view about what “activation” means.

**Action:** The Advisory Group to review the previous Government Architect masterplans for the waterfront area and what changes there may have been to planning controls.

### **Item 8                      Report on Potential Soil Contamination (Action 26)**

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Staff reported that Appendix F of the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study discusses heavy metal distribution and sediment quality in the estuary (Content Manager record number – ECMD10032483).

The report indicates that there is a strong gradient in the concentration of heavy metals in bed sediments from north to south i.e. there are higher levels in the northern end of the estuary around Gosford and Narara Creek in particular. Despite relatively high levels of all measured metals compared to the pre-European baseline, the risk of adverse effects on biota due to metallic contamination was considered to be very minor. Notwithstanding, the study showed that heavy metals were still being introduced to the Brisbane Water and more work is required at a finer scale to evaluate toxicity and bioavailability of heavy metals, particularly in the more contaminated, northern sections of the estuary.

### **Item 9                      Updates from Committee Members (if applicable)**

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Rod Dever from the Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the ‘Bigger Backyard’ project. There has been a \$17.5m pledge with the aim of doing business locally and to keep it local.

**Action:** Rod Dever to provide the Bigger Backyard link to the Advisory Group Support Officer who will forward onto the Advisory Group members.

It was asked if there is any indication of a time-frame when activities and events may be up and running again. Staff noted that Council are working to better understand the Stage 3 Trigger where restrictions are lifted to allow gatherings of 100 people. It is estimated that staff are at least four (4) weeks away of have any informed idea of a time-frame.

Rod Dever asked if the Advisory Group will be briefed on the draft Parking Strategy.

**Action:** Update on the draft Parking Strategy to be provided at the next Advisory Group meeting.

Councillor Holstein asked if an update could be provided on the Leagues Club Field project. Nicola Robinson confirmed that it is on-track to be opened before the end of the year.

**Action:** Staff to explore facilitating a site inspection of Leagues Club Field for Advisory Group members.

## **Item 10                    General Business and Close**

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- a) Chris Krogh mentioned the University of Newcastle Medical Institute's progress with the first lot of students due through in 2021. The possibility of a 2<sup>nd</sup> campus in Gosford was also mentioned. He suggested that the Dean of Central Coast Campus, Dr Brok Glenn be invited to a future meeting to provide an update on the regional campuses.

**Action:** Dr Brok Glenn to be invited to a future meeting to provide an update on the regional campuses. Chris Krogh to provide contact details to the Advisory Group Support Officer who will liaise with staff for guidance on when to place on the agenda for a future meeting.

- b) The Warriors usage of the Central Coast Stadium was raised. It was confirmed that their visit is being controlled and governed by the NRL and the only link to Central Coast Council is being allowed to train at the stadium. It was noted that they will be accommodated at the Star of the Sea in Terrigal. The Advisory Group requested further information about precautionary measures put in place with regards to the Warriors visit.

**Action:** Further information on what measures have been put in place as a precaution while the New Zealand Warriors are in residence in the Central Coast Local Government Area to be provided.

- c) Councillor Greenaway requested that any public disclosures surrounding Gosford parking proposals that may be put in the business papers be circulated to the Advisory Group members.

The meeting closed at 5.37pm.

**Next Meeting:            Thursday 13 August 2020**  
**4pm - 6pm**  
**Location TBC**