


COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MINUTES			
	Meeting	Resilient Communities Community Reference Group	
	Date	20 August 2019	Time 6 - 8pm
	Location	Lockyer Room, Ipswich Civic Centre	
List of Council Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance)			
P	Greg Chemello – Interim Administrator (Convenor)		
P	Ben Pole, General Manager, Community, Cultural and Economic Development		
P	Abbey Richards, Community Engagement Manager (Facilitator)		
P	Nick Hughes, Acting Interim Administrator’s Executive Officer		
P	Community Engagement Team Member (Nicole Preston)		
Community Reference Group Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance)			
P	Graeme Ault	A	Larissa Melanie
NA	Bev Cooper	P	Nev Paulsen
P	Anita Dwyer	A	Rebekah Pick
P	Ben Hentschke	P	Eric Rushton
P	Jon Janetzki	P	Shay Ryan
A	Timothy Jordan	A	Reena Sharma
P	Nigel Lavender	P	Larry Stumer
P	Louise Lebbers	A	Carina Tretow-Loof
P	Rowena McGregor	P	Belinda Walker
A	Michelle Williams	P	Ruma Wagley

1. CONVENOR’S OFFICIAL WELCOME

Greg Chemello, Interim Administrator, welcomed the members to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country.

Mr Chemello provided feedback to the members regarding the results of the Memorabilia Survey which was distributed to members on 14 August 2019. Mr Chemello noted that the feedback received was similar to other comments and suggestions Council had received (for example, auctioning the items for charity), however, Council is not in a position to make a determination about what to do with these items at the moment as there are ongoing investigations. Accordingly, in the meantime, the memorabilia items will be stored by Council until such time as a decision is able to be made about next steps.

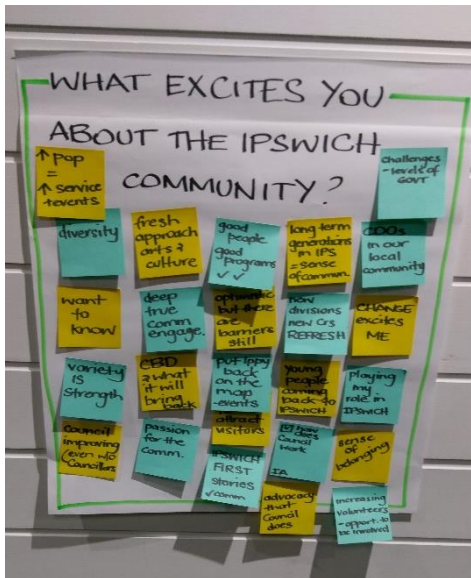
Mr Chemello invited members to ask other questions about Council. Discussions were had regarding matters such as Council’s transformation of its donations and funding programs, Council’s approach to arts and culture across the City and Council’s preparation for the March 2020 elections.

2. GROUP CHECK-IN

All Community Reference Group members introduced themselves and were asked to answer the question:
What excites you about the Ipswich community?:

Responses included (in no particular order):

- Diversity of cultures
- Sense of belonging
- Good community engagement
- Passion from the community



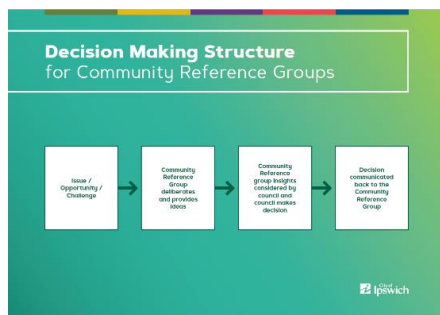
- Good services and programs
- New divisions and change
- A fresh approach to arts and culture
- Would like to know more about Council's work
- CBD and what it will bring
- Council is improving

3. SITE VISIT TO SAFE CITY, 143 BRISBANE STREET, IPSWICH

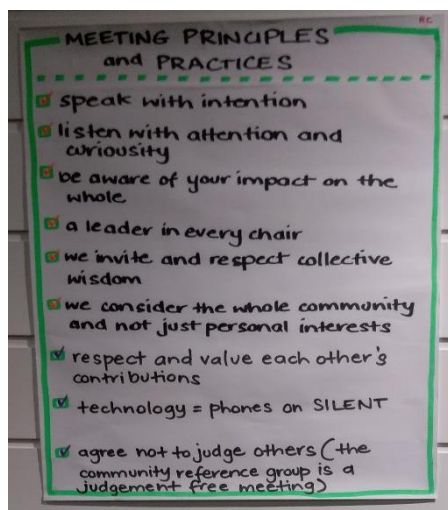
The Facilitator and Community Reference Group members undertook a site visit to Council's Safe City facility. Council's Community Safety and Innovation Manager provided a tour of the facility and talked to members about Council's approach to community safety.

4. ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

The Facilitator referred to the Community Reference Group Guidelines and Terms of Reference as the documents governing the structure and function of the Community Reference Group.

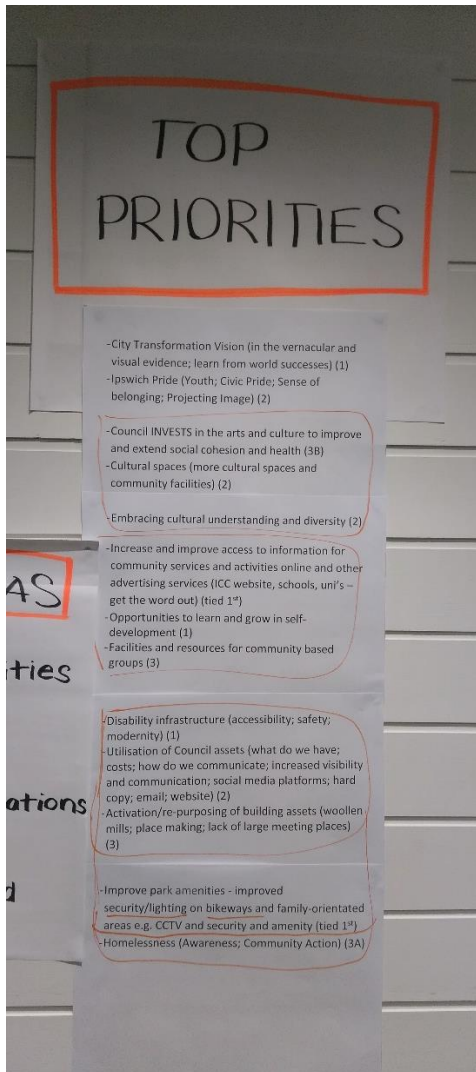


The Facilitator referred to the Decision-Making Structure flowchart which was outlined at the last meeting and the process by which input received from the Community Reference Group will be considered by Council when making decisions.



The Facilitator re-introduced the concept of 'Meeting Principles & Practices' and confirmed what was agreed at the last meeting, including the three (3) additional items which were added by members:

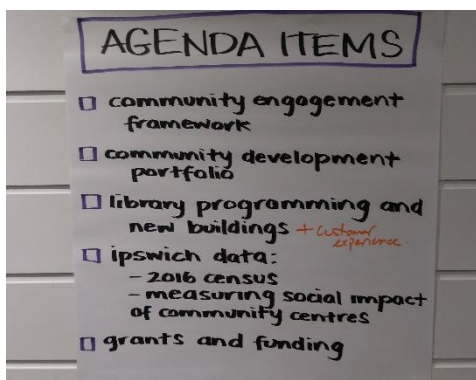
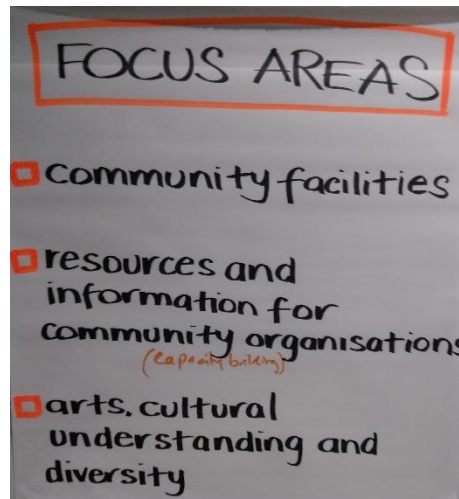
- Respect and Value each other's contributions
- Technology = Phones on SILENT
- Agree not to judge others (the CRG is a judgement free meeting)



The Facilitator and members then discussed the full list of all those priorities and identified that there were three (3) common/primary priorities:

1. Community facilities;
2. Resources and information for community organisations (including capacity building); and
3. Arts, cultural understanding and diversity.

Members then determined that these three (3) priorities would be the 'Focus Areas' for the reference group moving forward.



The Facilitator then proposed that in order for the reference group to gain an understanding of the other topics within the scope of the reference group, that a number of agenda items could be chosen and Council representatives would present information about the current work being undertaken in these areas. These topics include:

- Community engagement framework;
- Community development portfolio;
- Library programming, new buildings and customer experience/service;
- Ipswich data (including 2016 census data and research

regarding the social impact of community centres); and

- Grants and funding programs.

Members agreed that they would like to have presentations and information on the above topics over the course of subsequent meetings.

As a result of the above discussion, the reference group collectively determined a path forward and agreed on focus areas for further discussion at subsequent meetings.

6. ACTION ITEMS & OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS

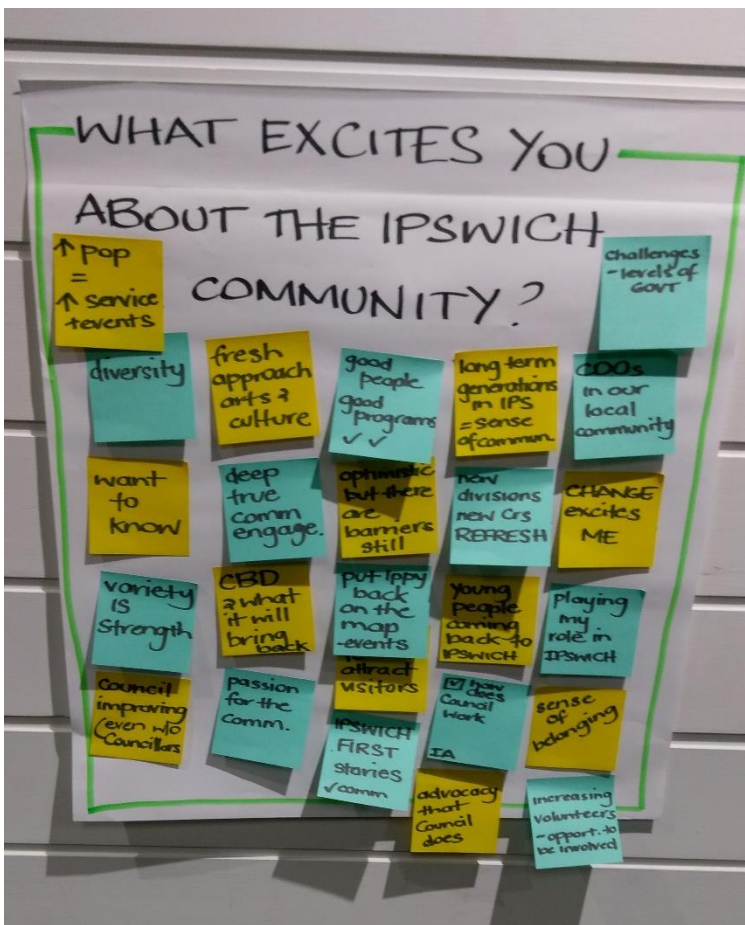
As the site visit to Council's Safe City facility took longer than expected in this meeting, a number of agenda items were not able to be attended to, including:

1. Confidentiality (an outstanding agenda item from the last meeting); and
2. Presentation of the Social Impact Assessment being undertaken in relation to the Redbank Plains Community Centre

The group determined that these matters could be revisited at a future meeting.

Meeting closed around 8.20 pm. Date of next meeting is 22 October 2019.

7. IMAGES



Decision Making Structure for Community Reference Groups



MEETING PRINCIPLES and PRACTICES

- ✓ speak with intention
- ✓ listen with attention and curiosity
- ✓ be aware of your impact on the whole
- ✓ a leader in every chair
- ✓ we invite and respect collective wisdom
- ✓ we consider the whole community and not just personal interests
- ✓ respect and value each other's contributions
- ✓ technology = phones on SILENT
- ✓ agree not to judge others (the community reference group is a judgement free meeting)

If Ipswich was a group of 100 people



Source: Ipswich Local Council, Ipswich & Districts Community Survey, 2016

All data are percentages of the total population unless otherwise specified.

Some statistics are based on percentages of the total population and do not include children under 15 years of age.

* Some statistics are based on percentages of the population aged 16 and over.

** Statistics are based on the 2016 Census and are subject to change as more data is collected.

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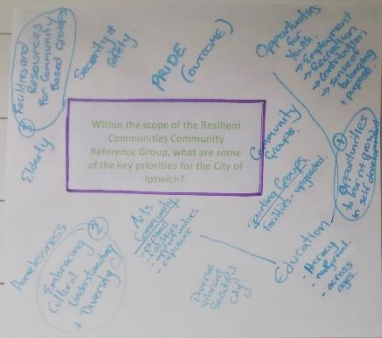


Scope of the Resilient Communities Community Reference Group

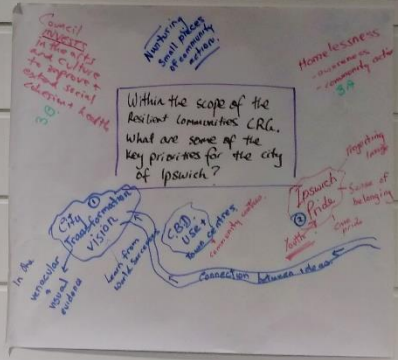
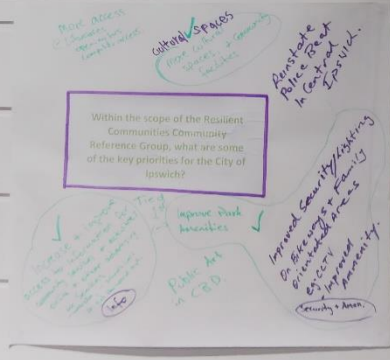
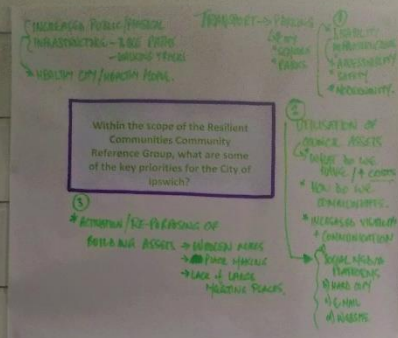
- ✓ Community engagement
- ✓ Community development
- ✓ Council owned community centres and sporting clubs
- ✓ Community grants and funding
- ✓ Social policy framework
- ✓ Literary, performing and visual arts (Libraries, Civic Centre, Studio 188, Art Gallery)
- ✓ Public art
- ✓ Community health, safety and amenities, including the Safe City Program
- ✓ Collection and analysis of data relating to communities in Ipswich



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PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF IPSWICH



- City Transformation Vision in the material and visual evidence, learn from ward assessment (1)
- Support Public/Private/Community (2)
- Homelessness (3)
- Supporting small places of community action
- Control (4)
- Control (5)
- Cultural spaces (6)
- Improve park amenities - improved security/lighting on sidewalks and park areas e.g. CCTV and security cameras (7)
- Public Art in CAB
- More spaces at libraries opening hours and consider outside
- Improve and improve assets to infrastructure for community services and add and offer supporting services (8)
- Homelessness (9)
- Supporting small places of community (10)
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TOP PRIORITIES

- City Transformation Vision (in the vernacular and visual evidence; learn from world successes) (1)
- Ipswich Pride (Youth; Civic Pride; Sense of belonging; Projecting Image) (2)

- Council INVESTS in the arts and culture to improve and extend social cohesion and health (3B)
- Cultural spaces (more cultural spaces and community facilities) (2)

- Embracing cultural understanding and diversity (2)

- Increase and improve access to information for community services and activities online and other advertising services (ICC website, schools, uni's – get the word out) (tied 1st)
- Opportunities to learn and grow in self-development (1)
- Facilities and resources for community based groups (3)

- Disability infrastructure (accessibility; safety; modernity) (1)
- Utilisation of Council assets (what do we have; costs; how do we communicate; increased visibility and communication; social media platforms; hard copy; email; website) (2)
- Activation/re-purposing of building assets (woollen mills; place making; lack of large meeting places) (3)

- Improve park amenities - improved security/lighting on bikeways and family-orientated areas e.g. CCTV and security and amenity (tied 1st)
- Homelessness (Awareness; Community Action) (3A)

FOCUS AREAS

- community facilities
- resources and information for community organisations
(capacity building)
- arts, cultural understanding and diversity

AGENDA ITEMS

- community engagement framework
- community development portfolio
- library programming and new buildings + customer experience.
- ipswich data:
 - 2016 census
 - measuring social impact of community centres
- grants and funding