

Growth Management Community Reference Group Minutes



Date	26 February 2020	Time	6 - 8pm
Location	CBD Mall, followed by the Lockyer Room, Ipswich Civic Centre		
List of Council Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance, W = Withdrawn)			
P	Paul Tabulo, General Manager, Planning and Regulatory Services		
P	Brett Davey, Manager, Development Planning and Regulatory Services		
P	Greg Thomas, Project Manager, Coordination and Performance Department		
P	Ermanno Nobilio, Ranbury Management Group		
P	Dan Bailey, Ranbury Management Group		
P	Community Engagement Team Member		
Community Reference Group Attendees (P = Present, A = Apology, NA = Not in attendance, W = Withdrawn)			
P	Rebecca Andlemac	A	Visha Uchronska
P	Craig Harte	NA	Shelley Elshaw
P	Cheryl Hasted	NA	George Hatchman
P	Olaf Heeremans	NA	Bruce Leslie
P	Kathryn Just	NA	Grace Muriuki
P	Kirsty O'Brien	NA	Douglas Russell
P	Deborah Pye	NA	Nicole Sherlock
P	Judith Vink	W	James Pinnell
A	Ursula Monsieigneur	W	Susan McMahon
A	Shirley Baker		

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1	Welcome	Facilitator	Peter Tabulo welcomed the group and introduced Greg Thomas, and Dan Bailey and Ermanno Nobilio from Ranbury Management Group.
2	Tour of the CBD Redevelopment	Facilitator Guests from Ranbury Community Reference Group members	<p>Greg Thomas, along with Dan Bailey and Ermanno Nobilio from Ranbury Management Group, took the group on a tour of the CBD development. Key details shared included:</p> <p>Design: The CBD area will be activated with street traffic during the day. There will be a consistent design through the mall into a public plaza, with tiles and trees. Façade improvements will take place on a number of the buildings along the mall. Area will include public art, an indigenous mural, bronze sculptures that share indigenous heritage, planter boxes and a cultural garden</p>



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		<p>that reflects the Ipswich landscape. The area will include public space that wasn't there before. The plaza will include shade, food and drink areas, trees, a stage, public toilets, a zero depth water feature for kids, and AV displays.</p> <p>Strategy: Strategy for attracting people back to the CBD and boosting commerce includes locating the Council administration building, and Library, in the CBD, driving new traffic via public servants. There was a question from members regarding initial plans to include advertising: the strategy has moved away from being cost neutral via advertising.</p> <p>Schedule: The CBD section re-opened in Sept 2019. October 2020: Library and carpark will open. July/Aug 2021: Admin building will open.</p> <p>Facilities: The precinct will include around 50 commercial leases, a go cart track, food and beverage venues, street dining, and the central council precinct. There is a current development application for a new cinema. A number of 'anchor tenants' expected to move into buildings (these are not yet public). There are plans for night-time entertainment, which will provide a point of difference from other neighbouring venues. This will include AV displays, a stage for events, and pop-up food stalls. Other public spaces will include an auditorium, bookable spaces that can be used and accessed by the public. There were questions regarding the existing bus depot – this is separate to this development as it is owned by the state, and regularly floods. Council doesn't own all the land or buildings in the precinct – some are privately owned, others leased from the State Government.</p> <p>Library: There will be a new library, and also be a</p>


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		<p>dedicated children’s library. Library will include bookable meeting rooms. The existing Library will still be open over a transition period. There was a question from members regarding Library opening hours, noting that extended opening hours would be good for the community.</p> <p>Access: There will be access via elevators and a ramp to Bradfield bridge. In total there will be three elevators, including down to Bremer Street. Members noted the difficult access from the David Trumpy bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. Members also noted difficulties for elderly visitors. There are some limitations, given that the bridge itself is not at a modern standard. There were questions from members regarding access via the train station – this area is owned by the State Government. There were also questions regarding pedestrian access from the train station to the mall. One member noted that the train station entrance awning is regularly leaking.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Hotel: The Commonwealth Hotel was put on the Council Heritage Register in 1991. Other surrounding buildings were replaced in the 1980s. The Hotel has subsided slightly, and Council have been working to protect the building. Sections have been disassembled, and are being stored safely for reassembly later.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;">   </div>

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3	Return to Civic Centre		
4	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country		Peter Tabulo welcomed the group back to the Civic Centre and make an acknowledgement of country.
5	Group check-in		<p>The group were asked if they had any questions or topics of discussion from the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a question from a member regarding parking around the Ipswich General Hospital precinct. They noted that the area is often busy with workers who work in the area. This makes access for elderly people difficult. Noted also that the hospital needs many more disabled parking spots. Brett Davey commented that there is a balance between offering 2P parking and longer parking spots, and an ongoing contestation between staff, visitors and construction workers. When completed, the Queensland Health precinct will include a multi-storey car park. There was feedback from one member regarding the slow pace of work that some community groups have been anticipating. This includes a

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		<p>pending community garden policy, and traffic light artwork covers. Members noted that while a lot of good changes have been coming out of council, other things have moved slowly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a query regarding publicity and sharing information about the CBD redevelopment. Members noted that it would be good to see more information available. Peter and Brett noted that information will be shared on an ongoing basis on Ipswich First, social media, events, etc. • There was a query from one member regarding how to respond to community members who argue that council shouldn't be building new buildings when there are empty state government buildings that could be occupied. Brett and Greg discussed the ways in which Historical issues with planned state government de-centralisation has led to vacancies. However, re-purposing buildings can be as expensive as building new fit-for-purpose buildings, due to varying standards. The re-development is also an opportunity to re-vitalise the CBD, with the council acting as an anchor. The move of council staff to the CBD will also allow for the Queensland Health precinct to expand. • There was feedback from one member regarding youth in Springfield. Developers often hand back land to council for community purposes, often community centres. The feedback from young people is that they would prefer areas for recreation – things like rock climbing and skate rinks. Areas like skate parks are considered by some to be unsafe, and dangerous, but young people would appreciate organised events, like

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			skate competitions. Council could consider different ways to use community spaces, and work collaboratively with young people. Some members noted that neighbouring councils have novel tendering processes to help drive the development of community spaces.
6	Declaration of potential or actual conflicts of interest		Those members who are running for council have temporarily stepped down from the CRG while we are in the election period.
	CRG Six Month Monitoring and Evaluation Report		<p>The CRG Six Month Monitoring and Evaluation report has been circulated to members. This includes data from a baseline survey, and six-month survey. Questions and comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members asked about the relationship between CRGs and councillors. • Peter outlined that a decision about council's committee structure will be presented to councillors in an options paper. • Members suggested that CRGs might have an opportunity to meet with all councillors early on. • Members noted the limitations regarding representation of diversity on CRG groups, including representation of young people. • Members suggested that CRG invitations be sent out as a calendar invitation. • Members asked about whether applications for new members will be opened, given that some members have withdrawn. The group asked to be notified if applications for new memberships are re-opened.
	Identification of items for next meeting agenda		To be confirmed

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	Close and check-out	Facilitator closed the meeting at 8:00pm.

Meeting closed: 8:00pm

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed