

Minutes

Liveable Cities Advisory Committee



Date: Tuesday 5 March 2024	Time: 5.30pm – 7:30pm	Venue: City of Newcastle 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West LMRR1, Level 6
Meeting No: 22	Meeting Objective: Liveable Cities Advisory Committee To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies and identification of challenges and opportunities about urban planning, heritage, safety, affordable housing and healthy and connected urban systems within the Local Government Area (LGA)	

1. WELCOME

1.1 CONNECTION WITH COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge that today we are meeting on the land of the Awabakal and Worimi people. I would like to pay my respects to the traditional custodians of the land, elders, past and present.

1.2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

- Round table of self-introductions of all attendees

Attendance

Councillor Dr John Mackenzie	Chair - City of Newcastle Councillor
Councillor Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk	City of Newcastle Councillor
Michelle Bisson	CN Executive Director Planning and Environment
Kylie Reay-Reilly	CN Executive Assistant
Michael Nolan	Home in Place / UDIA
Kristi Jorgensen	Department of Regional NSW
Sparrow Katekar	Community Representative
Thayaparan Gajendran	University of Newcastle
Mark Kelly	Community Representative
Calan Cockburn	CN Senior Strategic Planner
Amy Ryan	CN City Significant & Strategic Planning Manager
Tom Smith	Heritage Planner

Apologies

Lord Mayor Councillor Nuatali Nelmes	City of Newcastle Lord Mayor
Councillor John Church	City of Newcastle Councillor
Kathleen Mee	Community Representative
Steve O'Connor	SLR Consulting

1.3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- No declarations raised

2. Minutes and Actions

2.1 Minutes from previous meeting endorsed

- Minutes from the LCAC meeting #21 held on 27 November 2023 were supported and approved. Minutes endorsed by Councillor Adamczyk and Sparrow Katekar

2.2 Outstanding Action and Business

- Carried over - Forward link to Community Dashboards to LCAC members when finalised. Awaiting Dashboard release by Corporate Services.

For the benefit and knowledge of new members - the committee in 2023 were focused on the Broadmeadow Place Strategy and the DCP2023. The DCP2023 was approved in December 2023 and in operation from 1 March 2024.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

3. City Wide Heritage Study

Amy Ryan and Tom Smith

Presentation

- The Newcastle City Centre Heritage Conservation Areas Review Report is being reported to Council to report exhibition outcomes and seeking Council's adoption of the report.
- First review of Newcastle's HCAs since 2016.
- Incorporates feedback from Community engagement with various engagement activities on what people value in these areas held over April and May 2023, public exhibition of draft report was held November - December 2023, 34 submissions.
- Key recommendations - of HCA Review Report - to replace the Newcastle City Centre HCA with smaller more tailored HCAs, possibly adjust the Newcastle City Centre boundary - adjustment to add Cathedral Park and remove stone boat harbour at 100 Wharf Road, and some properties along the southern boundary. Changes to the LEP/DCP to implement these recommendations, will be separately reported to Council before exhibition.
- Multiple Next steps - Preparation of planning proposals to amend CN LEP. Seek Council endorsement of planning proposals and forward to Minister of Planning for Gateway Determination would be required. Consult with community and relevant government agencies as instructed by Gateway Determination. Council receives report on planning proposal following exhibition. Seek Council endorsement of planning proposals and exercise its functions as a plan-making authority, prepare a LEP and forward this to Department of Planning.

Discussion points

- Reflecting on what was discussed at LCAC last year, discussions were around removing different areas that were not considered heritage value to be within the conservation area and part of the review - next step was to analyse some of the areas that have been proposed to be removed of the conservation area but are items that may be worthy to be recognised as a local item. CN has worked through the feedback from the committee and the community, part of the process is that buildings within that area that are proposed to be taken out, that are worthy of a greater value of heritage, they will be identified through a planning proposal process. No properties are proposed to be removed prior to this process taking place.
- A Councillor workshop will take place in March 2024.
- There was a NOM to Council from Councillors asking CN to investigate heritage significance across the city. The PTR team has identified the work across the city needed and part of the NOM to report back to council and the relevant committees about the heritage assessment process for the whole city now. There is a lot of work involved and will take substantial time, which will be done over multiple stages.

- A thematic history and studies will be carried out first, across the whole LGA. The team are looking for assistance and feedback from LCAC with this project. Heritage is important and should be celebrated, but identifying the criteria, the importance and significance; and looking at where change can happen will be a large piece of the work to ensure we cater for a growing and evolving city and create empathetic design. Throughout the process CN will be seeking feedback from LCAC, Councillors and the community to generate this work. A point for noting is that this is an education piece and it is important to bring the community along on that journey - there is heritage that you can stand back and look at or there is heritage that you can actually engage with and being able to explain the difference between those types of heritage and what that means for the city can be challenging.

4. Local Character

Amy Ryan

Presentation

- Councillor NOM 28/02/2017 - Local Character Study (Tighes Hill)
- Department - 2018 to 2019 - Introduces Planning Circular and Guidelines
- CN LSPS and LHS adopted local character actions
- DCP 2023 - Tighes Hill and Kotara Local Character Statements
- Council NOM 28/11/2023 - Requests update on Local Character
- What is Local Character
 - Character is not heritage conservation - Newcastle City-Wide Heritage Study is to identify and protect character of heritage significance
 - Character helps us guide growth - future character, manage change, community aspirations, design-led approach

Discussion points

- How do we preserve the local character feeling and still have growth?
- The initial City Wide Heritage Study Thematic Study will take 6-12 months, then the process of exhibiting and community feedback will take place. Followed by analysing studies, we will be reviewing where are our items, our HCA's, our gaps and what are we wanting to achieve in our city with regard to heritage and character. Throughout this process we will also need to manage change in our heritage areas. It is important that we get this right and that the Community, Councillors and respective committees feel like we got it right.
- Importance of preserving Newcastle's industrial history, such as the lampworks.
- Thematic history will be a key document. Essentially thematic history does not look at history in a chronological sense from 1800 to now. It looks at the theme. Thematic themes appear to inform local character. Local characters are important elements of heritage conservation but its not the only element.
- Community education and engagement consists of website, have you say pages, newsletters, workshops, exhibition and council meeting.
- Agreement from the committee to participate confirmed.

5. Planning Reform

Amy Ryan

Presentation

- Transport Oriented Development (TOD) - SEPP - April 2024
- Diverse and well-located homes
- Low and mid-rise housing reform
- CN submission - Key issues
- Pattern book of housing design
- Vibrancy reforms - 6 key changes (Venue sound management, special entertainment precincts, activate outdoors, 24-hour economy commissioner, contemporary licencing, improving night-time for workers)
- Other reforms
- Short-term rental accommodation
- Estimated development cost
- Local Infrastructure Contributions Practice

Discussion points

- Minister Scully confirmed during his visit to Newcastle this week that they are open to discussions about the TOD with Councils and industry. Monica Gibson and her team from the Department, is currently reviewing submissions and possibly considering options whilst trying to understand Council's feedback..
- Kotara is identified as an area with opportunity to increase growth. Although Kotara's train station has been identified as lacking accessibility, as well as distance in relation to Westfield, and the significant costs involved in relocating train station would likely be cost prohibitive. CN is not supportive of Kotara or Wickham Interchange being part of the TOD.
- Housing is a priority for Government and Premier Minns and Minister Scully.
- Home in Place have identified that a large majority of their clients do not have cars and rely on public transport to get around as well as walking.
- Newcastle's public transport options (renewal corridors and rail system) are not like Sydney. Newcastle needs density around our cities, local neighbourhoods and our public transport system (bus corridors) and need improved public transport services .

6. Broadmeadow Place Strategy & State Led Rezoning

Calan Cockburn & Amy Ryan

Presentation

- Overview
- Status update on timeline
- Engagement approach and phases
- Key Technical reports (flooding, contamination, social infrastructure)
- Infrastructure requirements
- Draft place strategy and First-move rezoning
- Draft Structure Plan

Discussions points

- Hunter Park is predominantly a sporting complex that is within the Broadmeadow precinct.

- Broadmeadow first-move rezoning is being led by the State Government and CN is leading the Strategy. Broadmeadow is part of the Premiers vision for housing and is the only regional precinct announced to deliver housing. 17,000+ homes over thirty years.
- Flooding and contamination challenges are significant challenges in Broadmeadow
- Heights
 - TAHE - 70m - 20 storeys
 - Hunter Park - 50m - 15 storeys
 - Broadmeadow town centre - 80m - 24 storeys
 - Belford / Tudor - 50m - 15 storeys
 - Newcastle City Centre (West) - 90m - 28 storeys
 - Newcastle City Centre (Civic & East End) - Ranges from 10m (3 storeys) to 45m (15 storeys)
- Large spaces for Community gatherings is important
- Redevelopment of existing public spaces
- May have an extraordinary meeting with LCAC in April

Broadmeadow Workshop

- Height strategy

Question - what is your feedback on the draft height strategy? Are the right heights shown in the right areas?

Results

Consider a standard 'village height' across precinct. 24 storeys may be too high for the Broadmeadow - Step heights through the precinct.
Suggest there is limited space for lower intensity developments
Higher density allows for creation of greater public space; maximum building heights and not unreasonable for a growing/changing city. Good design is more important than building heights.
Yes, could go higher 😊 Variety of heights throughout.
Chatswood is a fantastic example of transition from low rise to high rise and accommodating for bushland and biodiversity around Transport centres
The higher the better
Yes they are. Right approach with sensitivity to existing use and dwellings
Yes I believe so

- Social infrastructure

Have you visited / know of a public facility (eg library, community centre, gallery) or public space (eg town square, park, sports field) that is a good example that Broadmeadow could draw from?

Ageing
Keep public space in public hands
Make Space for Girls - prepared parklands. Community is asking for an event space to hold events; that is accessible and hireable financially for low budget community groups. Definitely LGBTQIA+SB inclusion. Gender inclusive. https://www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk/our-work/councils . https://open-for-business.org/
Infrastructure supporting aging in place. Integrate health prescient space events
Gosford Leagues Club Park - a wonderful park with a novel idea that is poorly maintained. Fewer parks with greater amenity. Large village green spaces.

A space for our diverse cultural communities - e.g. Muslim community, Indian community, who have needs for 1,000 people to gather - for free or very minimal cost (e.g. need to hire the Ent Cent, and cannot afford it)
Every thing needs to be linked by efficient and diverse transportation networks. Multipurpose community, cultural, and recreational facilities..
Not all needs to be built, social infrastructure - wild spaces integrated in flood mitigation/creek naturalisation.
Stacked community buildings in Tokyo
Battery Park fields in New York - stacked fields and courts

7. LCAC - Satisfaction Survey

[LCAC Satisfaction Survey](#) - For those who have not yet completed the LCAC Satisfaction Survey that was sent out at the end of last year, please take 5 minutes to complete - your input is valuable.

8. LCAC Annual Report 2023

- Confirm Kristi Jorgensen's attendance at meetings for 2023
- Councillor Adamczyk - To send update on LCAC working parties to be included in the Annual Report
- Councillor Mackenzie - To send 'chair foreward' to be included in the Annual Report

9. General Business

9.1 LGBTIQ+ - City Liveability

Sparrow Katekar

Presentation

- Sparrow is currently an LGBTQIA+SB focus worker / DFV Specialist Worker at Newcastle Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service
- How does the LGBTQIA+SB space relate to city liveability?
 - LGBTQIA+SB inclusion is good for cities. 27 evidence-based propositions but a 3% increase in GDP, a 3% increase in innovation and a 3% increase in economic resilience
 - City liveability is the exact opposite of 'city die-ability' - to talk about liveability is to go beyond survival
 - The LGBTQIA+SB community have differences to access infrastructure and public space
- What can be done within the scope of the LCAC?
 - Advocation for the gender and queer inclusion in urban design
 - Advocation for gender responsive budgeting
 - In Newcastle, we are innovators and we are change-makers
 - LCAC is asked to think about increasing queer city liveability and purpose built play and exercise spaces that are welcoming to girls and gender diverse kids
- Further communication with LGBTQIA+SB is encouraged to understand their needs for a gender fluent city
- Councillor Adamczyk thanked Sparrow for being vulnerable and for her contributions to LCAC on behalf of the queer community. Thanked her for the invitation to the various upcoming events and resources.
- Contact Sparrow for further information or resources

9.2 Premier Hotel

- Recently in the media - Hotel at Broadmeadow, submitted a DA proposed for 30m mixed-use commercial and residential - site current height limit (10m). Applicant did not engage with CN and disappointing they chose to lodge a LEC Appeal. Currently a legal matter.

10. Closing

- Councillor Mackenzie thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.
- Next Meeting – potential extraordinary in April 2024 - normal scheduled meeting 4 June 2024.
- Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairperson
Councillor Dr John Mackenzie

MEETING ACTIONS SUMMARY TABLE	
ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
LCAC Annual Report - Councillor Mackenzie to send his 'Chair Forward' to Kylie to be included in the LCAC Annual Report	Councillor Mackenzie
LCAC Annual Report - Councillor Adamczyk to send through working parties achievement summary for 2023 to be included in the LCAC Annual Report	Councillor Adamczyk
Forward copy of previous Broadmeadow presentations to new committee members in relation to Broadmeadow.	Kylie Reay-Reilly

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OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AS AT 5 MARCH 2024

Meeting Date	Responsible Officer	Action	Due Date	Status
5 March 2024	Councillor Dr John Mackenzie	LCAC Annual Report - Councillor Mackenzie to send his 'Chair Forward' to Kylie to be included in the LCAC Annual Report	March 2024	COMPLETED
5 March 2024	Councillor Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk	LCAC Annual Report - Councillor Adamczyk to send through working parties achievement summary for 2023 to be included in the LCAC Annual Report	March 2024	COMPLETED
5 March 2024	Kylie Reay-Reilly / Calan Cockburn	Forward copy of previous Broadmeadow presentations to new committee members in relation to Broadmeadow.	June 2024	COMPLETED
27 November 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Send link to CN Community Dashboards to LCAC	February 2024	IN PROGRESS
27 November 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Send summary of DCP Submissions to LCAC	December 2023	COMPLETED
27 November 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Send copy of feedback on Broadmeadow draft vision to LCAC	January / February 2024	COMPLETED
27 November 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Send 'Satisfaction Survey' to LCAC	December 2023	COMPLETED
27 November 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Reach out to Michael Nolan and Kristi Jorgensen regarding continuation of their LCAC membership into 2024	November 2023	COMPLETED

27 November 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Reach out to University of Newcastle for details of alternative LCAC membership for Sue Anne Ware	December 2023	COMPLETED
27 November 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Send welcome pack to new LCAC members Kathleen Mee and Mark Kelly (ToR and meeting schedule)	December 2023	COMPLETED
5 September 2023	Calan Cockburn	Survey results broken down into people living, working or visiting etc as part of the communication report with the Place Strategy	October / November 2023	COMPLETED
5 September 2023	Michelle Bisson	Advise CEO's office that the next LCAC meeting will be held on an alternative night - possibly Monday 27 November or Wednesday 29 November	October 2023	COMPLETED
5 September 2023	Kylie Reay-Reilly	Amend previous minutes (6 June 2023) - Remove Steve O'Connor as an apology	September 2023	COMPLETED
6 June 2023	Sam Cross	LCAC receives a copy of any submissions on DCP from exhibition.	August / September 2023	COMPLETED
7 March 2023	Calan Cockburn	Distribute the Broadmeadow Brochure to LCAC Committee Members and Guests once finalised.	April 2023	COMPLETED This has been sent and seeking input from the Committee through the survey
7 March 2023	Kristi Jorgensen	Contact Simon Massey for further information on 'Move to Newcastle'	June 2023?	COMPLETED Simon's contact details provided to Kristi
6 September 2022	Michelle Bisson	6.3 – Stewart MacLennan to be contacted to be part of DCP Working Party	October 2022	COMPLETED Stewart McLennan contacted but no response to date – invited to 6 March 2023 DCP working party

7 June 2022	David Clarke	4.1 – David Clarke to distribute information on community and operational land	June – September 2022	COMPLETED Committee discussed at meeting in June and September 2022
7 June 2022	David Clarke	4.4 – Arrange future briefing on maintenance and management of land parcels transferred from HCCDC, with a particular focus on the sea walls	September 2022	COMPLETED
7 June 2022	David Clarke	4.2 – Brief the Committee on Accelerated DA trial results at the next meeting	September 2022	COMPLETED
7 June 2022	David Clarke	4.5 – Michelle to establish the DCP Working Party and provide a timeline for the review, including for different sections	September 2022	COMPLETED
1 March 2022	David Clarke	9.2 – David Clarke to formalize the LCAC as the Broadmeadow Place Strategy Working Party and organize the first meeting	Early 2023	COMPLETED NSW Government has identified Broadmeadow as a Precinct and the Place Strategy commenced – LCAC Committee Members are the Broadmeadow Working Party
1 March 2022	David Clarke / Kylie Reay-Reilly	3.5 – David Clarke Kylie Reay-Reilly to share a summary of the liveable and wellbeing survey with the Committee		COMPLETED Committee survey undertaken – Link to survey provided (internal only) – Liveability and Quality of Life Survey final March 2022.pdf
1 March 2022	David Clarke / Kylie Reay-Reilly	3.6 – David Clarke Kylie Reay-Reilly to list Kelly Arnott on 6 September 2022 Committee meeting agenda to present the dashboard		COMPLETED CSP 2040 endorsed, dashboard finalised – Newcastle 2040 relevant website links provided. Dashboard presentation scheduled for LCAC meeting 6 June 2023
1 March 2022	David Clarke / Kylie Reay-Reilly	7.5 – David Clarke Michelle Bisson, Councillor Mackenzie and Kristi Jorgensen to meet to discuss the format with providing feedback from the committee to CN Officers on big ticket matters		COMPLETED Meeting scheduled for 24 May 2023

1 February 2022	Cr Mackenzie	5.3 – LCAC to hold a joint meeting with the Infrastructure Advisory Committee to explore opportunities for the Blue Green Grid in the Newcastle LGA	TBC	COMPLETED Deferred – Focus area for 2023 is Broadmeadow Place Strategy – can be considered later in the year
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