

# COUNCIL MEETING

## LATE REPORT

Strathfield Municipal Council

**Tuesday 1 December 2020**

6:30pm

Council Chambers

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield

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HENRY T WONG  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**11.2            REPORT FROM PLANNING POLICY URBAN DESIGN WORKING PARTY  
COMMITTEE MEETING ON 24 NOVEMBER 2020**

**AUTHOR:**        Anthony Hewton, General Manager People, Place and Civic Services

**APPROVER:**    Henry T Wong, Chief Executive Officer

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Planning Policy Urban Design Working Party Committee meeting held on 24 November 2020 be noted and the recommendations be adopted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1.        Planning Policy Urban Design Working Party Committee Meeting 24 November 2020 - Minutes
2.        Workshop Presentations - Circulated in Attachments document - *Circulated in Attachments document*

# ATTACHMENT 1



**Minutes**

**Strathfield Council**

**Planning Policy and Urban Design  
Working Party**

**Committee**

**24th November 2020**



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Minutes of the Planning Policy and Urban Design Working Party of Strathfield Council held on 24th November 2020, in the Council Offices, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield & via Microsoft Teams teleconference.

**COMMENCING:** 4.00pm

**1. Attendance**

Councillors Present

Cr Antoine Doueihi – Mayor (Chairperson)  
Cr Karen Pensabene– Deputy Mayor  
Cr Mathew Blackmore  
Cr Maryanne Duggan  
Cr Nella Hall (Remote participant)  
Cr Gulian Vacarri (Remote participant)

Staff Present

Henry T Wong – CEO  
Stephen Clements – Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment and Urban Services  
Anthony Hewton – GM People Place and Civic Services  
Mary Rawlings – Director Office of the CEO  
Melinda Aitkenhead – Director Corporate and Financial Services (Remote participant)  
Zoe Ambrose – Principal Office Manager

**2. Apologies**

Cr Stephanie Kokkolis

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)**

None.

**4. CEO's Briefing**

Henry Wong, CEO provided a verbal briefing to Councillors points recorded were as follows:

- Strathfield amenities building funded jointly by Council and The Federal Government is scheduled for completion soon. An opening is planned for late December pending final discussions with the funding body.
- Christmas decorations have been put up in the key shopping centres/ precinct

**5. Strathfield Park Survey Analysis and Draft Café Design**

Anthony Hewton – General Manager People, Place and Civic Services presented on the abovementioned topic. Key points noted were:

- Community consultation 27 August 2020 - 2 October 2020.



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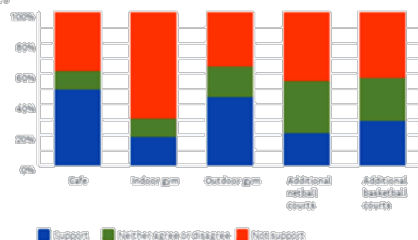
- Consultation was required for preparation of the Plan of Management. Council also resolved on 2 July 2020 to:
  - Develop a masterplan for Strathfield Park
  - Survey residents for views on park including a Café and Indoor Gym.
- The survey included general questions about community views on the park and the questions from the Council resolution.
- The feedback survey was available on the Council website and notified weekly on e-News for the duration of the survey. Letters were sent to residents living at least 500m from the park. Paper copies of the survey were made available on request.
- 280 completed surveys were returned at the closure of the survey.

### Key Findings

- Many open-ended questions which require more detailed analysis (questions about features of importance, improvements, permissible/not permissible activities).
- Lot of variation in responses but overall survey results indicate a high degree of community interest in Strathfield Park.
- Those identifying themselves with sporting club associations overtly promoted issues relating to their activities eg club storage, use of kiosk etc. Higher than average opposition to proposals such as café or gym (eg 21% support for both)
- Residents living close to park concerned about impact on their amenity eg noise, uses of park, parking demands etc. Lots of comments about use of park by persons out of area.
- General concerns about maintaining balance and range of activities in park and preservation of open space, trees and gardens and passive recreation (walking, relaxing etc), which are the highest community priorities for the park in the survey.
- Feedback of possible future facility enhancements was obtained as per below:

Q6: What is your view about adding these facilities into Strathfield Park?

Answered: 280 Skipped: 0







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- A draft landscape masterplan was shown indicating the best considered location of a café facility next to the main Children's playground off Homebush Road location of a café. Staff also recommended from the survey the options of removing at least the most southerly basketball court or even both courts to be located elsewhere in Strathfield where residents were not so close.
- Draft concept designs of a café facility were also shown being the most popular of new facilities people in the survey indicated they would like to see.

See attached the presentation Mr Hewton spoke to. The information was received and noted by Councillors participating in the meeting. Mr Hewton advised a report would be put to Council with a landscape masterplan in due course.

### 7. Homebush Village Upgrade

Stephen Clements – Deputy CEO, GM Planning, Environment and Urban Services presented on the above-mentioned topic. Key points noted were:

- 7 Upgrade Options were open for public comment from: 14 September 2020 – 16 October 2020.
- 1,100 letters were sent to adjoining residents detailing the Options and a link to Council's Survey.
- An on-line Survey was completed by 315 residents.

The results of the survey are contained in the attached presentation spoken to by Mr Clements at the meeting.

The information and presentation was received and noted by Councillors participating in the meeting.

Different Councillors had different views on the preferred way forward. Several Councillors expressed concern that the upgrade had been deferred previously and that it would be a shame if it was put off again due to a lack of an agreed way forward a further time.

Clarification was sort on the outstanding resolution of Council in relation to this matter which was confirmed as follows. At Council's 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 Ordinary Meeting the following resolution was adopted by Council:...

1. *That Council notify all people who have put in a submission or completed a survey, all commercial property owners and lease/rental shopkeepers in the Village of the following:*
  - a. *The results of the survey and public consultation.*
  - b. *The community preferred option for Rochester Street and Burlington Road.*
  - c. *The proposed project components e.g. timed parking, street refurbishment, footpath renewal, and all associated public works.*
  - d. *A timeline for commencement and conclusion of each phase of the project.*
2. *That Council provide a report on the refurbishment plans to the November Ordinary Council meeting, including:*
  - a. *The results of the survey.*



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- b. A summary of all other written feedback provided to Council (e.g. are residents/shopkeepers in favour of the plans or against)?*
  - c. Key issues and objections from residents and shop keepers.*
  - d. A more detailed project plan including key project works and a project timeline so that the community area aware of public works disruption periods.*
  - e. A project finance and budget briefing."*

Mr Clements advised a report would proceed to Council on the Homebush Village Upgrade with a recommendation from staff.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:00 pm**