

Philip Street Communities and Families

Advisory Group – Meeting Minutes – 18/7/2024



Time: 12noon - 2PM

Location: GRC Smart Room, Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct

Meeting Chair: Chris Ford

Apologies:

Debbie Meier-Cuddy - Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts
Kylie Lee – Gladstone Regional Council
Cecelia Eggmolesse – Indigenous Community Representative
Anitha Christopher – Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Representative
Shakira Campbell – Communities for Children (GAPDL)

Participants:

Cr. Leanne Patrick
Cr. Mellissa Holzheimer
Maxine Brushe - Senior Community Representative
Desley O’Grady – Senior Community Representative
Charmaine Bennett – Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Representative
Kate Dufty – Disability Community Representative
Carmen Jen – Disability Community Representative
Wendy Morris – Communities for Children (GAPDL) (proxy for Shakira Campbell)
Christopher Ford - The Salvation Army
Brianna Janson - Gladstone Regional Council (proxy for Kylie Lee)
Jaclyn Iwasaka – Gladstone Regional Council (Secretariat)
Samantha Michael – Regional Housing QLD (guest speaker)

Advisory Committee Principals of Working Together

- ***Valuing diversity – exploring each other’s motivations, values, and underlying interests to build understanding and appreciation of the added value that comes from diversity***
- ***Building equity – sharing equal rights to be at the table and valuing all contributions***

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- *Being open – respecting and trusting each other and handling information with care and respect*
- *Ensuring mutual benefits – decision to be made with integrity and transparency and in the best interests of the partnership and its overarching goals*
- *Being courageous – being bold to tackle the many unknowns in relation to complex issues to achieve breakthrough results.*

Topic	Action
Meeting open: 12:03pm Acknowledgement of Country – Chris Ford	
Guest Speaker – Samantha Michael from Regional Housing QLD In Gladstone, Regional Housing QLD manage 34 long-term housing units & 1 crisis accommodation. They provide tenancy support including referrals to additional services. Tenants are referred to Regional Housing QLD through the Department of Housing For people who need accommodation – refer them to the Department of Housing. Encourage people to regularly update their housing application as their circumstances change.	For Noting
Check In – What do you love about the Precinct?	
Minutes & Conflicts of Interest Previous minutes accepted by committee. Moved – Maxine Seconded – Cr. Patrick Conflicts of Interest declared - NIL	For Noting
Update of recommendations and actions Update of outcomes and progress of recommendations and actions from previous meetings - Community Development Specialist	For Noting

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<p>For Action: Investigate street signage placement to assist visitors to PSP. David Burns street sign should be before the turn to avoid people getting lost or missing the turn off.</p> <p>No new updates.</p>	
<p>For Action: Touch base with Regional Housing to discuss potential of attending PSP meeting.</p> <p>Marked as complete.</p>	
<p>For Action: Forward information about the Gladstone First Nations Community Honouring Excellence Awards to the RAP Committee for discussion.</p> <p>No new updates. Awaiting response from RAP reference group.</p>	
<p>For Action: Investigate seating for outside of the Maxine Brushe building.</p> <p>No new updates.</p>	
<p>For Action: Block out NAIDOC week and Reconciliation Week for 2025 for community event use.</p> <p>Kate proposed that a calendar be created that includes all of the awareness days/events that we want to celebrate at the Precinct to allow for proactive conversations. New action created to create a calendar of awareness days/months and allocated to Shakira Campbell. Action marked as complete.</p>	
<p>For Action: Review content on TV screens across the Precinct</p> <p>No new updates.</p>	
<p>For Action: Review hiring form to add information about dimensions for stage hire and option for marketing on the PSP social media channel.</p> <p>No new updates.</p>	

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<p>For Action: Create a bar graph of hiring hours breakdown to make it easier to analyse. Action marked as complete.</p>	
<p>Welcome to our new committee members The committee formally welcomed the new committee members and introduced themselves.</p> <p>Proposed Theory of Change Workshop The committee decided to schedule a Theory of Change workshop for August 15 to learn more about the Precinct Theory of Change.</p> <p>Youth Community Representative No expressions of interest were received for the Youth Community Representative position, so it is currently vacant. The Community Development Specialist gave the committee two proposals for how to recruit a youth representation. The first proposal was to recruit someone from the Youth Council, however, the Youth Council is very busy and have limited availability during the day due to school/work commitments. The second proposal was to recruit a young Council employee to sit on the committee. Wendy: Is it worth asking if Roseberry, as our peak youth agency, have a young person who wants to sit on the committee? The committee agreed that having a member from Roseberry could potentially add a lot of value to the committee. The committee also identified Port Curtis Rotaract, Cogsy and PCYC as other groups to reach out to if Roseberry does not have anyone who wishes to join the committee. An Action was created to reach out to Roseberry to discuss if they would like to put forward a representative to the committee.</p> <p>Advisory Committee Members Updates/Reports Advisory Committee Members</p> <p>Disability Community Representative - Kate Dufty - We have received feedback that the kitchen sink at the Maxine Brushe building is not accessible, a wheelchair user could not reach the tap</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Precinct Post that was recently distributed was very good. There is a regular hirer section on there. Who is considered a regular hirer? Also, who receives the Precinct Post? <p>Brianna: A regular hirer is anyone who has ongoing reoccurring bookings.</p> <p>Wendy: The Precinct Post is still a trial at this stage and we will refine the mailing list and content over the coming months.</p>	
<p>Disability Community Representative – Carmen Jen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) community meeting was held last week and was well attended with 24 people in attendance. One attendee made some negative comments which was disappointing. <p>Wendy: That highlights the value of the community representatives on the Precinct Advisory Committee. As a Precinct, we are committed to the Precinct being a safe place for everyone.</p>	
<p>Senior Community Representative – Desley O’Grady</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can we get a sign to show more clearly the entrance to the Maxine Brushe building? <p>Brianna: We are looking at getting tear drop flags or floor stickers to show the way to the entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Are there options for overflow parking when the Precinct parking is full? <p>Brianna: There is no official overflow parking. Occasionally for an event we organise traffic control so that people can park on the grassed area near the front, but we don’t have the infrastructure to accommodate large events.</p> <p>Desley: I think it is something that needs to be considered for future development at the Precinct, to ensure there is ample parking.</p>	
<p>Senior Community Representative – Maxine Brushe</p> <p>No new updates</p>	
<p>Culturally and Linguistically Diverse – Charmaine</p> <p>No new updates</p>	

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<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION – Reach out to Roseberry to discuss if they would like to put forward a Youth Community Representative.</p>	
<p>Advisory Committee Members Updates/Reports</p> <p>Councilors</p> <p>Cr. Patrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I would like to commend Council for the End Loneliness Day event that was held here at the Precinct. <p>Cr. Holzheimer</p> <p>No new updates.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION –</p>	
<p>Council & Appointed Members Update/Report</p> <p>Appointed Members</p> <p>Gladstone Regional Council – Brianna Janson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult room hirers in the Ngallil building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CQ Rural Health (Counselling) has had their funding reduced so are now only operating one day per week not three. ○ That leaves a consult room available from Tuesday to Friday. • Upcoming Events on Site/Site Activation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dorrie Day: 3 August ○ Homeless Connect: 8 August ○ Red Nose Day: 10 August 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of our Access and Inclusion strategy we are looking into the option of advertising a scooter and wheelchair charging point inside our reception - will advise when further information is known. <p>Desley: It may also be worth investigating having a PowerPoint located near the bike rack for e-scooters and e-bikes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends through Community and Neighbourhood Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued increase in Domestic Violence women and children, fleeing their homes or just not feeling safe and having nowhere to go ○ Increase in inquires around people who have just moved here and are wanting to take part in social groups or join classes – more so in older women • Most common searches through online community directory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice of the Peace ○ St Vincent de Paul Society ○ Gladstone Community and Neighbourhood Centre • Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request a meeting with Roseberry new General Manager to see if the PSP can provide support, particularly with the 83 social/affordable units coming online at Barney Point ○ Precinct Partners have been collaborating with CQU on a social isolation and loneliness project <p>Communities 4 Children – Wendy Morris</p> <p>Activities/Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported playgroup sponsored by GRT - New playgroup - Harmony Kids supported playgroup for multicultural families is running on Tuesdays - Little Steps is still running on Fridays - Baby NAN on Wednesday mornings - Gladstone Women’s Health running monthly Tai Chi classes and Feeling Fantastic Program for 12-15 year olds - Powerful Hearts – a small group program for young people with severe anxiety - Safely Attached – no longer at the Nutchee building, now full time at the Gumar building <p>Community:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have received increased enquiries looking for a place for supervised visitations <p>Good news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasingly seeing more collaboration between organisations across Gladstone - One of our young volunteers who came in on a Youth Justice order has decided to stay on as a volunteer even after completing his service. He said he felt very welcome and safe at the Precinct. So that is a great outcome. <p>Salvation Army – Philip Street Manager – Chris Ford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slow during school holidays - NILS loans – 2-week wait list (14-18 loans per week) - Working alongside Bob McCosker, the Outback Mind Foundation, and Mindcare to develop a men’s crisis center – it is funding dependent and would include crisis intervention - mental health & drug and alcohol. <p>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION – NIL</p>	
<p>Collaboration and Operations Update Secretariat - Community Development Officer The committee reviewed the hire stats for May and June 2024.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION - NIL</p>	<p>For Discussion and Decision</p>
<p>Recommendations from Operations Group to Advisory Secretariat - Community Development Officer There are no new recommendations for the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION - NIL</p>	<p>For Discussion and Decision</p>

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Recommendations to Council - NIL	For Discussion and Decision
Check out question – Why did you want to join the Philip Street Precinct Advisory Committee?	
Check out and close meeting: 2:05pm	For Noting
Next Meeting date: Thursday, September 19, 12-2PM Meeting Chair: Shakira Campbell Location: Gumar Building	