



AGENDA

MEETING TITLE:	City Centre Project - Community Reference Group	
DATE:	Wednesday 20 August 2025	TIME: 5:30pm – 6.30pm
LOCATION:	Mount Barker District Council (6 Dutton Road, Mount Barker)	
ATTENDEES:	Chair Phil Burton, General Manager Infrastructure Mayor David Leach Community Members Jessica Anderson Ryan Davis Clare Dorey Dave Hemmings Richard Jones-Parry James Sexton Hugh Steele Project Leader Eloise Langford Communications and Engagement Lead Ian Hildebrand Project Support Paula Overy Guests MBDC - Alex Oulianoff, Natalie Armstrong, Luke Gray, Nathan Farnell; BUI - Kym Burke, Tim Halliday, Ben Walker; JPE - Jen Forbes, Kaitlin Sells, Tom Vinall,	
APOLOGIES:		

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NO.	AGENDA ITEMS	Discussion/Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies (Phil)	
2.	Overview of Process (Phil)	
3.	Recap of previous design discussion and comments (Nathan)	
4.	Presentation of updated design and how it responds to feedback (JPE)	
5.	Feedback from CRG Members (All)	
6.	Next Steps and Close (Phil)	

Meeting Notes

- Query on the town square size (2000sqm),
- Town square and built form need to provide a unique point of interest to attract people and bring interest,
- First Nation representation requires a separate process,
- Art work in the town square is important – needs to have visual impact, flood lit, interactive and playful;
Response: Council will feed these comments to the panel members selecting the artwork,
- Cinema use is not required for the site but a screen might be useful in the town square to promote sporting events, fundraisers and advertising to promote the region but once advertising is open to the public it is difficult to manage and control,
- Grassed area needs to be licenced,
- Closing Morphet Street for large events will be difficult as it is a public transport route,
- Shared street needs to be more pedestrian-focused,
- Concern that vehicles could reverse into pedestrians using the shared street,
- Important to attract children and youth to the town square and possibly consider nature play and/or rock play that creates a point of difference,
- Support for break out spaces in the design, creating intimate and private spaces to gather,
- Size of the lawn appears less than the pop-up park and grassed area could increase, and
- Grassed area would be primarily used for picnicking.