



AGENDA

MEETING TITLE:	City Centre Project - Community Reference Group	
DATE:	Wednesday 30 July 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 (Apology) Clare Dorey (In Person) Dave Hemmings (In Person) Richard Jones-Parry (Online) James Sexton (In Person) Hugh Steele (In Person) Communications and Engagement Lead Ian Hildebrand Guests Luke Gray, Alex Oulianoff, Nathan Farnell, Bree Somerville JPE – Kaitlin & Jen	

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NO.	AGENDA ITEMS	Discussion/Action
1.	Welcome (Phil)	
2.	JPE Design – Current Status of project	
3.		
4.	Next Meeting date	

Meeting Comments from attendees:

Lawn area important to the community

Children engagement through variation of the landform

Size of the square has been endorsed at 2000sq – not including the plaza and buildings (JPE showed the space online) is this fixed. And this is not the lawn area but the whole town square area.

Project has triggered surrounding projects around the site.

Business Mount Barker – invigorating the street scape around the site and CBD

A Mountain gum on site – was previously used as a meeting point historically. May be something that can be included in the design.

Originally the lawn shape was a part of the Perangmank shield? We are re looking at the element and see who was originally informed of that and their current view on the shield included in the design.

Mount Barker residents association has original copy of town square plans for design intent.

Identity of Mount Barker-

Need something in the middle of mount barker that puts us on the map. Controversial that will bring in visitation.

Artwork location within the square been designed? Has that been defined? JPE: Depends on type of artwork proposed in the response?

Are you thinking one piece of artwork or multiple?

Sculpture owned by the Mount Barker Residents Association that may be of interest.

Under the eave of the building may be hidden. Something floodlit and tall. Thinks artwork should be located to draw people into the square more.

The artwork is a critical part.

The design of the artwork can influence the location of where it will be in the site

Corner of the retail site – is that going to be demolished? Can we start something new. Kym: We can use what is there? Open up to the square, canopy awning onto the space? Open and activated soon.

JPE Events overlay –

- Expansion during larger events and activities
- Markets
- Outdoor Cinema space
- Winter Solstice/NYE type events

Doesn't seem an open enough space to have an outdoor cinema?

Smaller event screen for groups and free activity. schools, training groups etc.

Wallis – taken to screening kids or family movies, if this were in conjunction with the restaurants to be licenced. A hidden or permanent screen. That is more discreet? If it was permanent – advertising of mount barker and the surrounds – local businesses.

When you open up advertising – sometimes it is ugly.

When you close off Morphet street, main public transport route is closed so very tricky.

Why have we made this laneway? Thought it was going to be pedestrian and not cars. Why both? Not enough commercial retailing on the town square. Why cant the side streets be drop off points? Kym: Need to provide disability parking, drop off spaces and short term parking.

Jess: why is there no underground parking?

Having a laneway, might become a rat race for vehicles? As a compromise, allow parking on two ends, but central bit be blocked off from vehicle traffic? Streets that have been pedestrianised in Adelaide ie. Leigh/peel reflects more of a shared zone than a traffic zone.

Especially if you have mentioned you want kids to be there?

Kym: this is not a part of the town square its an extension of the square. We want shops to have easy access short term.

Luke: Design intent is that it is a shared space?

JPE: Continuous paving treatment, same level, no kerbs. Trees making the edge.

Burke: Traffic challenges by having parking at the end?

Is there a dedicated area you can walk along and not get hit?

Luke: Need to overlay the trip generator, where are they going? Making shared zone a true shared space.

James: Pedestrian spaces work well, it will be safer than working through the coles car park. Have to have the retail working, otherwise the whole thing doesn't work.

Edge Conditions:

How the town square interacts with the edges, building and roads

Can we have a regional gallery element included in the building? James: The Heysen group are developing a gallery at the Cedars which will be able to house some of the William Morris stuff in that gallery.

Have you had a thought about pieces of play that will attract children?

A piece of equipment in Melbourne, has equipment that has a really big age range. Southbank Boulevard.

Liked the rock zone.

If you create a space where people are happy to play and enjoy.

Consider what can be rolled in and rolled out. On timing

Bridge over creek on from druids avenue, to connect to the bus terminal.

Seasonality – of the space?

In some respects its good to have a variety of breakout spaces around the square. What people are going to use what to cater for different needs.

Hindmarsh square, thong sculpture element, hidden spaces for privacy

Size of the lawn area, you mentioned it could be increased. Feedback from community they want the grass area a bit bigger.

Provided the drainage is good it wont be a problem. I can show you what the mount Barker residents association did.

Something for the kids to do while you have a coffee etc.