



MINUTES

MEETING TITLE: City Centre Project - Community Reference Group

DATE: Thursday 26 February 2026

TIME: 5:30pm – 6.30pm

LOCATION: Mount Barker District Council (6 Dutton Road, Mount Barker)

ATTENDEES: **Chair**

Phil Burton, General Manager
Infrastructure

Acting Mayor

Rowan Voogt

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

APOLOGIES: Ryan Davis, James Sexton

AGENDA		
NO.	AGENDA ITEMS	Discussion/Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies (Phil)	
2.	Update on Town Square design (Nathan)	
3.	Corner Cottage (Nathan)	
4.	Civic Building Façade (Nathan)	
5.	Peramangk engagement (Nathan)	
6.	Pop-Up Park Decommissioning (Nathan)	
7.	Feedback from CRG Members (All)	
8.	Other Business (All)	
9.	Next Steps and Close (Phil)	

Feedback on updated Town Square design and interactive elements

Feedback:

- Henley Square curved seats
- Don't like dark bricks – should be lighter
- Need to ensure we have good planting structure for healthy trees
- Cube play too sharp edges
- Add non hard structures for play
- Water or sand
- Garish colour not appropriate
- Proximity of road to play area
- Chess set - not able to be fitted in
- Multiple levels slide rope steps in between
- Different height rails, rock steps, jets of water
- Can we consult the community on the play element
- Members to go away and bring back ideas
- Visibility and proximity important from the cafe - safety
- Don't over complicate it in the first instance
- Good acceptance of the loss of the cottage and the new built form - happy for this to be messaged - much better
- We should consider a stand at the Mount Barker show - members would like to attend for an hour or so
- Consider additional 2 storey future addition
- Be mindful of the sun glare into the building
- Reminiscent of Burnside Village - looks very clinical - seen it before - needs more interest and shape - too many vertical lines - see law courts as example - Shepparton
- Keep the square programmed with events