

MINUTES OF THE NOWRA CBD REVITALISATION STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 4 April 2023
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

The following members were present:

Mr James Caldwell - Chairperson
Clr Serena Copley
Clr Matthew Norris
Clr Tonia Gray (Remotely)
Clr Patricia White (Alternate)
Ms Jo Gash
Mr George Parker
Ms Catherine Shields
Mr Carlo Di Giulio (Remotely)
Ms Jessica Bromley
Mr Jason Cox
Mr Wesley Hindmarch (Remotely) – Joined 4:54pm

Others present:

Mr Paul Keech – Director City Services
Mr Gordon Clark - Section Manager - Strategic Planning
Mr Gary George - Manager - Building Services – Left 5:02pm
Mr Micaiah Tipton - Manager Design Services
Ms Brooke Aldous – Governance Coordinator
Ms Alison Henry – Nowra CBD Place Manager – Left 4:15pm

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr John Kotlash, Mr Scott Baxter and Mr Carey McIntyre.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee held on Monday 27 February 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

REPORTS

CBD23.16 Additional Item - Nowra CBD Place Manager Update

Ms Alison Henry – Nowra CBD Place Manager – provided the following update to the Committee:

- Street Eats and Beats was successful throughout the month of March, with a high volume of family attendance, and more uptake due to an increased social media campaign.
- Triple U FM will be live on site at the next Eats and Beats, to be held 19 April 2023.
- Junction Court is closed from 6 - 10 April for Easter Saturday in the CBD, which will be a free event to get families into the CBD. The event will have a petting zoo, live music, face painting, mini art classes by Pinot and Picasso and Zest's Coffee van on site.
- 11 May 2023 is the potential launch date for the Nowra Fresh Food Markets, which will be held 2pm – 6pm in Jellybean Park. The markets will be reserved for makers, producers and growers.
- The marketing and communications campaign for the Nowra CBD is currently being worked on, which will be a 12 month branding and communications plan. As a part of this plan, a data base of businesses and retailers in the CBD has been compiled, which will be used to circulate a bi-monthly newsletter to keep communication channels open and make businesses aware of what the Committee are doing.
- A July School Holidays program is currently being worked on in collaboration with the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Art Gallery and Library.

CBD23.15 Proposal - 16 Berry Street Nowra

**HPERM Ref:
D23/107729**

Council staff advised the Committee that this report has come before the Committee because the re-purposing of the building on 16 Berry Street, Nowra, is not feasible due to problems with the interior, the roof of the building, and other asbestos issues.

Gary George – Manager Building Services - provided a presentation on the proposed demolition and revitalisation of 16 Berry St, Nowra. The information presented is attached to these minutes.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee

1. Give In-Principle support for providing funding towards the demolition and rehabilitation of the site at 16 Berry Street, Nowra.
2. Limit additional budget allocation for other projects/initiatives until the budget commitment toward the demolition of 16 Berry Street, Nowra is finalised.
3. Request a report back from the Director City Services on the budget proposal for the demolition of 16 Berry Street, Nowra. The report should include options for future activation of the site following demolition.

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CBD23.10 Committee Actions Report for Ongoing / Completed Items

**HPERM Ref:
D23/92384**

- **CBD22.32 - Facade Improvement Program - Quick Fixes**

It was noted by Cllr Copley that the Committee discussed identifying properties which would make a big difference to the CBD façade, with minimal investment through a quick fix, such as a coat of paint.

Action: Council staff advised that they would provide a report back on item CBD22.32, in which they identify the quick fix locations, and the total costs involved.

Cllr White requested, that as part of this report, a list of the buildings which were looked at by the Committee be provided, with the comments made by the Committee of what needs to happen with these buildings. The CBD Committee would then be able to write to those owners or direct them to get in contact with the Committee to discuss the options available for tidying up their buildings.

- **CBD22.32 - Nowra CBD Pedestrian Counter**

Cllr White requested that a report come back to the Committee of the data collected from the pedestrian counter over 2021, 2022 and 2023 to evaluate the trend within the CBD.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee receive the Outstanding/Ongoing Action Report for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

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CBD23.11 Quarterly Report No.1 - Nowra Riverfront Precinct Project

**HPERM Ref:
D23/69515**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee receive Quarterly Report No.1 on the Nowra Riverfront Precinct Project for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

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CARRIED

CBD23.12 Update report - Community Mural Proposal - Laneway (Shoalhaven Regional Gallery) - 12 Berry St, Nowra

**HPERM Ref:
D23/96474**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee:

1. Receive this update on the community event and mural proposal in the Little Laneway for

information; and

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RESOLVED (By consent)

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CARRIED

CBD23.13 Standing Report - Budget Update - March 2023

**HPERM Ref:
D23/102479**

Recommendation

That the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee adopts the revised budget and expenditure plan D23/106963 and notes the following for information:

1. That \$37,830 has been spent since the last meeting of the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee budget update.
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CBD23.14 Standing Report - Project Update - March 2023

**HPERM Ref:
D23/102499**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee note the update provided on the nominated projects within the Nowra CBD.

RESOLVED (By consent)

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CARRIED

CBD23.5 Discussion Item - Future Character of New Builds in Nowra CBD

HPERM Ref: D23/7583

Clr Gray addressed the Committee regarding this report and presented the following images of a property in Melbourne as future aspirations for the Nowra CBD: [269 Stewart Street, Brunswick East](#)

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report be submitted for consideration and received for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That

1. The report be submitted for consideration and received for information.
2. A workshop be scheduled for a future Committee meeting to help understand Council's planning Controls, and the Director of City Development, Director of City Futures and Mr Carlo Di Giulio be invited to give a short presentation to the Committee.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6:22pm.

Mr James Caldwell
CHAIRPERSON