



AGENDA

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Date: 12 August 2024

Time: 4pm

**Location: Cowra Council Chambers
116 Kendal Street, Cowra**

**Paul Devery
General Manager**

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I INTRODUCTION**I.1 Recording & Publishing**

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I.2 Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wiradjuri people, and pay our respects to elders both past and present.

I.3 Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors

List of apologies for the meeting.

I.4 Disclosures of Interest

Councillors and staff please indicate in relation to any interests you need to declare:

- a. What report/item you are declaring an interest in?
- b. Whether the interest is pecuniary or non-pecuniary?
- c. What is the nature of the interest?

I.5 Presentations**I.6 Public Forum**

I invite any member of the public wishing to speak on an item in the agenda to please come to the lectern, introduce yourself, state the item you wish to speak on and allow time for any councillor or member of staff if they have declared an interest in the item to manage that conflict which may include them leaving the chamber during your presentation.

2 GENERAL MANAGER

2.1 Cowra CBD Place Vision and Activation Plan

File Number: D24/1223

Author: Paul Devery, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

1. That, having considered submissions received, council adopt the draft Cowra CBD Place Vision and Activation plan with the following amendments:
 - a. Council to review its CBD maintenance procedures
 - b. Council to work towards the installation of wayfinding signage for motorhomes and caravans
 - c. Council to develop a town walking map
 - d. Council to rename Macquarie Pop up park (page 23) to Macquarie Street Activation
 - e. Council to reword key Activation #1 (page 23) to create masterplan for Macquarie Street; and #5 (page 23) open for proposals of a variety of activation events, including community gatherings, small scale festivals, live music performances, markets and cultural celebrations
 - f. Note the visual map on page 24 is an artistic interpretation only and not to scale.

2. That the newly-elected Council be requested to:
 - a. Consider keeping the CBD Committee in place to help implement the Cowra CBD Place Vision & Activation Plan
 - b. Review CBD Committee Instrument of Delegation
 - c. Contact NSW Business Chamber representative Vikki Seccombe for assistance.

INTRODUCTION

Council resolved at its 24 June 2024 council meeting to place on public exhibition the Cowra CBD Place Vision and Activation plan.

The draft plan was publicly exhibited with submissions closing on 29 July 2024.

At the time of closing there had been seven (7) submission received. Copies of all the submissions are included at Attachment 2. The submissions were provided to and considered by the CBD committee at a meeting on 30 July 2024.

BACKGROUND

As a result of reviewing the submissions the CBD committee is recommending minor changes to the plan that was publicly exhibited. These are:

- a. Council to review its CBD maintenance procedures

- b. Council to work towards the installation of wayfinding signage for motorhomes and caravans
- c. Council to develop a town walking map
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A copy of the plan that was publicly exhibited is included at Attachment 1.

A copy of the minutes from the CBD committee meeting are included at Attachment 3.

In addition to a recommendation to adopt the plan the committee is also recommending to council that the incoming council following the September 2024 election be requested to consider retaining the committee to oversee the implementation of the plan. A recommendation to that effect is included above.

Having convened a community workshop earlier in 2024, taken that feedback and developed a draft plan, publicly exhibited that plan calling for submissions and then having reviewed submissions received, the CBD committee is now recommending council adopt the Cowra CBD Place Vision and Activation Plan.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cowra CBD Place Vision & Activation Plan [↓](#)
2. Cowra CBD Place Vision & Activation Plan - Submissions [↓](#)
3. Minutes - CBD Committee Meeting - 30 July 2024 [↓](#)

3 LATE REPORTS

Nil