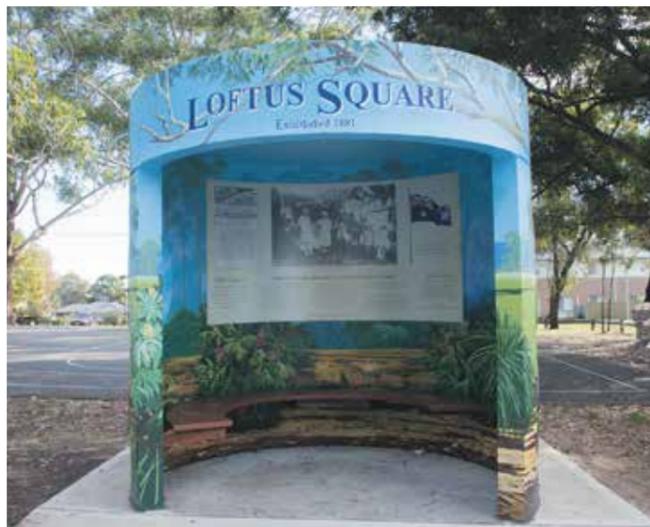


New life for old bus shelter

The old bus shelter brought down from Maitland railway yards to Loftus Square in Willoughby Street Epping, has had a major face lift. The official unveiling ceremony was held on Saturday 3rd June. This event was supported by members of the local community, Member for Epping - Damien Tudehope, Council's Administrator - Amanda Chadwick, Council's Place Manager - Lily Wang, Maitland Station Manager - Antony Gorman, Trust President - Graham Lovell, Park Chairman - Leo Hart and former Ward Councillor - Lorraine Wearne.

The shelter is an identical shape to the bus shelter on the opposite side of the street. Its procurement and relocation was a joint effort by the Trust, the Loftus Square Park Committee, the City of Parramatta Council and Rail Link NSW. The process started in mid-2014, with the shelter being installed in Willoughby Street in September 2015.

Renowned mural artist, Annette Barlow was commissioned to paint the shelter following guidelines supplied by historian, the late Alex McAndrew, who was also responsible for the area's historic past being depicted inside and outside both of the shelters.



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Meet your Candidates for Parramatta and Hornsby Council Elections at our next meeting

NEXT MEETING: ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Epping Civic Trust will be held on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017** in the Church of Christ Hall, 31 Bridge Street, Epping at 7.00pm.

- AGENDA:**
- 1. Meet candidates for Council elections 7.00pm**
 - 2. Ordinary General Meeting (commences 8.30pm)**
 - i. Epping Planning Review Update**
 - ii. Website update**
 - iii. Development update**
 - iv. General business**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Graham Lovell, President

Welcome to the August edition of the newsletter.

We will be heading to the polling booths on Saturday 9 September to vote for our new Councillors. The City of Parramatta Council will be electing 15 Councillors across the following five wards of the City of Parramatta local government area - Dundas, Epping, North Rocks, Parramatta and Rosehill. Three Councillors will be elected per ward for a three-year term. The Lord Mayor will be elected by Councillors for a period of two years.

Hornsby Shire Council is also scheduled to hold elections on Saturday 9 September, unless a decision is made by the State Government to proceed with the amalgamation of Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Councils prior to that date. The election will be for a popularly elected Mayor and three Councillors elected from each of the three new Wards created by the State Government by proclamation on 23 January 2017.

This is a time of significant change for our area and I

encourage you all to attend our upcoming meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their vision for our area.

Since the Trust began in 1971, we have successfully promoted a Trust member or supporter to our local wards in both Parramatta and Hornsby Councils.

It is absolutely vital that we continue to have a voice and vote in both Councils.

As I write this message to you, the only independent candidate that I am aware of is Lorraine Wearne, who is seeking election to Parramatta Council.

Lorraine has done an outstanding job representing our community in the past and I'm sure she will continue to do so if elected. She has asked for assistance to staff the 16 polling places between 8:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday 9 September. This will entail handing out how-to-vote flyers for her team of independents. If you can assist please call her on 0416 035 817 or email: lorrainewearneindependents@gmail.com



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Ordinary General Meeting Dates for 2017:

Tuesday, 15 August

Tuesday, 21 November

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New Trust website

In an effort to increase the Trust's digital reach and presence, we have commissioned the creation of a new website. The Trust Executive has approved a quote from Creativ Digital in Crows Nest, Sydney to design a new website at a total cost of \$4950. At the time of writing, a project team has been established by the company and a briefing provided by the Trust's project manager, Graham Medhurst. Trust member, Brian Berry has commenced collecting photographs that could be used on the website. Brian would appreciate contributions from anybody with photos of Epping which support the native forest look

that we have adopted for the website to acknowledge our heritage. If you are able to assist, please contact the Trust Executive.



Minister for Planning visits Epping

The Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning, visited Epping on 18 July for a meeting organised by a group comprising Epping Rotary, Epping Chamber of Commerce and Epping Civic Trust (RCC). The visit arose as a result of a meeting of the RCC in early May where an agreement was reached on issues that could be pursued jointly. The concerns all related to the Government's lack of attention to social issues when they declared the Epping Town Centre an Urban Activation Precinct (UAP). The issues are: the need for more centrally located recreational space for apartment dwellers, a greatly expanded library and community centre, a town square/plaza and the provision of more commercial space to provide local employment.

The Minister toured the town centre on foot with the RCC, the local member for Epping, the Administrator and the Director of Strategic Outcomes and Development for City of Parramatta Council. The Minister was very attentive to our representations and indicated that he was aware of the significance of the Epping UAP as the Government's first example of this planning model. He was briefed on the progress made with Council's Planning Review and made it quite clear that he was prepared to consider changes to the planning controls to improve the Epping model.

The Council and the RCC placed emphasis on the need to develop master plans for the large spaces under developer pressure including Forest Park, the library precinct and the

Rawson Street car park. The Minister was very enthusiastic about this approach and said that he was prepared to support initiatives that improved the public domain. He was also asked by the Administrator if he would be prepared to change the Section 94 rules to allow more of the developer levies collected in Epping to be spent locally. The Minister indicated that he would consider a submission from Council along these lines.



RCC meeting: Damien Tudehope, Amanda Chadwick, Anthony Roberts and Graham Medhurst

Epping Planning Review – Discussion paper workshops



As members will be aware, the City of Parramatta Council commenced a review of the planning controls for the Epping town centre and surrounds in December 2016. On 21 June 2017, the first stage of this project was exhibited. This was a discussion paper with options and recommendations for change presented under the headings of heritage, commercial floor space, social infrastructure and traffic.

The Council organised workshops in July under these subject headings to encourage feedback. The workshops were very well attended, with over 100 people at all sessions. Many Trust members were in attendance.

The discussion paper exhibition closed on 19 July and the Trust lodged a submission on that date based on Trust policy, discussion at the workshops and personal input from members.

It is understood that Council staff will now prepare a report which will be considered by the new councillors later in the year. The next stage in the planning review will then be the exhibition of Council's recommendations for change. The community response to the recommendations will then guide the development of a new Local Environmental Plan, Development Control Plan and Developer Contributions Policy for Epping.

Work is well underway at West Epping Park

When complete, West Epping Park will include community playgrounds, picnic areas, outdoor ping pong tables, synthetic soccer fields, cricket practice nets and cricket oval.



Epping Town Centre - Development Report

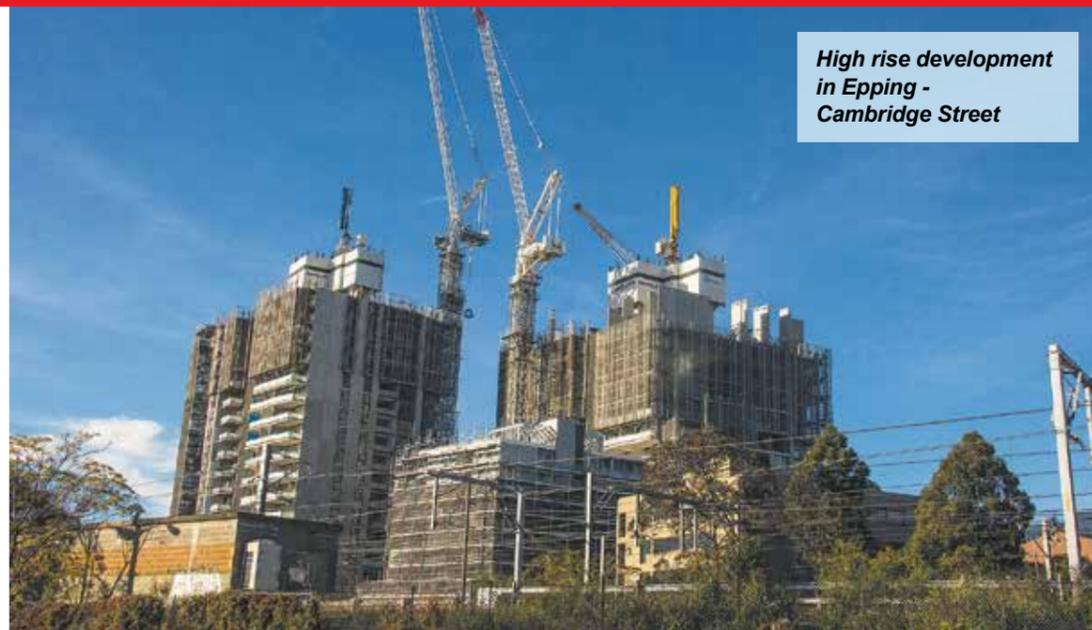
Two preliminary planning proposals have been lodged with Parramatta Council which would impact on Council's Rawson Street car park if approved. They are the Oakstand Group proposal at **53-61 Rawson Street** and the Winton Lyon Group proposal at **59-77 Beecroft Road**. These proposals are currently on hold, pending feedback from Council's Planning Review Discussion Paper and completion of Council's Traffic Study.

The major 'Forest Park' planning proposal at **2-18 Epping Road, 2-4 Forest Grove and 725 Blaxland Road** lodged by the Austino Property Group is currently being assessed by Council staff. This proposal will be subject to Council's planning review, which is currently underway. It is expected that the proposal will be re-exhibited before it goes for determination by Parramatta Council under delegated authority.

The amended development application at **12-22 Langston Place** (three towers of 19 to 29 storeys) is being assessed by Council. This development is proposing to use Chambers Court as its drive way. It will be determined by the Central West Planning Panel.

The development application at **24-36 Langston Place** (one 22 storey tower) is being assessed by Council. It will be determined by the Central West Planning Panel.

The amended development application at **30-42 Oxford Street** (two 17 storey towers) is being



High rise development in Epping - Cambridge Street

assessed by Council. It will be determined by the Central West Planning Panel.

The development application at **37-41 Oxford Street** is being lodged in two stages. This first stage application is seeking concept consent for building envelopes to accommodate two mixed use towers, gross floor area, a through site link and vehicular access. Following assessment by Council it will be determined by the Central West Planning Panel.

The development application at **44-48 Oxford**

Street (two towers of 15 and 17 storeys), subject to further information from the applicant will be assessed by Council. It will be determined by the Central West Planning Panel. This application includes the demolition of a heritage cottage. The development application at **50 Oxford Street** (School redevelopment to five storeys) is being assessed by Council. It will be determined by the Central West Planning Panel. This application involves the destruction of all the trees on the site.