

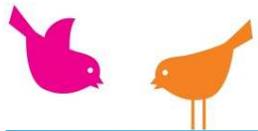


# Social Infrastructure Needs Workshop

15 May 2017, 6-8.30 pm

# Welcome

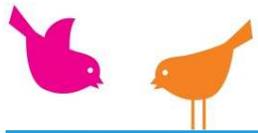
Lucy Cole-Edelstein, Straight Talk (facilitator)



**Straight Talk** hear every voice, know where you stand

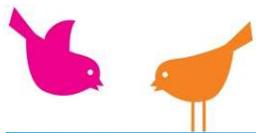
# Housekeeping and ground rules

- House keeping – fire exits and toilets
- Ground rules
- Mobiles to off, silent or vibrate
- Step outside if you need to take a call
- One person talking at a time
- Everyone has a chance to have a say
- Listen carefully and be open to other ideas
- Actively participate



# Agenda

- Welcome by Amanda Chadwick, Administrator, City of Parramatta Council
- Presentation of Social Infrastructure Study by Megan Whittaker, City of Parramatta Council
- Small group work (includes short break)
- Concluding thoughts and questions
- We expect to finish at 8.30 pm





# Epping Planning Review



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## Context

The Epping Planning Review:

1. Progresses work undertaken by the Department of Planning & Environment, completed in March 2014.
2. Seeks to consolidate the planning controls to create one set of planning controls across the Town Centre and immediate surrounds.
3. Seeks to bring consistent approach to managing the high level of interest from developers within the centre.



# Epping Planning Review

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## Context (cont.)

The Epping Planning Review involves two stages:

### **Stage 1 – December 2016 to December 2017:**

1. Community consultations
2. The preparation of **4 technical studies**, on: heritage conservation areas; traffic; social infrastructure; and commercial land uses.
3. The exhibition of a **Discussion paper in mid 2017**, including getting public feedback
4. Endorsement of key principles in late 2017.



# Epping Planning Review

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## Context (cont.)

### Stage 2 - from 2018 onwards:

The preparation of new planning controls:

- New Local Environmental Plan (LEP)
- New Development Control Plan (DCP)
- New Section 94 plan



# Epping Planning Review

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## State agency buy-in

A Steering Group of State Agencies was established in early 2017 which has representation from:

1. Greater Sydney Commission
2. Department of Planning and Environment
3. Transport for NSW
4. Roads and Maritime Services



# Planning for the Community in Epping

May 2017

# Social Infrastructure includes



Community Facilities  
- halls, meeting  
rooms, low cost  
office space,

Libraries

Open Space – sports  
fields, parks, natural  
areas

Recreation Facilities  
– indoor and  
outdoor

Aquatic Facilities

Childcare

Affordable Rental  
Housing



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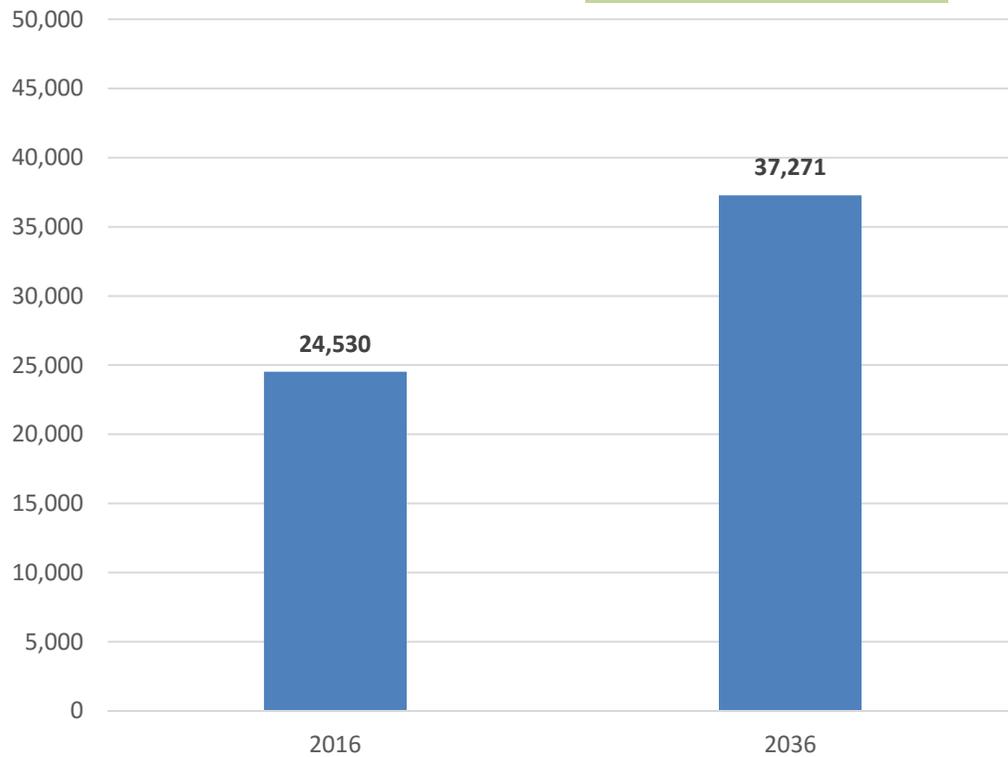
# What growth and change should we be thinking about and planning for in Epping?

# Population Forecasts



## Epping

+ 12, 741 people  
between 2016 and  
2036



# If Epping was a community of 100 people...



## AGE

2011

2036

**05** aged 0 – 4

**06** aged 0 – 4

**11** aged 5 – 14

**10** aged 5 – 14

**07** aged 15 – 19

**06** aged 15 – 19

**09** aged 20 – 24

**08** aged 20 – 24

**49** aged 25 – 59

**48** aged 25 – 59

**12** aged 60 – 74

**14** aged 60 – 74

**07** aged 75 +

**09** aged 75 +

## HOUSEHOLDS

2011

2036

**41** couples with children

**37** couples with children

**22** couples without children

**26** couples without children

**04** group households

**04** group households

**20** lone person

**21** lone person

**09** one parent families

**08** one parent families

**05** other families

**05** other families



## The future community of Epping is likely to be made up

### of... More people

- Many households living in high density apartments
- Many families with children, couples without children and lone person households
- Many young to middle aged adults, young people, as well as over 60's
- Cultural diversity, including significant populations of people from Asian backgrounds

# What has the community of Epping told us about growth and change in their neighbourhood?



<b>Want to see effective management of the impacts of growth across the City</b>	Ensure that high density development is supported by appropriate infrastructure such as parks, schools, public transport and community spaces.
<b>Maintain or increase the amount of green space across neighbourhoods</b>	Residents and visitors have said they want to see more parks, reserves and natural places to relax, socialise and play.
<b>More community spaces are needed to accommodate growth in high density development</b>	Community spaces and facilities strengthen a sense of belonging for residents.
<b>Maintain and strengthen local centres with their own unique local identities and businesses</b>	Residents are concerned about effectively managing development and the impacts of growth on the community, particularly in regards to congestion and maintaining the 'village feel' of Epping

# The Challenge: How can we enable a network of programs, events, spaces and places that work together to...



Balance family and non-family needs

Balance the needs of various life stages

Meet needs of residents in high density apartments

Provide diverse options to reflect preferences of people of different cultures

Balance formal and informal recreation and sporting options

Enable people of all ages to live healthy active lifestyles

Be accessible for all and flexible enough to change

Enable residents new and old to feel 'at home'

# Existing Council-Owned Social Infrastructure



## 6 Community Facilities

### Open Space:

13.1 hectares parks

5.5 hectares sports fields

31.4 hectares of natural areas

### Recreation Facilities:

11 x play grounds

2 x exercise station

4 x half courts

1 x 50m Outdoor Pool

2 x Indoor Courts and Fitness  
(YMCA)

Council owned buildings leased for specific purposes: Epping Early Childhood Health Centre, KU Isobel Pulsford Memorial Preschool

# Existing Community Facilities



Facility	Address	GFA (sqm)	Zoning	Management
Epping Community Centre (School of Arts)	9 Oxford St Epping	1,157	B2 – Local Centre	Unstaffed, Council management
Epping Library	1 Chambers Court Epping	550	B2 – Local Centre	Council management
Epping Leisure and Learning Centre	1 Chambers Court Epping	389	B2 – Local Centre	Council management
Epping Creative Centre	26 Stanley Road Epping	460	RE1 – Public Recreation	Managed by NGO tenant - subsidised lease
West Epping Community Centre	15 Ward St Epping	622	RE1 – Public Recreation	Unstaffed, Council management
B. Parker Memorial Guide Hall	1-3 Briggs Road Epping	190	RE1 – Public Recreation	Managed by NGO tenant (Girl Guides Association NSW) - subsidised lease

## Overall Strengths

- Good public transport access (especially for those close to the town centre)
- Good integration with other services and facilities

## Overall Weaknesses

- Lack of larger flexible multipurpose space
- No staffed community centres
- Significant undersupply of library space
- Inadequate parking
- Poor visual prominence
- No clear civic heart

# Activity 1: Community Facilities

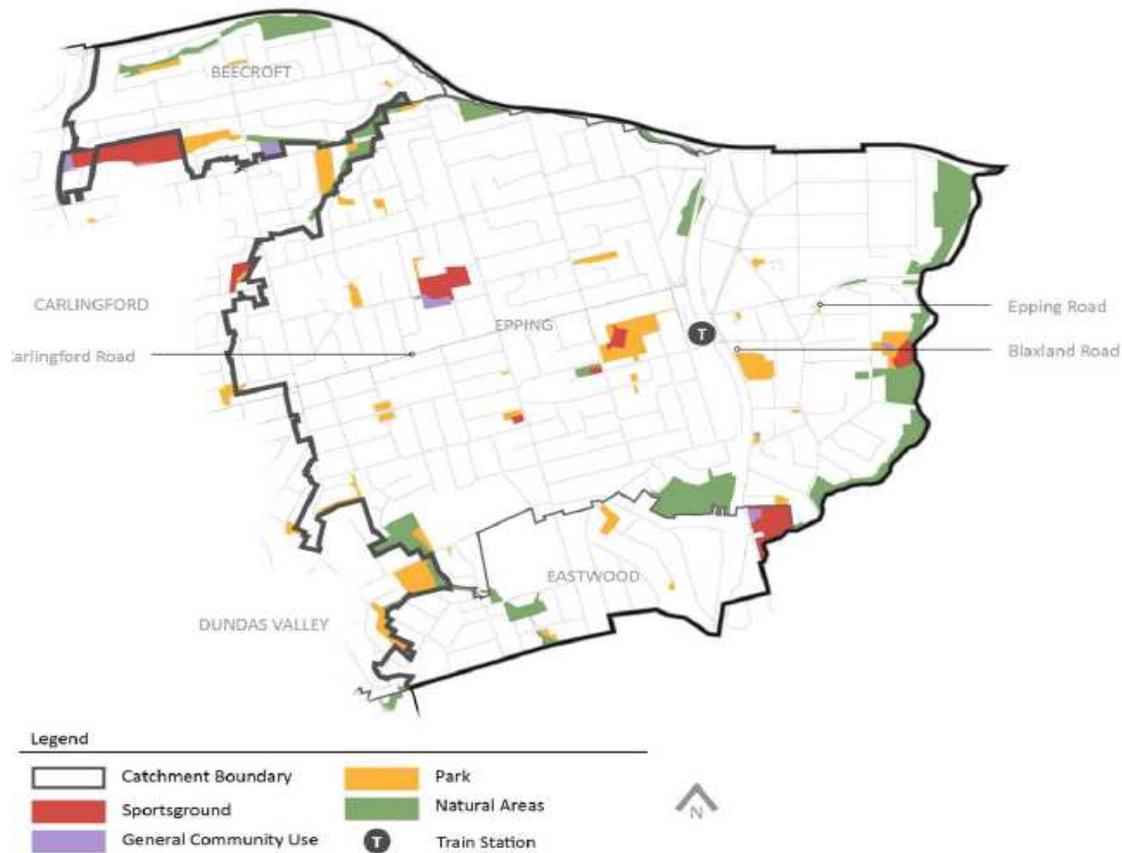
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What are the strengths and weaknesses of Epping's library and other community centres and halls?

Knowing that the Epping community will grow, what can we do to improve quality and maximise use of the library and other community centres and halls?

# Open Space – Sports Fields and Local Parks



- 11 play spaces (including 2 at Boronia Park)
- 2 exercise stations
- 4 half courts at Loftus Square
- Picnic settings

# Sports Fields & Local Parks



## Overall Strengths

- Public transport access (especially for those close to the town centre)
- Significant provision of natural areas
- There are a number of good quality larger parks

## Overall Weaknesses

- Total open space provision is low for the current population. Sports fields are particularly lacking
- There is potential to enhance the quality and useability of the main open spaces and smaller parks in Epping
- Recreation facilities within parks are lacking in diversity and quality, including a lack of provision for older children and young adults
- There are limited walkable connections between parks and between parks and natural bushland areas

# Activity 2: Sports fields

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Demand for sport is growing in Epping, due to increased population. How can we increase access to sports fields?

- Opening up schools?
- Use of synthetic fields that are lower maintenance and can handle more games?
- Discussing use of fields in areas close by with bordering Councils?
- Other?

# Activity 3: Local Parks

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What are the key strengths and weaknesses of local parks?

How can we support increased use and access to local parks?

- Upgrade existing parks and recreation facilities like playgrounds, picnic tables, exercise equipment etc?
- Diversify the type of parks and facilities provided?
- Create better links between parks and between parks and natural bushland areas?
- Create new parks and increase size of existing parks?
- Other?

# Aquatic and Indoor Recreation



The aquatic and indoor sports facilities located in Epping include:

- A 50 metre outdoor pool and smaller pools located in Dence Park
- A YMCA sports centre that includes 2 multi-use courts (with 4 badminton courts), a separate gymnastics arena, multipurpose program rooms and a fitness centre.

## Overall Strengths

- YMCA recently upgraded and provides good quality facilities
- Well catered for with aquatics

## Overall Weaknesses

- YMCA lacks car parking and connection with other West Epping Park sports facilities
- Pool is ageing

# Activity 4: Indoor Recreation

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What are the strengths and weaknesses of Epping's indoor recreation facilities ?

How can we improve indoor recreation facilities?

# Activity 5: Aquatics

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What would you want to tell the incoming elected Council about the future of the pool?

# Activity 6 : General

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Do you have any comments to make on the strengths, weaknesses or opportunities for the following social infrastructure in Epping:

- Childcare
- Affordable Rental Housing
- Youth Facilities
- Over 55's facilities
- Other?

# What principles should guide decision making to improve & expand social infrastructure?



Coordinated network of facilities	Inclusive & Welcoming	Flexible & Multipurpose
Near open space	Contribute to sense of place	Serve identified social needs
Central to catchment & equitable access	Connected to public transport	Enable liveable town centres
Visibly prominent & accessible	Size & design enable expansion / adaption	Enable partnerships & collaboration
Co-located	Safe & Secure	Avoid conflict with neighbouring uses
Financially & Environmentally Sustainable	Accountable	Other?

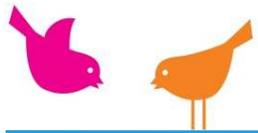
# Next Steps

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- ✓ **Collect community views and feedback**
  - Develop Social Infrastructure Report for Epping, based on community feedback and technical studies
    - This will form an input into the Epping Planning Review Discussion Paper. The discussion paper will be exhibited for public consultation from late June to late July 2017

# Questions...



# Thank you for participating!

- Please fill out a feedback form
- Next steps – Discussion paper available in June
- Further consultation opportunities

Commercial Floor Space Workshop,  
Monday 22 May 2017, 6-8 pm,  
Epping Creative Centre

***Sign up for this workshop at the registration desk***

