

5.3 Our Shared Future Forum

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

On this day, 14 March, in 1879, the Campbelltown Progress Committee held its first meeting to discuss local issues. The Committee was attended by approximately 70 citizens. They resolved for the creation of a Local Government District and they committed to partitioning the NSW government to create Campbelltown Council.

Today, 144 years later, stakeholders gathered again at our Campbelltown Arts Centre to discuss local issues and contribute to “Our Shared Future”.

While this Council has set an ambitious vision for the future of our city, we are limited in our ability to envision or deliver on this vision alone. We need our community to help shape the vision and assist in its delivery. Today’s forum was the first of what I hope to be an ongoing dialogue with our residents and stakeholders.

The participants today spoke up and shared their ideas. We had robust discussions on a variety of topics including our built and natural environment, social infrastructure and amenity, and local employment and prosperity.

I was encouraged by the engagement in the room, facilitated by global cities expert, Dr Tim Williams. There was a clear sense of optimism in the room and there was a shared belief that Campbelltown is on a trajectory to a bright future.

The discussion particularly highlighted the importance of balancing the built and natural environment and getting the mix between density and green space right. Jobs and infrastructure, local facilities and regional amenities were some of the topics that were also discussed.

Our participants shared their ideas, visions, and experiences with us. I look forward to sharing the details with you as we distil what we’ve heard.

I also look forward to more forums to engage with the Councillors and the community as we continue to develop Our Shared Future.

Attachments

Nil