

KINGS PARADE UPGRADE PROJECT

STUDY CIRCLES INFORMATION SHEET



Background

Central Coast Council is looking to make improvements to a section of King's Parade, between the Crescent and Reibey Streets intersection and the Hobbs Parade Roundabout; inclusive of the Kings Parade slip lane and the Queens Garden.

The purpose of the proposed works is to:

- improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists
- improve traffic flow
- improve the visual amenity of the area, including the presentation of roadways, pedestrian and cycleways and the Queens Garden landscaping

What's intended for the community engagement activities generally?

Central Coast Council is committed to high quality community engagement. To determine the best option for the project's final design, the Ulverstone community will be invited to participate in a range of consultation activities. This will include opportunities to attend community forums and information stalls, and complete feedback forms, or online surveys, covering a range of design options and considerations.

The proposed community-wide consultation activities will take place between October 2017 and May 2018 and will be advertised in local newspapers, via the Council's social media channels, and on a dedicated project web page.

For this specific project the Council is also inviting residents to nominate themselves to join one of four Study Circle groups that will provide ongoing feedback to the Project Team over the life of the project.

So what are Study Circles? and where do they fit in to the process?

Projects like these often attract the attention of those people who have an active interest in the project. Unfortunately, due to our busy lifestyles, it is often the case that input from the broader public, who would benefit from the opportunities, is not captured in the same way.

Study Circles are a way of reaching the broader community and offering an opportunity to learn more about the project specifics and, importantly, the processes used to determine the final design of the roadway, including the different considerations on the decision-making process.

Study Circles also enable us to reach a larger number of the broader community through the connections and networks of the people recruited to the Study Circle. The project benefits greatly from the strength of the informal (or formal) connections that people have in our community and the awareness created through 'word of mouth'.

Council will be seeking to establish four separate Study Circles made up of five to eight people from different areas of interest including:

- **Drivers** (Including heavy vehicles, commercial and everyday residents)
- **Young Families**
- **Cyclists, Running and Walking Groups** (formal and informal)
- **CBD Based Businesses**

What are Study Circle members asked to do?

The people recruited will:

- Be given a detailed briefing and training session about their role from Council's Project Team, and Engagement Plus (consultation team). This will provide you with a clear understanding of the Kings Parade Upgrade Project. A detailed Information Kit with handy tips and advice will also be provided.
- Be asked to meet with Council's Project Team and Engagement Plus staff on a minimum of three occasions over the next six months, with an initial Orientation and Briefing session to be held on the evening of Wednesday 25 October 2017 (times and venue TBA). The dates and times for the following sessions will be determined at that meeting.

Be prepared to learn about the finer parts of the project and offer feedback and suggestions at the key workshop phases;

- Be prepared to meet with other people that they know as part of their connections and affiliations to explain the project and to encourage others to contribute to the study. A Community Questionnaire (Feedback Form) will be provided to use as part of the information gathering process.

It is hoped that the people recruited to the Study Circles will commit to a minimum of four hours of other contact (aside from the sessions with the Project Team) with their friends and associates as part of the study. If participants can commit more time to these tasks then this will be warmly appreciated.

- Support each other through the project by keeping in contact and meeting face to face to discuss the project.
- Key representatives from Council's Project Team and Engagement Plus staff will be available to guide and support you throughout this process. Their contact details will be provided at the Orientation evening so that any queries can be quickly resolved.

How can I apply to join the Study Circles?

Expressions of Interest to join the Study Circles can be submitted from now until Friday 13 October 2017 by completing and submitting the ***Kings Parade Upgrade Project – Study Circle Nomination Form***. Forms are available from Council's Administration Centre, or on Council's dedicated Kings Parade Upgrade Project web page; located under the Community & Recreation tab on the Council's website at www.centralcoast.tas.gov.au

Completed forms can be submitted in person at the following locations, or via email to the Project Team at kingspde@centralcoast.tas.gov.au

- Central Coast Council Administration Centre, Ulverstone
- Ulverstone Visitor Information Centre
- Penguin Service Centre

Need More Information?

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