



## **Communiqué - People's Panel Meeting no 1. 28 April 2018**

The first meeting of the re:imagine Gold Creek Country Club People's Panel was held at the Country Club on 28 April 2018. The meeting was chaired by Ms Amanda Whitley and 20 members of the People's Panel attended. Secretariat support and consultation services were provided by Helen Leayr and April McFadden.

People Panel members were invited to introduce themselves and describe their interest in the Gold Creek Country Club. By far the predominant view was one of concern about proposed changes to the Country Club and - members expressed a strong view that the area should remain as an 18-hole golf course with surrounding open space. One person suggested that the area could cater for families, teenagers and young people to bring in more of the Nicholls community.

There was discussion about extending the scope of the People's Panel work beyond simply thinking about alternate uses for the re:imagine space; but also to understand and contribute to planning to ensure the viability of the golf course. As the financial viability of the golf course was being provided by the KGroup as the basis for change, members of the People's Panel wish to better understand the entire financial situation of the golf course and the associated licencing arrangement with the Golf Club. One member suggested the panel could 're:imagine a viable golf course'.

It was agreed that at the next People's Panel meeting a facilitated session would be held to identify a list of questions, and areas where further information was required, for the People's Panel to progress its work. These questions could then be directed towards appropriate sources of information, including the KGroup.

It was further agreed that a representative of the ACT Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate be invited to the next meeting to give an independent presentation on the current leasing and zoning arrangements of the area.

Initial results from the online survey were presented. The results show strong preference by respondents for the area to remain an 18-hole golf course as it currently is. Full results of the survey will be provided to the Panel after it closes on 4 May.

The Draft Terms of Reference for the People's Panel were discussed. The following amendments were made:

- To broaden the scope of information the People's Panel can draw on additional source of information was added - 'other sources as identified by the People's Panel'.
- The suggestion the panel would meet up to five times, was amended to as it would meet 'as required'.
- Subject matter experts would not just be provided to the People's Panel, but can 'also be sourced by' the People's Panel.

It was agreed that the proceedings of the People's Panel would be open. A communiqué (this document) would be issued to the public in the days after the meeting with a summary of the discussion; formal minutes would be made available after they were ratified at the subsequent meeting. All information released by the People's Panel would be placed on the re:imagine website. Information would include a full list of People Panel members.

Membership of the People's Panel was discussed. It was agreed to approach businesses from the Gold Creek area, the Gungahlin Community Council and some young people to join the Panel to ensure membership is representative of a cross section of the community and interests.

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