

OLC Co-Design Team Meeting

Friday, November 26th, 2021

The first OLC Co-Design Team Meeting was attended by 16 of the 20 members. The meeting was a two-hour face-to-face discussion chaired by Cr Peter Dimarelos.

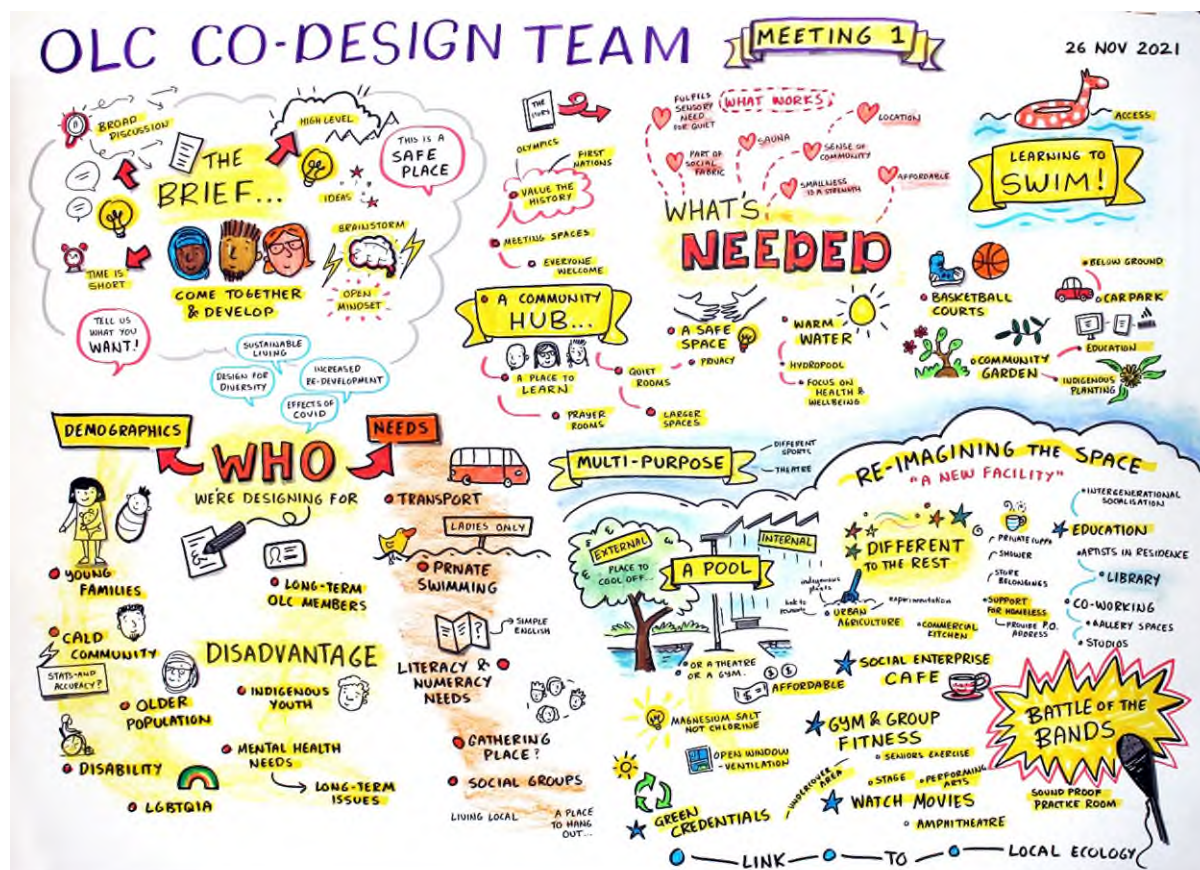
One week prior to the meeting, co-design team members were provided (via email) with the 2020 Needs Analysis Report. This Needs Analysis articulated the background to Council's in-principle support for the removal of the pools from Olympic Leisure Centre. The co-design team were also provided additional demographic information and a one-page information sheet to discuss the re-imagining project with community.

Members engaged in robust small and large group discussions to review the evidence and opinions and develop a working theory on:

1. Who OLC is being designed for?
2. What existing elements should be retained and what needs OLC should serve into the future?

The purpose of developing working theories was to start to refine the thinking and acknowledge that future inputs may influence perspectives over the course of the co-design meetings.

An illustrator captured the discussions in the form of a pictorial representation of the key discussion points.



Discussion summary

- Co-design team members were cognisant of the community diversity and identified that OLC has an opportunity to service a broader range of people.
- Discussions on the value of the OLC facility revealed community valued the aquatics functions as it particularly relates to children's swimming lessons, the participation of women from culturally diverse

backgrounds, people experiencing disabilities and older adults. Members suggested the gym facilities and places to gather to engage in non-organised sports were worth retaining.

- Members discussed the value of the “smallness” of the facility and how it has been integral to the social fabric of the community.
- Links to the Olympic heritage and its role in supporting people to live locally were valued.
- Members were unable to develop working theories due to time constraints and asked Council officers to assist in preparation for the next meeting.
- Members contributed a range of ideas for the future, all captured in the illustration above.

Key discussion points for meeting 2

- Working theories will be discussed and modifications made if required
- With reference to the 3081 community hub ecosystem, the co-design team will discuss the primary function of the new facility, with consideration to how it will complement the existing hubs and add long-term value for the community.
- The co-design team will meet the architect and exchange information in preparation for the drafting of the first concept.

OLC Co-Design Meeting 2 – 10th December 2021