

## CITY OF RYDE

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT NO. 08/07

15 May 2007

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Committee of the Whole desires to report having met on Tuesday, 15 May 2007 at 7.30 pm.

**Councillors Present:** The Mayor, Councillor I J Petch (Chairperson) and Councillors M P Butterworth, N B Campbell, T P McCosker, M Melhem, C M Netterfield, G O'Donnell, T W Perram, V J Tagg (except consideration of item 11) E M Wilde OAM and S Yedelian.

**Apology:** An apology was received and accepted from Councillor T D A Ryan.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager – Corporate Services, Acting Group Manager – Environment & Planning, Group Manager - Public Works, Manager Community Relations & Events, Corporate Communications Manager and Manager Councillor Services. The Manager Community Facilities Development and Arts & Cultural Development Co-ordinator were present for items 1-7 only.

#### 1 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian and Tagg)

- (a) That the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole No. 07/07 held on 1 May 2007, be confirmed with the exception of Item 6 – 2 TUCKER STREET, RYDE .
- (b) That Item 6 – 2 TUCKER STREET, RYDE be amended to read as follows:

THAT CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 62/2007 AT 2 TUCKER STREET, RYDE, BEING LOT: 1 DP: 749952 BE DEFERRED TO ALLOW THE GENERAL MANAGER TO HAVE URGENT CONTACT WITH MR MICHAEL COUTTS TROTTER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ABOUT COUNCIL'S CONCERNS WITH THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

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**2 INVOLVEMENT WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Perram and Yedelian)

- (a) That the report of the Manager Community Services dated 10 May 2007 concerning Council's involvement with local schools be received and noted.
- (b) That a further report be provided on the granting of the City of Ryde Excellence Awards.
- (c) That all Councillors be invited to Council organised events and details of these events also be provided in the Councillors Information Bulletin.

**3 ROTHESAY AVENUE – Cycleway / Footway and Road Construction**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Perram and Wilde OAM)

- (a) That the concept design for Rothesay Avenue – Cycleway / Footway and Road Construction, as circulated with the report of the Group Manager – Public Works dated 8 May 2007, be endorsed subject to the recommendation of the Ryde Traffic Committee on the roadworks.
- (b) That approval be given to proceed with the Stage 1 works as proposed above.

**4 ADVISORY COMMITTEES – Model Terms of Reference**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors O'Donnell and Butterworth)

- (A) THAT THE MODEL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES BE ADOPTED AS THE MINIMUM STANDARD FOR THE OPERATION OF THESE COMMITTEES WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:
  - (i) THAT THE CHAIRPERSON BE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL (MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, SENIOR STAFF MEMBER);
  - (ii) THAT MEMBERSHIP OF EACH COMMITTEE COMPRISE NO LESS THAN ONE (1) COUNCILLOR; AND
  - (iii) THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, ANOTHER COUNCILLOR MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE COMMITTEE FACILITATOR, CHAIR THE MEETING.

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- (B) THAT EACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE BY SEPTEMBER 2007, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MODEL DOCUMENT AS DETAILED IN PART (A) ABOVE, AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION.
- (C) THAT THE CITY OF RYDE ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE FORMALLY DISSOLVED AND ITS FUNCTIONS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE AND RYDE SAFE COMMUNITIES STEERING COMMITTEE.
- (D) THAT THE CITY OF RYDE BICYCLE ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE BE FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE CITY OF RYDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Melhem and McCosker –

- (a) That the Model Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees be adopted as the minimum standard for the operation of these Committees with the following amendments:
  - (i) that the Chairperson be determined by Council (Mayor, Councillor, Senior Staff Member or community representative);
  - (ii) that membership of each Committee comprise no less than one (1) Councillor; and
  - (iii) that in the absence of the Chairperson, another Councillor member of the Committee or the Committee Facilitator, chair the meeting.
- (b) That each Advisory Committee undertake a review of their Terms of Reference by September 2007, in accordance with the Model document as detailed in part (a) above, and report back to Council for adoption.
- (c) That the City of Ryde Road Safety Advisory Committee be formally dissolved and its functions be transferred to the Ryde Traffic Committee and Ryde Safe Communities Steering Committee.
- (d) That the City of Ryde Bicycle Advisory Sub-Committee be formally known as the City of Ryde Bicycle Advisory Committee.

On being put to the meeting, the AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS MELHEM AND MCCOSKER WAS LOST AND THE MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLORS O'DONNELL AND BUTTERWORTH WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

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**5 EDEN GARDENS – Partnership Initiatives**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Perram and Tagg)

- (a) That the partnership activities with Eden Gardens, as outlined in the report of the Manager Councillor Services dated 29 April 2007, continue to be developed and implemented.
- (b) That Councillors be advised when major initiatives arising from the partnership with Eden Gardens are proposed.
- (c) That Eden Gardens be thanked for its offer of \$2,000 towards the funding of the landscaping project in the median strip on Lane Cove Road, near De Burghs Bridge.

**6 CIVIC CENTRE - Mobile Breast Cancer Screening Van**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian and Wilde OAM)

- (a) That the mobile breast screening van be permitted to temporarily locate adjacent to Ryde Civic Centre with access to 3-phase power and water.
- (b) That the availability of the mobile breast screening van be promoted through the Mayor's Column and the local newspapers be requested to promote this service.

**7 FUTURE USE OF BRUSH FARM HOUSE**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian and Perram)

That, pending development of a strategic plan for the use of Brush Farm House, Council:

- (a) directly manage Brush Farm House and establish it as a cultural and heritage facility for the next 12-18 months,
- (b) seek to finalise negotiations with the Department of Corrective Services for use and access to Brush Farm House as a matter of urgency,

- (c) commit to supporting Brush Farm House Historical Society with appropriate accommodation for its meeting, research and storage activities.
- (d) initiate a number of cultural and heritage activities and events during 2007-08 as outlined in this report and develop a more detailed program and strategic plan for use of Brush Farm House in the 2008-2011 Management Plan and Budget.

### **CLOSED COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, part of the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act, and it was resolved on the motion of Councillors O'Donnell and Campbell that item 8 should be dealt with at the end of the meeting and in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Note: At 9.35pm, the Committee of the Whole moved into Closed Session to the exclusion of the press and public.

### **8 CITY OF RYDE NEWSLETTER**

Part discussion of this item was classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (b) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

This matter is classified confidential because it contains financial analysis and scenarios which Council will be validating through a public tender process. It is not in the public interest to reveal these financial calculations prior to the tender process as it may affect Council's ability to secure the best value outcome.

It was resolved on the motion of Councillors Yedelian and McCosker:-

That the Committee of the Whole resolve into Open Session.

Note: At 9.52pm, the Committee of the Whole moved into Open Session.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Campbell and O'Donnell)

That Council produce a fortnightly newsletter to be distributed to the community as an insert in a local newspaper to promote Council information and services and fulfill statutory advertising obligations.

## **9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Butterworth and Campbell)

- (a) That the report of the Manager Urban Planning dated 8 May 2007 providing an update on affordable housing matters be received and noted.
- (b) That consideration of options for affordable housing provisions in Ryde be included as a consideration in the preparation of a housing strategy as part of the preparation of a Local Strategy for Ryde.

## **10 DRAFT RYDE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP) 2008**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors O'Donnell and Butterworth)

- (a) That the report of the Manager of Urban Planning dated 16 March 2007 concerning the draft Ryde Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2008 be received and noted.
- (b) That the consultation process required by Section 62 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for draft Ryde LEP 2008 be carried out.

**11 REGULATED PARKING INCOME IN MACQUARIE PARK**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors O'Donnell and Netterfield)

That the report from the Chief Financial Officer dated 10 May 2007 on Regulated Parking Income in Macquarie Park be received and noted.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND AS SUCH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE.

**12 2 TUCKER STREET, RYDE. LOT: 1 DP: 749952. Local Development Application for Ryde Public School - Demolition of ancillary buildings and erect two two-storey classroom blocks, lift, fire stair addition to existing building, new carpark. LDA 62/2007. Applicant: Department of Education.**

Note: A report of the General Manager dated 15 May 2007 (**ANNEXED**) was considered in conjunction with this item and is circulated on pages 77 and 78 of the Committee of the Whole Agenda No. 08/07.

Report: The General Manager advised the Committee that this late item was submitted in response to the request of the Committee of the Whole on 1 May 2007 to report back as soon as possible on two outstanding matters only, being to seek an increased setback of building B from the northern boundary of the site, and provision of privacy measures so as to preclude viewing into neighbouring properties.

The General Manager also indicated that the resident objector who addressed the Committee of the Whole on 1 May 2007 had been notified today of this late item but was unable to attend the meeting.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian and Wilde OAM)

That LDA 62/2007 for alterations and additions to Ryde Public School at 2 Tucker Street Ryde be approved in accordance with the recommended conditions (1 – 44) to the report of the Group Manager – Environment & Planning, dated 18 March 2007, subject to inclusion of the following additional conditions:

1. The setback distance between Building B and the northern boundary is to be increased by 2 metres to provide a new total setback of 13 metres.

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2. The south-east elevation of the link between the North-South classroom shall be constructed with a privacy screen to a height of 1800mm so as to preclude viewing into the neighbouring properties.

The meeting closed at 9.52pm.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2007

Chairperson

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General Manager

Mayor