

Extraordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA NO. 09/09

Meeting Date: Tuesday 2 June 2009
Location: Committee Room 2, Level 5
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1 MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009-2013

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Report Summary

To advise Council of public submissions received in relation to the exhibition of the Draft Management Plan together with recommended amendments for Council's consideration in adopting the Management Plan for the period 2009-2013.

Background

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 21 April 2009, resolved that pursuant to Section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993, the document titled "Draft Management Plan 2009-2013" be adopted as the Draft Management Plan of the City of Ryde and for it to be publicly exhibited for a period of not less than 28 days from 29 April 2009.

Report

Public Consultation Program

In the preparation of the Draft Management Plan, Council undertook a comprehensive consultation program. The program was as follows:

- Formal public exhibition of the Draft Management Plan commenced Wednesday 29 April 2008 and concluded on Wednesday 27 May 2008. A full page advertisement was placed in the Northern District Times on 29 April 2009 and advised the community of the public exhibition period and the availability of the document at Council's libraries, Civic Centre and website.

Key highlights of the Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 and important information on how the community could comment on the Draft Plan was included in the advertisement. Council's website also provided other supporting documentation to assist the community in being fully informed of Council's Draft Plan.

- Additional consultation has occurred with presentations summarising the Draft Plan being given at various community forums as follows:

Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association 14 May 2009

Due to varying reasons, other Chambers either did not have a meeting in the exhibition period or have arranged for a presentation at their June meeting.

The City of Ryde will be hosting the Ryde Business Forum on 1 June 2009 in providing the Forum with a presentation on the Draft Plan.

In addition, Council forwarded emails to all members of its Advisory Committees and Chambers of Commerce/Progress Associations advising

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them of the public exhibition period for the Draft Management Plan and provided the link to Council's website.

- A Council Expo was also held on 16 May 2009 in the Shepherds Bay Community Hall and Helene Park Meadowbank, that provided an opportunity for Council to promote the Draft Management Plan and other key initiatives to the City of Ryde community to enable comments / feedback to be received. The Expo was advertised in the Northern District Times, Mayoral Column, Ryde City View and on Council's website.

In holding the Council Expo, Council consolidated a variety of consultations planned for May 2009 including the Ryde 2030 Community Strategic Plan and provided a different approach to encourage a broader representation of community members, businesses and other stakeholders to lend their voice to:

- Draft Management Plan 2009-2013
- Ryde 2030 Community Strategic Plan
- Phase 2 Current Reality and Visioning
- Community Facilities Plan exhibition

Attendees at the Expo commented on the value of the information available and were able to see what work was planned for their local area. Comments were received about existing services, suggestions for services and ideas about how to engage with the community on Council projects and plans. Positive feedback was received from the attendees including comments such as "easy to participate", "a great way to learn about the Council and to have a chat" and "everyone is so enthusiastic". Comments generally were positive about the Expo and where people made specific comments about issues that impacted on them directly, these comments have been forwarded to appropriate staff to address.

Public Submissions

Submissions closed on 27 May 2009. A total of 26 public submissions were received (**CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**). These submissions are summarised below, with responses:

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Submission 1:

Email dated 12 May 2009 from a representative of Eastwood Police highlighting that the Epping/Macquarie Park rail line is now open

Response:

The Management Plan has been amended to reflect this.

Submission Number	From/representing
2	Resident
3	Resident
4	Resident
5	Resident
12	Meadowbank Chinese Neighbourhood Centre, representing 18 members
17	Resident (*handwritten letter)
21	Resident
22	Korean Chamber of Commerce, petition with 25 signatures
24	Australian Chinese Cultural Education Activity Centre, representing 20 members

Form letter requesting that any increase to the fees and charges for the display of outdoor merchandise by Eastwood businesses be limited to no more than 3.5%, consistent with the general increase to rates for residents.

Response:

This matter was considered as part of the Councillor Workshops held on the Draft Management Plan and no change is proposed to the Draft Fees and Charges.

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6	Feng Hua Chinese School representing 396 families
7	Resident
8	Resident
13	Meadowbank Chinese Neighbourhood Centre, representing 18 members
16	Resident
20	Resident
23	Korean Chamber of Commerce, petition with 25 signatures
25	Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizens Club representing 900 members

Form letter requesting that additional car spaces at East Parade, Doomben Avenue and Railway Parade be a top priority in the Draft Capital Works Program for 2009-2013.

They request that allocation of funding for the project should be:

- \$182,000 in 2009/10 for East Parade, Eastwood;
- \$57,000 in 2010/11 for Doomben Avenue, Eastwood; and
- \$116,000 in 2011/12 for Railway Parade, Eastwood.

Response:

Council has considered this matter at previous Management Plan Workshops and the Group Manager, Public Works advises that no alteration to current budgetary provisions is recommended.

Submission 9:

The Minutes of the Advisory Committee for 9 March 2009 - The Bushland and Environs Advisory Committee of Ryde recommends that Council provides program funding in 2009/10 to conceptually identify bushland corridors linking existing bushland areas through private lands including institutional open space and backyards, other public lands such as street plantings on nature strips.

Response:

Strategy ES6 of the draft Management Plan 2009/2013 has identified this as an issue and Council will use existing flora and fauna reports and related bushland biodiversity studies to assist in the identification of conceptual local bio-corridors within available resources under recurrent expenditure and subject to grant funding.

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Submissions 10 and 11

Letter from Eastwood Ryde Netball Association Inc dated 9 May 2009 representing 22 clubs and 1,800 people requesting additional lighting and extra courts at Meadowbank Park. The submission also addresses parking, subsidies and toilet maintenance. Further an email from Eastwood Ryde Netball Association Inc dated 19 May 2009 requesting repairs to fencing, goal posts and court surfacing.

Response:

The Group Manager, Community Life's response on the submissions from Eastwood Ryde Netball Association (ERNA) is as follows:

Floodlighting

ERNA currently has 4 floodlit courts available within the City for training at Brush Farm Park. ERNA has identified the need for floodlighting at Meadowbank Park as their highest priority. The request for sports (flood) lighting at Meadowbank Park was considered at a Councillor Workshop on 26 May 2009. It is proposed to increase funding to "Playing Field Lighting" program significantly over the next 4 years. Council will develop a priority list over the next few months and will advise all sporting clubs.

Brush Farm Park

ERNA asserts that there is insufficient parking at Brush Farm Park which can result in safety issues with the crossing of Lawson St. The draft Plan of Management for Brush Farm Park and Lambert Park includes a strategy to review alternate parking in order to provide sufficient parking at and around the park to accommodate sports events.

Netball Subsidies

The omission of subsidies provided to ERNA in the draft plan is in error. The estimated level of subsidy to be provided in the upcoming financial year is \$95,052. This represents the cost to Council of the provision of netball facilities less the income derived from facility hire. This information will be included in the final document.

In terms of requests to waiver fees for the "Cure Our Kids" Gala Day, Council's records indicate that the facility was already hired for the season by ERNA – no additional fee was charged. With reference to Ryde Sports Foundation Days, this is not covered within the previous three Management Plans and therefore provides no basis on which to waiver the applicable fees.

Infrastructure contributions

The Draft Management Plan 2009 – 2013, Fees and Charges includes a section entitled "Reduced Fee – Contributions towards Council Owned Infrastructure". This allows organisations who have contributed toward Council owned sporting infrastructure from 1 July 2009, to be eligible to apply for a reduction in sportsground related fees and charges subject to the approval of the General Manager. Criteria / factors as prescribed by Council will determine the level of reduction including the

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consideration of the level of contribution and the benefit derived by other users within the community as a result of the improvement.

Condition of Courts

Council Officers have conducted a condition assessment of all the netball courts at Meadowbank Park. This process determined that three of the 22 courts were in poor condition (condition 5), and minor works are recommended to repair them. The works are proposed to be undertaken in 2009/10 as part of the "Playing Fields Remediation – Old Landfills Sites" Program.

Toilets

Council provides a daily cleaning service of all toilets at sportsgrounds, including the supply of toilet paper. Any deficiencies in this service and routine maintenance items such as inadequate supply of toilet paper should be reported via Council's Customer Service or After Hours Service.

Increased number of courts

ERNA has made a number of representations indicating their desire to increase the number of courts at Meadowbank Park. ERNA asserts that this will enable them to increase the time between games and improve access to the park. This may be the case in the short-term; however, if netball participation continues to grow under the traditional model, this will ultimately result in increased access issues. ERNA also wishes to have the capacity to host State Championships which require at least 30 courts. ERNA could expect to host such an event every 3 to 4 years. Council's core business is community sport and in keeping with Council's adopted policy, seeks assistance from users to fund facility provision which goes beyond the community level. The compounded impact of such an event on local residents and other active and passive users must also be considered in addition to the existing high level of regular weekend use.

Council has responded to these representations, indicating that while there is sufficient space for additional courts at the park, the primary concern is the impact of additional users on local residents and other users of the park. Given the severe access constraints of Meadowbank Park, it would be preferable to exhaust all alternative options to develop netball usage within the current facility, prior to considering expanding a facility which will remain unused for the majority of the week. Other sports are starting to investigate alternative options to expand their sport outside of their traditional format such as Sunday and evening competition and training.

ERNA is to be congratulated for developing a plan to enhance their sport of netball and it is important that Council be involved in this process to ensure that the ERNA's plan is consistent with Council's objectives for its open spaces and sporting facilities.

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Submissions 14:

A letter dated 26 May 2009 from the Ryde-Hunter's Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society raising five issues:

1. Lack of linkage with other environmental planning instruments: the submission states that the draft Management Plan does not identify protection of the local environment and linkages with environmental plans as high priorities. Concerns are expressed that bushland management has gravitated back to a 'parks' management' approach rather than a focus on improved biodiversity and habitat connectivity.
2. Lack of transparency: concerns are raised that the maintenance of small bush regeneration sites drop out of the Council program. There are also concerns raised that it is not possible to ascertain where and what is spent on small projects.
3. Community engagement: the submission states that outside direct contact via working days and newsletters there is no mechanism for on going volunteer co-ordination. The suggestion is made that Council consider raising the status of advisory groups such as the Heritage and Bushland groups to be recognised Committees under the Local Government Act.
4. Stormwater Management: The Society supports the approach by Council towards sustainable urban stormwater management.
5. Ongoing control of feral animals: The Society supports Council involvement in regional fox and rabbit abatement programs.

Response:

1. Concerns are noted.
2. The specific allocation of funds for individual natural areas must remain confidential, until quotations/tenders have been finalized. If divulged to potential service providers this information may result in Council not obtaining the best value for money or a price dictated by market forces. However, as in previous years, Council will make this information available at the first opportunity through reporting the information to the Bushland and Environs Advisory Committee for Ryde.

Council has several sources of Bush Regeneration services, as follows:

- Bushcare volunteers
- Bush Regeneration Service Providers
- Volunteers such as schools and businesses wanting to make a community service contribution.

Where there are volunteers, schools or businesses involved at a small reserve or location, the use of paid service providers is reduced accordingly. Two reserves where this has occurred are Minga Reserve and Stewart Reserve. An example where professional Bush Regeneration services are complementing a community service obligation is at ELS Hall Park where Optus is providing a service and additional funding.

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Currently there are professional Bush Regeneration service providers operating in 28 of Council's natural areas, all from the preferred suppliers listing. This is generally consistent with works undertaken over the past ten years. There has been no scaling back or termination of Bush Regeneration activities in recent years.

3. Bushcare Volunteers are coordinated through the Bushcare Officer. The meetings that were once held were discontinued after the establishment of the Bushcare Officer position. An annual Christmas function is held which encourages networking.

Communication with Ryde-Hunter's Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society is through BEACR meetings, where there are two Society representatives. Council has also recently resolved that meetings be held with the Society to ensure the Society is kept informed of the construction of the boardwalks in bushland - Buffalo Creek.

The input and advice received from Advisory Committees is very valuable, and assists Council with its decision making. This Committee structure provides community representatives and nominated organisational representatives, the opportunity to assist Council with their local knowledge and expertise. The raising of the status of advisory groups to be recognised as Council Committees is a matter for Council's consideration.

4. The Society's support for Council sustainable urban stormwater management program is noted.
5. Support for ongoing control of feral animals is noted.

Submission 15:

A letter dated 25 May 2009 from a resident of Ryde regarding the availability of playground facilities in the Sewell, Sheppard and Bowden Street area. The resident requests that a play facility be installed in the area between Sheppard and Bowden Streets where the park is the widest.

Response:

The Management Plan includes provision of a walking link from Top Ryde to West Ryde along the Charity Creek Cascades parklands (Sheppard Street to Linton Lane) over 2 years (2009/10 & 2010/11 - total \$450,000). The project will include a local playground approximately half way along the route. A concept plan will be prepared for public comment by the end of 2009.

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Submission 18:

A web submission dated 27 May 2009 from a resident of Ryde regarding three issues:

1. The definition of "Food Shops";
2. With the high value of Council parks and sporting fields, and the ever increasing number of illegal users, that 38hr per week patrols are inadequate; and
3. Now that Heath Street contains a cycle way, that it is imperative that a footpath be provided.

Response:

1. Food Shops does mean food premises.
2. The 38 hrs/pw for parks and sporting field enforcement only relates to the role of one dedicated ranger dealing with a specific range of enforcement issues (off leash dogs, vandalism etc). Many other council staff are working to manage our parks and sporting facilities every day of the week. These include compliance and parking rangers, maintenance staff, parks staff, events managers and groundsmen. Many of these staff work outside of core hours to ensure that Ryde's parks and sporting fields receive the high level of care and maintenance they deserve.
3. The construction of concrete footpaving on the west side of Heath Street between Quarry Road and North Road is on the new footpath request register for consideration in a future Management Plan.

Submission 19:

A letter dated 26 May 2009 from the Gladesville Ravens Sports Club requesting that Council allocate \$500,000 per year for the provision of sports lighting.

Response:

The Councillor Workshop on 26 May 2009 considered the level of funding for Flood Lighting and it is proposed to increase funding to the "Playing Field Lighting" program significantly over the next 4 years. Council will develop a priority list over the next few months and will advise all sporting clubs.

Submission 26:

Council's Bicycle Advisory Committee recommended changes to the distribution of funds with regarding to projects.

Response:

This submission has been considered with the recommended changes incorporated into Council's Capital Works Program.

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Draft Management Plan and Recommended Amendments

Since the Draft Management Plan was adopted by Council for public exhibition, there have been some amendments made to the Draft Plan. A revised Draft Management Plan (**CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**) incorporates the following changes including the correction of minor typographical errors or amendments to the document;

- **Budget Adjustments – Carry Over works**

The Council at its meeting of 12 May 2009 when considering the 2008-2012 Management Plan Implementation Report for the quarter ended 30 March 2009 resolved that projects totalling \$6,875,236 be carried over and included in the Draft Management Plan for Council's consideration.

Following these adjustments, the Working Capital balance as at the 30 June 2009 is projected to be approximately \$4.1million, an increase of approximately \$900,000 on the opening Working Capital balance forecasted for the 2009/2010 Draft Budget.

The following tables detail the amendments made to Council's 2009-2013 Draft Budget and reflect the carryovers as approved by Council at its meeting on 12 May 2009 and the additions or reductions that have been made to the Capital Works Program since the advertising of the Draft Management Plan. Details of the total program are contained in the revised Draft Management Plan that has been circulated.

Capital Income

Project	General Revenue	Other Funding	Total
Parks			
Ryde Community & Sports Centre (ELSHall Park)		3,500,000	3,500,000
Total Changes to Capital Income		0	3,500,000

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Capital Expenditure

Project	General Revenue	Other Funding	Total
Access			
Footpath Construction			
Fawcett St (South Side to No. 34)	35,000	0	35,000
Sherbrooke Road (SS Station Street - Mons Avenue)	(33,000)	0	(33,000)
	2,000	0	2,000
Road Rehabilitation/Reconstruction			
Badajoz Rd (Nerang - Milne)	(20,000)	0	(20,000)
Blenheim Rd - realign kerb & widen footpath at shops	(90,000)	0	(90,000)
Railway Parade (May Street - Rowe Street)	83,200	0	83,200
	(26,800)	0	(26,800)
Road Resurfacing			
Railway Road (Constitution Road - Underdale Lane)	95,000	0	95,000
Traffic Facilities Construction			
West Parade & Railway Parade Pedestrian Facilities	0	45,000	45,000
West Parade/Hillview Road Roundabout	0	85,000	85,000
	0	130,000	130,000

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Project	General Revenue	Other Funding	Total
Access - Continued			
Town Centre Upgrades			
Eastwood Town Centre	0	373,900	373,900
Gladesville Town Centre	0	420,000	420,000
Macquarie Park - Public Domain	0	538,000	538,000
Meadowbank Public Domain & Intersection (Railway Parade)	0	700,000	700,000
	0	2,031,900	2,031,900
Cycleways			
Delange Road Cycleway	76,000	0	76,000
Bike Route - LL15 Coxs Rd to Blenheim Rd; Cutler Pde, Edmondson St, Ryrie St, Collins St, Wicks Rd, Beatrice St and Kathleen St	(45,000)	0	(45,000)
Bike Route - LL17 Macquarie Hospital, Norton Rd between Twin Rd and Cox's Rd	(7,000)	0	(7,000)
Bike Route - LL19 Potts St to Monash Rd, Weaver St, Victoria Rd, Frank St, College St and Monash Rd to Buffalo Road	(54,000)	0	(54,000)
Bike Route - RR01 Forester Park to Blaxland Rd, Vimera Rd, Balaclava Rd to Blaxland Rd	(25,000)	0	(25,000)
Bike Route- LL12 Epping Rd – Shrimptons Creek to Lyon Park Rd - northern side	122,000	109,000	231,000
Bike Route- LR06 Cycle overbridge ramp transition to Paul Street North	26,000	0	26,000
Bike Route- LR06 Cycle overbridge ramp transition to Paul Street South	10,000	0	10,000
Bike Route- RR01 Lighting on the northern end of John Whitton Bridge	6,000	0	6,000
Bike Route -RR03, Heath St, Heath Ln, Rickard St, Blaxland Rd, Anzac Ave to Victoria Road	(109,000)	(109,000)	(218,000)
	0	0	0
Other Capital Expenditure			
Bowden Street Lighting - Multifunction Poles	0	339,500	339,500
Town Centre Signage for Eastwood, Gladesville, Macquarie Park, Ryde Town Centre and West Ryde	(190,000)	0	(190,000)
Implement Integrated Transport & Land Use Strategy (ITLUS) - Bus Stop Upgrades to provide disabled access	(20,000)	0	(20,000)
Darvall Road Slippage	200,000	0	200,000
	(10,000)	339,500	329,500
Total Access	60,200	2,501,400	2,561,600

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Project	General Revenue	Other Funding	Total
Buildings & Property			
Building Maintenance/Replacement			
Community Hall, Childcare & Facilities Upgrade Program	(12,000)	0	(12,000)
Compliance and Environmental Measures			
Disability Access Improvement Program	(15,000)	0	(15,000)
New Facilities			
Civic Centre Precinct Redevelopment	(750,000)	0	(750,000)
New Child Care, Family & Children's Facility - Macquarie Park - Feasibility	(90,000)	0	(90,000)
Security Cameras Program	(15,000)	0	(15,000)
	(870,000)	0	(870,000)
Total Buildings & Property	(882,000)	0	(882,000)
Catchments & Assets			
Floodplain Risk Management			
Eastwood & Terry's Creek Floodplain Mgt Plan	(200,000)	0	(200,000)
North Ryde Golf Club	(70,000)	0	(70,000)
	(270,000)	0	(270,000)
Water Quality & Reuse			
Buffalo Creek - Restoration/Remediation	160,000	40,000	200,000
Buffalo Creek (SQID)	0	320,000	320,000
Eastwood Town Centre - SQID & Litter Traps	(100,000)	0	(100,000)
Looking Glass Bay (SQID)	0	135,000	135,000
Meadowbank Park Water Reuse	0	300,000	300,000
Shrimptons Creek Bioretention System Santa Rosa Pa	0	175,000	175,000
Strangers Creek Rehabilitation & Wetland Field of Mars Reserve	(100,000)	0	(100,000)
	(40,000)	970,000	930,000
Total Catchments & Assets	(310,000)	970,000	660,000

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Project	General Revenue	Other Funding	Total
Parks			
Passive Open Space			
Charity Creek Cascades	(200,000)	0	(200,000)
Eastwood Park	(198,000)	0	(198,000)
Fontenoy Park (POT p.60)	(260,000)	0	(260,000)
Kissing Point & Benelong Parks (POT p.63)	0	700,000	700,000
New Open Space Cnr Devlin & Park Sts	(50,000)	0	(50,000)
North Ryde Oval Rehabilitation, Playground, Amenities & Pass	0	430,000	430,000
Ryde Community & Sports Centre (ELSHall Park)		3,500,000	3,500,000
	(708,000)	4,630,000	3,922,000
Sporting Facilities			
Playing Field Lighting Upgrade (ESD, POT p.58)	0	100,000	100,000
Natural Areas, Linkages & Trails			
Ryde Riverwalk - Incl Glades Bay	(50,000)	0	(50,000)
Buffalo Creek Trail (POT p.59 & 63)	0	581,000	581,000
Shrimptions Creek Trail (POT p.59 & 63)	0	(100,000)	(100,000)
	(50,000)	481,000	431,000
Playground and Small Parks			
Anderson Park - New Playgroud	0	(50,000)	(50,000)
Small Park Upgrades & Linkages (POT p.64)	(50,000)	0	(50,000)
	(50,000)	(50,000)	(100,000)
Total Parks	(808,000)	5,161,000	4,353,000
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre			
RALC Air Handling Units (Leisure Pool)	0	497,000	497,000
RALC Hot Water Units	0	23,636	23,636
RALC Water Treatment Equipment	0	44,000	44,000
Total Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre	0	564,636	564,636
Waste & Fleet			
Plant, Equipment & Fleet	0	(200,000)	(200,000)
Total Changes to 2009/2010 Capital Works Program	(1,939,800)	8,997,036	7,057,236

The changes detailed in the above tables are a result of Councillor workshops and community feedback. The following projects are highlighted:

Council will receive \$3.5M from the Australian Government under the Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects for the construction of an indoor community and sporting centre at ELS Hall Park. A total of \$8.14M is included over the 4 year Capital Works Program for this project, with \$4.82M included in the 2009/2010 Budget.

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A further \$1M has been included for Playing Field Lighting. The total program is \$1.4M over the 4 year Capital Works Program, \$200K is included in the 2009/2010 Budget.

As a result of the amendments to Council's Capital Works program, the 2009/2010 program of \$36.068 million is summarised below;

Program	\$	Total \$
Access		
Footpath Construction	1,012,000	
Road Reconstruction	4,131,200	
Traffic Facilities	955,000	
Town Centre Upgrades	4,531,900	
Cycleways	444,000	
Other	1,170,500	
Access Total		12,244,600
Buildings & Property		
Building Maintenance/Replacement	468,000	
Compliance & Enforcement Measure	110,000	
New Facilities	3,015,000	
Buildings & Property Total		3,593,000
Catchments and Assets		
Asset Replacement	1,635,000	
Floodplain Risk Management	1,882,000	
Water Quality & Reuse	2,280,000	
Catchments and Assets Total		5,797,000
Parks		
Passive Open Space	7,382,000	
Sporting Facilities	510,000	
Natural Ares, Links & Trails	911,000	
Playground & Small Parks	1,000,000	
Trees & Planting	135,000	
Parks Total		9,938,000
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre		835,636
Waste & Fleet		2,850,000
Information Systems		410,000
Library Services		400,000
Total Capital Expenditure		36,068,236

Budget Summary

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	2008/2009 Current Budget \$'000	2009/2010 Proposed Budget \$'000
Operating Income	77,333	78,939
Operating Expenditure	(65,502)	(64,788)
Capital Income	5,835	9,901
Depreciation	(14,832)	(16,265)
Operating Result	2,834	7,787
Non-Cash Items	17,420	17,090
Capital Expenditure	(36,181)	(36,068)
Cash Flow to Fund	(15,927)	(11,191)
Opening Working Capital	2,197	4,088
Net Loan Funds	(729)	(460)
Net Funding from Reserves	18,547	11,477
Working Capital	4,088	3,914

Capital Works Program 2009-2013

City of Ryde's revised 4 year capital works program totals \$122 million with \$36 million Program for 2009/2010 as detailed above. The program has been amended in consultation with Councillors and the community feedback in addition to taking account of the current economic conditions and the City's financial sustainability into the future.

Loan Borrowings

City of Ryde does not propose to borrow any funds to support its \$36 million capital works program with Council's forecasted debt service ratio being approximately 1% as at 30 June 2010.

Rates and Annual Charges

The Minister for Local Government has set the rate pegging limit at 3.5% for 2009/2010 and this is proposed to be adopted by Council for the 2009/2010 rating year. The City of Ryde is also proposing to adopt the Minister for Local Government's maximum interest rate on overdue rates of 9% for 2009/2010.

Fees & Charges

The following changes have been made to the Schedule of Fees and Charges;

- Community Facilities – explanatory notes – providing further clarity on waiving of fees for use of community facilities - Page B26
- Outdoor dining areas –Page B65

The issue of the fees applying to Outdoor Dining areas, has been discussed at Councillor Workshops, especially the proposed rates to apply for both Cox's Road and Eastwood.

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As discussed at the Councillor Workshop, the annual fees proposed to apply to the above areas have removed the market component and therefore the proposed rates to apply are \$220 per m² plus GST. As a result, a fee of \$242.00 has been included in Council's Fees and Charges for Outdoor Dining areas at Cox's Road and Eastwood.

Critical Dates

Council publicly exhibited the Draft Management Plan on 29 April 2009 for a period of 28 days to allow the public to make submissions on any aspect of the Draft Plan.

Council has convened a Special Council meeting for 2 June 2009 to consider all submissions and for the formal adoption of the 2009-2013 Management Plan.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Executive Team
- Corporate Strategy Unit
- Finance Unit
- All Council Service Units

Internal Workshops held:-

- Councillor workshops - In the preparation of the Draft Management Plan 2009-2013, workshops have been held with Councillors as follows:-
 - Workshop 1 16 October 2008
 - Workshop 2 11 November 2008
 - Workshop 3 25 November 2008
 - Workshop 4 10 February 2009
 - Workshop 5 24 February 2009
 - Workshop 6 3 March 2009
 - Workshop 7 10 March 2009
 - Workshop 8 17 March 2009
 - Workshop 9 31 March 2009
 - Workshop 10 21 April 2009
 - Workshop 11 19 May 2009
 - Workshop 12 26 May 2009

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External public consultation included:-

- Public exhibition of Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 between 29 April 2009 and 27 May 2009.
- Council Expo 16 May 2008
- Information package on Council's website, Civic Centre and all Libraries
- Presentations to;
 - Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association
 - Ryde Business Forum
- Advice to all Advisory Committee members, Chambers of Commerce/Progress Associations providing links to Council's website

Management Plan Budget / Linkages

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 details the key projects, initiatives and actions that Council proposes will be undertaken over the next year. It provides the strategic direction for Council and the allocation of resources.

Relationship to Key Outcome Areas



People

The City of Ryde is committed to providing services and facilities to its community at an acceptable standard. The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 outlines the extensive services and support it provides to various sections of the community.



Assets

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 will be clearly focused on the City's infrastructure and the need to develop an ongoing strategy to increase funding in the renewal of the City's assets.



Environment

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 will provide various projects and initiatives related to the City's parks, open spaces and other aspects of the environment that will contribute to enhancing the City of Ryde.



Governance

This project meets the following **key outcomes** for Governance (set out on page 75 of the Management Plan 2008-2012):

- G1 Improved awareness and understanding of Council's decisions by the community.
- G2 Members of the community are engaged in democratic decision making.
- G5 Compliance with all legislative requirements and statutory obligations.

Council is required under the Local Government Act 1993 to prepare and exhibit for public comment its Draft Management Plan with respect to the

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Council activities for at least the next three (3) years including the Council's revenue policy.

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 includes a forecast on its financial position for the term of the plan in addition to reviewing its Long Term Financial Strategy (LTFS).

Council's LTFS forecasts that Council should spend \$20 million per annum on asset renewal to bring its \$2.6 billion asset infrastructure to a satisfactory standard.

The proposed 4 years capital works program of \$122 million provides for \$75 million for renewal of existing assets. Based on the LTFS requiring spending of \$20 million per year on asset renewal, over the ensuing 4 years there is still a shortfall of expenditure to bringing Council's infrastructure assets up to a satisfactory condition of approximately \$5 million.

Financial Impact

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 maintains its sound financial position whilst delivering a significant Capital Works Program of \$36 million and projects a Working Capital balance of \$3.914 million, as at 30 June 2010.

Council has implemented a 20 year Financial Strategy, a 20 year Asset Management Strategy, developed individual Asset Management Plans for its \$2.6 billion infrastructure and has trebled its Capital Works Program over the last 4 years to start addressing the issue of declining standards of infrastructure (roads, parks and drainage). However, over the next four (4) years, there is still a shortfall of capital expenditure to bring Council's infrastructure assets up to a satisfactory condition of approximately \$5 million per annum. Council will continue to investigate ways to address this shortfall.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications through the adoption of this recommendation

Other Options

Not Applicable

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Conclusion

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 has been developed by Council with 12 Councillor Workshops being held with staff since October 2008.

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 maintains Council's sound financial position whilst delivering a significant Capital Works Program of \$36 million.

The Draft Management Plan 2009-2013 provides the strategic direction for Council and the allocation of resources. It details the key projects, initiatives and actions that Council proposes will be undertaken over the next 4 years as part of its strategies that have been developed to support Council in developing and achieving the Ryde 2030 Community Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 20/05/2009 on MANAGEMENT PLAN 2009-2013, be received and noted.
- (b) That Council note the public submissions received during the public exhibition period and the responses to the submissions, as detailed in the report.
- (c) That in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), and every power thereunto and enabling, the Draft Management Plan 2009 - 2013 be adopted as the Management Plan 2009 - 2013, with the amendments described in the report of the General Manager dated 27 May 2009 and all changes consequential thereunto.
- (d) That Council adopt the following sub-category of its Business Rate in accordance with Section 529 (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)
 - Business - Centre of Activity 1 (CoA 1)
Applicable to all rateable properties categorised as Business Centre of Activity 1 (Macquarie Major Retail Centre) in the City of Ryde. This rate applies to Lot 12 DP614852 being 197 – 223 Herring Road, Macquarie Park known as Macquarie Shopping Centre.
- (e) That, in accordance with Section 535 and other enabling powers under the Local Government Act (1993), Council make and levy for every parcel of rateable land within the City of Ryde for the year commencing 1 July 2009 the following rates and charges as detailed in the Management Plan 2009 - 2013.
 - (i) an ordinary rate of 0.00149940 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all land within the City of Ryde other than that classified as business, and that this rate be known as the ordinary Residential rate.
 - (ii) an ordinary rate of 0.006593 cents in the dollar levied on the land value

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of land within the City of Ryde classified as business, (excepting Business – centre of Activity 1 (CoA1) and that this rate be known as the ordinary Business rate.

- (iii) an ordinary rate of 0.01012242 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of land within the City of Ryde classified as Business Centre of Activity 1 (CoA 1) and this be known as the ordinary Business Centre of Activity 1 (Macquarie major retail centre) rate.
 - (iii) a minimum amount of \$419.00 for ordinary residential rates and \$419.00 for ordinary business rates be levied in respect of each separate parcel of land within the City of Ryde.
 - (iv) an ordinary rate of 0.00023400 cents in the dollar be levied on the value of all land within the City of Ryde, and that this rate be known as the Environmental Management Rate. Further, that the Environmental Management Rate have a base charge component of \$49.60 on every parcel of rateable land within the City of Ryde.
 - (v) a special rate of 0.001233 cents in the dollar be levied on the land value of all land classified as business and included in the Macquarie Park Corridor, as identified by the map contained in the 2009-20013 Management Plan, and that this rate be known as the Macquarie Park Corridor Rate.
- (f) That, in accordance with Section 496 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, the charge for the Domestic Waste Management service for each rateable residential property be set at \$311.00 per service per annum and the following additional services be provided, on request, to each rateable residential property, for the following annual charges:
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| (i) Upgrade from 140 litre to 240 litre service | \$227 |
| (ii) Additional 140 litre Garbage bin | \$237 |
| (iii) Additional 240 litre Garbage bin | \$464 |
| (iv) Additional Recycle bin | \$ 37 |
| (v) Additional Green bin | \$ 37 |
- (g) That, in accordance with Section 496 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 the standard charge for the Domestic Waste Management service provided, on request, to non-rateable properties be set at \$311.00 per service per annum and the following additional services be provided, on request, to each non-rateable property, for the following annual charges:
- (i) Upgrade from 140 litre to 240 litre Garbage bin \$227

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| (ii) | Additional 140 litre Garbage bin | \$237 |
| (iii) | Additional 240 litre Garbage bin | \$464 |
| (iv) | Additional Recycle bin | \$ 37 |
| (v) | Additional Green bin | \$ 37 |
- (h) That in accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Stormwater Management Service Charge be levied at the following rates:
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| (i) | Strata titled residential home units | \$12.50 per unit |
| (ii) | Other residential property | \$25 per rateable property |
| (iii) | Business rateable properties | \$25 per 350 sq metres of land area |
| (iv) | Business rateable Strata Properties | \$12.50 per unit |
- (i) That, in accordance with Section 611 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following charges be levied:
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| (ii) | the use of Council land for the vehicle overbridge situated in Herring Road be charged in accordance with the legal agreement between the City of Ryde and the owners of Macquarie Shopping Centre (anticipated income is \$67,375 including GST for 2009/2010). |
| (iii) | the use of Council land for the Shell Oil company pipeline in the City of Ryde be charged in accordance with the pricing formula agreed with the Company, (anticipated income is \$56,850 including GST for 2009/2010). |
| (iv) | the use of Council land for AGL Gas Mains in the City of Ryde be charged at a rate based on an annual review by KPMG of AGL's revenue (anticipated income is \$48,400 including GST for 2009/2010). |
- (j) That the rate of interest payable in respect of rates and charges that remain unpaid after they become due and payable be set at 9 percent per annum.
- (k) That the Schedule of Fees and Charges, as amended, annexed to the Management Plan 2009–2013, be adopted as Council's Fees and Charges for 2009/2010.

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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