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Venue:	Level 5, Rooms 2 and 3, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde
Date:	8 November 2010
Time:	6:30 pm
Chair:	Simone Schwarz

Participants

Present	Apology	Name	Organisation
	X	Cr Michael Butterworth	Chairperson
		Cr Roy Maggio	Councillor delegate
		Cr Bill Pickering	Councillor delegate
X		Cr Terry Perram (arrived 6.40pm)	Councillor delegate
X		Cr Vic Tagg (arrived 6.45pm)	Councillor delegate
		Cr Sarkis Yedelian	Councillor delegate
X		Edna Wilde	Community representative
X		Judy Watt	Alexanders Dockers Netball Club
X		John Crane	Northern Districts Cricket Association
X		Ross Iredale	Gladesville Hornsby Football Association
X		Buck Findlay	North West Sydney Women's Football Association
X		John Cunningham	Gladesville Ravens
X		David Lawrence	Macquarie Saints Baseball
X		Robert Ward	North Ryde Hawks Junior Rugby League
X		Andrew Hill	Sports Star
X		Brian Smith	Eastwood Croquet Club
X		Sandra Donovan	Ryde Concord Sailing Club
X		David Cochrane	Eastwood Thornleigh District Tennis Association
	X	Anne Doring	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association
X		Simone Schwarz	City of Ryde, Group Manager, Community Life
X		Shane Sullivan	City of Ryde, Manager Governance
X		Peter Montague	City of Ryde, Recreation Coordinator
X		Ian Andrews	City of Ryde, Manager Parks Assets
X		Fiona Morrison	City of Ryde, Open Space Planner
X		Simon Harrison	City of Ryde, Manager Open Space
X		Carolynne James	NSROC – Guest presenter

Details**Action**

1.	Present: As above Simone Schwarz (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced Simon Harrison, City of Ryde's new Manager, Open Space.	Noted
2.	Apologies: As above	Noted

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<p>3. Confirmation of Minutes from 19 July 2010</p> <p>Confirmed and endorsed.</p> <p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p>	Adopted
<p>(a) NSROC Regional Sports Ground Strategy</p> <p>Carolynne James from the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils gave a presentation regarding the Regional Sports Group Infrastructure Management Strategy.</p> <p>The issues paper will address topics such as the role of Councils in sport and the future of this role, managing fluctuating demands, planning infrastructure, pricing and occupancy, and funding capital works.</p> <p>The discussion paper is on public exhibition for two months.</p> <p>There was a questions raised as a result regarding potential land for use at Smalls Road. Peter Montague commented that a project such as this could bring greater pressure to bear as a regional lobby. He suggested that this could be a matter for further investigation.</p> <p>Councillor Perram asked about the relationship between Ryde and Parramatta in relation to sportsgrounds and that this could impact the NSROC issues paper. Carolynne indicated that NSROC was aware of this matter and she is hoping that these issues can be taken into consideration in the issues paper.</p> <p>Simone Schwarz thanked Carolynne James for her presentation.</p>	<p>Peter Montague to follow up.</p> <p>The Meeting thanked Carolynne for her presentation.</p>
<p>(b) Sports Grants</p> <p>Peter Montague advised that the Sports Grants are open until Friday, 12 November 2010 and information is available on the website. He has also forwarded it to all Committee members. Peter read through the reviewed the criteria adopted by Council.</p>	Noted
<p>(c) Sports Newsletter</p> <p>Peter Montague requested that Committee members submit articles for inclusion in the next newsletter by 26 November 2010.</p> <p>Councillor Tagg asked that there be a more direct link to Sport related information on the City of Ryde website. Peter Montague advised that a portal could be considered for sports related information. In addition, Simone Schwarz advised that the City of Ryde website is being reviewed and upgraded currently.</p>	All Committee Members to consider providing articles/photos

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<p>(d) Skate Parks</p> <p>Fiona Morrison gave an update on Skate Parks. She advised that consultation results were considered by Council in July regarding skate park facilities. As a result, Council requested that feasibility studies be undertaken on three Skate Park facilities options: Macquarie University, the RALC or Blenheim Park.</p> <p>The study is to consider the proposed locations and whether managed facilities are a viable option with regard to on going costs. A consultant has been engaged to assist in this process.</p> <p>Fiona advised that the Sport and Recreation Committee would be invited to comment on the feasibility study reports.</p>	Noted.
<p>(e) Best Value Review – Sports Ground Allocations and Grounds Maintenance</p> <p>Expressions of Interest were called and Di Bills from Eastwood Ryde Netball Association and Alison Jones from Ryde Hunters Hill Cricket Club will represent the Committee as part of the Best Value Review process.</p>	
<p>(f) Rabbits</p> <p>Peter Montague advised that the monitoring of the areas affected by rabbits was undertaken. Unfortunately, the quantity of rabbits was not yet sufficient for culling action to be undertaken.</p> <p>Brian Smith noted that there is a particular issue at Eastwood Croquet Club. This will be further investigated.</p> <p>The Meeting asked if alternate methods could be considered.</p>	Peter Montague to follow up.
<p>(g) Country Council Partnership – City of Ryde and Central Darling Shire</p> <p>Shane Sullivan gave an overview of the Expression of Interest circulated in relation to the Country Council partnership. She encouraged the Committee to consider the project and submit an expression of interest.</p>	Noted
<p>(h) EOI – Ryde Community and Sports Centre</p> <p>The Expression of Interest closed Monday, 8 November 2010. There was consultation with the relevant user groups.</p>	Noted
<p>4. General Business</p>	

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(a)	<p>Capital Works Update</p> <p>Ian Andrews gave an overview of the capital works program. A copy of the update is attached to these Minutes outlining the scope of works and the status of the project.</p> <p>Councillor Tagg asked if plans for amenities can be provided to Councillors prior to them going to tender. Ian Andrews advised he would discuss this with the relevant Council Officers.</p> <p>Ross Iredale asked about the status of Magdala in relation to the Playing Field Lighting Program.</p>	<p>Update attached.</p> <p>Ian Andrews to advise relevant staff.</p>
(b)	<p>Dog Off Leash Areas</p> <p>John Cunningham from Gladesville Ravens raised issues in relation to dog off leash area in Peel Park. He raised concerns regarding the introduction of the dog off leash areas.</p> <p>Simone Schwarz acknowledged that use of public spaces is a difficult juggling act. Fiona Morrison provided some background regarding this issue and the decision of Council to conduct a six month trial. She also referred to the study on the provision of recreation areas for dogs in the City of Ryde which is available on Council's website along with the report to Council and Council's subsequent decision. The trial commenced on 27 October 2010. The consultation was sent to all homes within 200 metres of all affected parks and all sporting groups were informed by email on 28 October.</p> <p>She advised that she has been receiving a good deal of feedback regarding the trial. Some of the feedback has been positive although a good deal has been quite negative. She confirmed that all feedback received would be included in the report to Council.</p> <p>Buck Findlay said that while the trial is undertaken that there should be greater policing and signage of the dog off leash areas including those areas which are not off leash areas.</p> <p>Fiona asked that people report any issues relating to waste levels so that they can be appropriately monitored.</p>	<p>The Committee is encouraged to read the information available at http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/offleashtrial and provide comment on the report and feedback on the trial for consideration in the Council report.</p> <p>This item is to be included in the Sport Newsletter.</p>

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(c)	<p>Meadowbank/Memorial Park Masterplan</p> <p>Fiona Morrison advised that a Masterplan is being developed for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park as part of the Ryde Riverside Plan of Management. The plan will consider the flexibility of the space and to allow active and passive recreation opportunities with no loss of active space.</p> <p>A consultant has been engaged and Councillors were briefed on this project at a recent workshop. Fiona asked Committee members to review the planning principles and provide comments and/or suggestions for use in the development of the Masterplan.</p> <p>Some of the Committee has previously provided comment and this has already been received by Fiona for consideration in developing the plan. Peter Montague advised that a meeting has been arranged with Meadowbank users on Wednesday 10 November and he welcomed representatives from GHFA to attend as a stakeholder at the park.</p>	<p>The Committee is encouraged to provide suggestions/comments regarding the future use of Meadowbank Park.</p>
(d)	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Robert Ward requested dual posts to be installed at ELS Hall top assist with rugby league training. Peter Montague advised that this could be considered against other goalpost needs in the upcoming budget.</p> <p>Councillor Tagg asked about mosquito spraying in Auburn Council to alleviate issues at Meadowbank Park. Simone Schwarz said she would follow up and advise.</p>	<p>Peter Montague to follow up.</p> <p>Simone Schwarz to follow up.</p>
5.	<p>Next Meeting – Monday, 7 February 2011.</p>	
6.	<p>CLOSE</p>	