



Statutory Information

Implementation of Social Plan for 2005 – 06

The highlight of achievements for 2005-06 of programs undertaken by the City of Ryde to promote services and provide for access to services for the community including for people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds is provided in the Social Plan Report on Council's website. The activities respond to recommendations from the Social Plan 2005 Needs Papers – Children, Older People, Young People, Cultural & Linguistically Diverse People, Women, Men, People with a Disability and Aboriginal People.

These activities were underpinned by the Social Justice Charter and are presented according to the related Social Justice Principles using the Social Planning Framework 2005 – 2010.

Bushfire Hazard Reduction

Bushfire risk management strategies are directed at addressing the risk to community and environmental assets. This is achieved through addressing those factors comprising the risk, ie: the bushfire hazard (fuel loads), the sources and patterns of ignition and vulnerability of the assets at risk. Hazard reduction zones are equally as important as providing cleared asset protection zones.

In the year ended 30 June 2006, 1 hazard reduction burn of approximately 3 hectares

was undertaken in Lane Cove National Park adjacent to Christie Park by the NSW Fire Brigades and National Parks and Wildlife Service. No hazard reduction burns were undertaken in bushland under the care, control and management of the City of Ryde although 3 new asset protection zones (fire breaks) were established in the following parks:

- Portius Park, East Ryde - near Jeanette Street
- Tasman Place Reserve, Macquarie Park - near Fontenoy Road
- Lynn Park, Denistone West - near Tarrants Avenue

Financial Assistance to Other Parties

The total amount contributed or otherwise granted to other parties under Section 356 of the Local Government Act for the year ended 30 June 2006 was \$694,678. This comprised of grants paid as part of the Cultural and Community Grant Programs, and rental subsidies of Council buildings and public halls provided to community groups and disclosed annually in Council's Management Plan.

External Bodies that exercised functions delegated by Council

No external bodies were appointed to exercise delegated functions of the Council.

Controlling Interest in Companies

The City of Ryde held no controlling interest in any

company.

Partnerships, Co-operatives & Joint Ventures

- 1) Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)

The City of Ryde is a member of the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC). The other members of NSROC are Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney and Willoughby Councils.

- 2) Public-Private Partnership – City of Ryde and Bevillesta Pty Ltd

In terms of the PPP Guidelines issued as part of the Local Government Amendment (Public Private Partnerships) Act 2004 the Department of Local Government has determined that the Devlin Street Integrated Traffic Management Project entered into between Council and Bevillesta Pty Ltd, meets the definition of a Public-Private Partnership under S400B of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Devlin Street Integrated Traffic Management Project relates to the sale of stratum space in the forecourt area of the Ryde Civic Centre and adjacent to Devlin Street to Bevillesta Pty Ltd for the provision of vehicular access ramps into the proposed Top Ryde Shopping Centre redevelopment site. In addition



to the sale, Council, as the road authority, has entered into leases with Bevillesta Pty Ltd for the provision of additional ramps below Devlin Street for connection to the Top Ryde Shopping Centre site and future access to the Civic Centre site, and 2 pedestrian bridges across Devlin Street. The Department concluded that the project does not represent a high risk to Council and there is no requirement to submit the project processes for review by the Local Government Project Review Committee. However the Department reminded Council that processes outlined in the guidelines must be followed even though the project has been assessed as non-reviewable. In addition the Department requires that it be

notified if the risk profile of the project changes over time. Council has constituted a project management framework to manage the project which includes:

1. A checklist of items (Assessment Review Requirements) that must be addressed and actioned by Council. The charter for undertaking these items rests with the General Manager and Council. The guidelines also require the General Manager to certify and for Council to note that the assessment provided to the Department regarding compliance with the guidelines has been prepared in accordance with those guidelines.

2. A Project Management Plan that includes a project description, statement of outcomes/deliverables, project timeframe, risk assessment/management plan, issues register, management & governance structure, business plan, and probity plan.
3. Regular Project Control Group meetings with representatives from Council, Bevillesta and an independent non-representative member. Council is required to provide an update report to the Department of Local Government, outlining the processes followed and any updates to the various project plans since the project inception.

Category 1 and Category 2 Business Activities

The following business activities have been declared as Category 1

Name	Brief Description of Activity
Domestic Waste Removal	Domestic waste collection, recycling and disposal and sale of recycling aids
Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre	Provision of aquatic and dry court sports and leisure facilities

The following business activities have been declared as Category 2

Name	Brief Description of Activity
Commercial Waste Removal	Commercial waste collection, recycling and disposal
Ryde Certification Service	Certification of development proposals under Part 4a of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act
Property Leasing	Leasing of property assets surplus to Council's operating requirements
Commercial Works	The provision of urban services to customers within the City of Ryde and surrounding districts

The "Balance Sheet of Other Business Activities" of the City of Ryde's Category 1 and Category 2 business activities is set out on pages 66 and 67. Further information is contained in the General and Special Purpose Financial Reports available on the City of Ryde website. www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

Competitive Neutrality

Council has adopted the principle of "competitive neutrality" to its Category 1 business activities – Domestic Waste Removal and Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, as part of the National Competition Policy applied throughout Australia at all levels of Government. The framework for its application is set out in the 1996 government policy statement: "Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government; and the Pricing and Costing

for Council Businesses: A Guide to Competitive Neutrality", issued by the NSW Department of Local Government in July 1997. The pricing and costing guidelines outline the process of identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard of disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents, Council subsidies, return

on investments (rate of return) and dividends paid. These are outlined in more detail on pages 68-70 of the General and Special Purpose Financial Reports 2005/2006. The "Balance Sheet of Other Business Activities" from the General and Special Purpose Financial Reports 2005/2006 is reprinted on pages 66 and 67. The City of Ryde has a complaints handling policy for competitive neutrality

issues. No competitive neutrality complaints were received during 2005/2006. Council provides a full disclosure of its competitive neutrality pricing and costing guidelines in the General and Special Purpose Financial Reports each year.

Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1989 and Regulation

The impact during the year of the FOI requirements on the organisation’s activities was that considerable assistance continued to be provided to persons seeking access to City of Ryde’s documents and enquiries were able to be satisfied with the need for an FOI application. A total of 3 FOI requests were made in 2005/2006 and are summarised below:

Number of new FOI Requests

FOI Requests	Personal	Other	Total
New	3		3
Brought forward			
Total to be processed	3		3
Completed	3		3
Transferred Out			
Withdrawn			
Total Processed	3	0	3
Unfinished (carried forward)			

What happened to completed requests

Result of FOI Request	Personal	Other
Granted in full		
Granted in part	2	
Refused	1	
Deferred		
Completed	3	0

Basis of disallowing or refusing access

Basis of disallowing or restricting access	Personal	Other
Section 19		
Section 22		
Section 25 (1) (a1)		
Section 25 (1) (a) – exempt	3	
Section 25 (1) (b), (c), (d)		
Section 28 (1) (b)		
Section 24(2)		
Section 31 (4)		
Totals	3	0

Costs and fees of requests processed

	Assessed Costs	FOI Fees Received
All completed requests	\$600	\$90

Days to process

Elapsed Time	Personal	Other
0-21 days	3	
22-35 days		
Over 35 days		
Totals	3	0

Processing time

Processing hours	Personal	Other
0-10 hours	3	
11-20 hours		
21-40 hours		
Over 40 hours		
Totals	3	0

Reviews and appeals

Number of internal reviews finalised	1
Number of ombudsman reviews finalised	0
Number of District Court appeals finalised	0

Details of Internal Review Results

Bases of internal review	Personal		Other	
	Upheld	Varied	Upheld	Varied
Access refused				
Deferred				
Exempt matter	1			
Unreasonable charges				
Charge unreasonably incurred				
Amendment refused				
Totals	1	0	0	0

Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PIIP) Act 1998

The City of Ryde has adopted the Model Privacy Management Plan and Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government. Through staff education and training, and review of files and public reports prior to release, Council endeavours to comply with the requirements of the PPIP Act. There were no internal reviews under Part 5 of the PPIP Act in 2005/2006.

State of the Environment Report 2005/2006

The City of Ryde edition of the NSROC Regional State of the Environment 2005/2006 has been published separately and can be found on Council’s website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au.

General and Special Purpose Financial Reports 2005/2006

The full City of Ryde General and Special Purpose Financial Reports 2005/2006, including the auditors report and audit opinion, have been published separately and can be found on Council’s website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au. Selected schedules from these Statements are provided in the Annual Report on pages 56 to 67.

Rates and Charges written off

During 2005/2006, \$1,484.26 in rates and \$602.44 in charges were written off under Section 585 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Contracts and Payments Awarded

Contracts awarded and payments made for amounts greater than \$150,000 during 2005/2006 are outlined in the table on page 69 and 70.

Legal Expenses

Expenses incurred by the City of Ryde on legal proceedings during 2005/2006, and a summary of the state of progress of each legal proceeding, are outlined in the table on page 68.



Senior Staff

There were five positions designated as senior staff.

General Manager
\$258,820

Group Manager
Public Works
\$177,304

Group Manager
Environmental Planning
\$188,187

Group Manager
Corporate Services
\$180,967

Group Manager
Community life.
\$178,494

The total remuneration packages for these was \$983,772

Work Carried Out on Private Land

No work on private land, as defined by Section 67 of the Local Government Act, was carried out by Council in 2005/2006.

Planning Agreements

In 2005/2006, the City of Ryde did not enter into any Planning Agreements pursuant to Section 93G(5) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

Stormwater Management Services

The City of Ryde did not levy an annual charge for Stormwater Management Services in 2005/2006.

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