

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday 30 April 2025

**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online

**Time:** 7.04pm

**Councillors Present in Chambers:** Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio and Tracey.

**Councillors Present via online Audio Visual:** Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo and Pedersen.

**Apologies:** Nil.

**Staff Present:** Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Acting Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Chief Information Officer, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Executive Officer – City Fabric, Executive Officer – City Economy, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Manager – Circular Economy, Senior Coordinator – Asset Integration, Senior Coordinator – Resources Recovery, Team Leader – Waste, Team Leader – Community Development, IT Systems Support Officer, Civic Services Manager, Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator and Acting Civic Support Officer.

## **PRAYER**

Father Greg Morgan of the Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was sung prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns, for the reason that he is friends with one of the property owners on Buena Vista Avenue.

Councillor Last disclosed a Significant Non-pecuniary Interest in Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns, for the reason that his Godparents who he is close with live on the street and affected area.

**TABLING OF PETITIONS**

No Petitions were tabled.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Paul Hatchman	<b>Item 7</b> – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns
Jason Gao	<b>Item 7</b> – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns
Janet Fairlie-Cunninghame	<b>Notice of Motion 7</b> – Consideration of a New Category in the City of Ryde Community Grants Program to Cover Environmental Projects

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

No written submissions were received.

**COUNCIL REPORT****1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Han)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 6, Item 9, Item 10, Precis of Correspondence 1, Precis of Correspondence 2, Notice of Motion 2, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 6, Item 12, Item 13 and Item 14 on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the Reports.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPORTS****2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 2/25, held on 25 March 2025 be confirmed.

**3 DRAFT 2025-2029 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM INCLUDING  
DRAFT 2025/2026 ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN**

That Council, in accordance with legislative requirements, resolve to place the Draft Four-Year Delivery Program 2025-2029, Draft One-Year Operational Plan 2025-2026, Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026, Draft Ten-Year Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-2035, Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan, and Draft Workforce Management Strategy on public exhibition for the period Thursday, 1 May 2025 to Sunday, 1 June 2025 (inclusive).

**6 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR FINALISATION – Reclassification of  
Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community Land to  
Operational Land**

- (a) That Council endorse the planning proposal to reclassify land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville, being LOT 1 DP 816692 from Community land to Operational land.
- (b) That Council endorse the submission of the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Parliamentary Counsel's Office for finalisation under s.3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

**9 FOR ADOPTION – DRAFT MACQUARIE PARK CORRIDOR SECTION  
7.12 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN**

- (a) That Council notes the public exhibition of the Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025 and the Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020 Version 2.
- (b) That Council supports the post-exhibition amendment to the savings and transitional provision and adopts the Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 7.12 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2025 and the Draft Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020 Version 2.
- (c) That a notice is published on Council's website within 28 days of Council's decision, in accordance with Clause 214 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

**10 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - NORTHERN DISTRICTS LOCAL  
BUSINESS AWARDS 2025**

That Council decline the request for sponsorship of the Northern Districts Local Business Awards for 2025.

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE****1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HON. PRUE CAR MP REGARDING A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MIDTOWN MACQUARIE PARK**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**2 MINISTERIAL MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, DEPUTY PREMIER, MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING AND MINISTER FOR SPORT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING ON NEW WEST RYDE MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY**

That the correspondence be received and noted.

**NOTICES OF MOTION****2 LOCAL DISABILITY ART FESTIVAL - Councillor Roy Maggio**

- (a) That the City of Ryde provides a report to explore and create a local disability art event with artistic works of people living with disability, experiencing social isolation, or at risk of marginalisation providing a platform for artists of all abilities to promote themselves and expand their creative talent.
- (b) That the report should include:-
  - i. A wide community discussion with all disability networks in Ryde and local artists.
  - ii. A disability art award be presented by the Mayor and invite interested Councillors on the day.
  - iii. That the event is open to artists aged 18 and over.
  - iv. That Artists are encouraged to submit drawings, graphic art or paintings.
  - v. That the exhibition is a celebration of International Day of People with Disability. This year's theme focuses on "Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future.
- (c) That the report be made available at the July Council meeting with usage of Councillor Maggio's discretionary fund of \$1,000 in support of the event.

### **3 IMPROVED BUS SERVICES FOR GLADESVILLE AND EAST RYDE – Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson**

That Council request the Mayor to write to the NSW Minister for Transport, John Graham MP, and the Member for Lane Cove, the Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, requesting:-

- (a) The extension of the Route 516 bus service into Sagar Place, East Ryde, to better service the surrounding community.
- (b) Insights into the feasibility of introducing a new bus route that would provide a direct connection between Gladesville and the North Ryde Metro Station, travelling via Pittwater Road.

### **4 EXPANDING RYDE'S BASKETBALL FACILITIES TO MEETING COMMUNITY DEMAND - Councillor Keanu Arya**

That Council staff prepare a report to be brought back to Council which outlines the following:

- (a) Investigate and record the existing locations and number of basketball courts, half courts and hoops in Ryde, including any multi-purpose facilities, together with indicative costings for the annual maintenance of these facilities.
- (b) Explore options for deploying cost-effective basketball court facilities (e.g. half courts and individual hoops) where feasible, including associated costing and the availability of grants to assist with funding, while recognising that larger-scale facilities requiring substantial funding would need to be planned and budgeted accordingly.
- (c) Identify proposed locations for five new basketball facility sites in Ryde on a scale from lowest costing (e.g. hoop on a wall) to highest costing (e.g. half court/full court), with a view to commencing installations in 2026.
- (d) Identify a second round of proposed sites for consultation in 2026, with a view to installation in 2027/2028.

### **6 THE DELIVERY OF BLENHEIM PARK MASTERPLAN AND OPENING THE PARK FOR RYDE'S COMMUNITY TO USE - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

That staff prepare a report that contains the following information:-

- (a) Detail of any work to progress the masterplan that has already been carried out alongside the remediation.

- (b) Detail of the contaminants; the remediation process; cost of remediation; funding source for the remediation and details of any safety risk to the public (those who attended the public tree planting and residents living on adjoining land).
- (c) Details of fox and invasive species management at the park.
- (d) An updated timeline for delivery of the masterplan.
- (e) An update on the health of plants that were planted by the public on national tree day in July 2024, including how many plants were planted and how many of those have survived.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **12 OUTCOME OF RECORDS STORAGE CONTRACT (COR-RFT-01-24)**

That Council receives and notes the report.

### **13 REQUEST FOR TENDER – SSROC T2023-03 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE OF GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS**

- (a) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, Council accepts the tenders from the following tenderers for a period of 3 years with 2 x 1 year option periods:
  - a. Australian Wetlands Consulting Pty Ltd
  - b. Interflow Pty Ltd
  - c. J.J. Coleman Plumbing Pty Ltd
  - d. Optimal Stormwater Pty Ltd
  - e. Pipe Management Australia Pty Ltd
  - f. SPEL Environmental Pty Ltd t/as Atlan Stormwater
  - g. Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty Ltd
  - h. Urban Asset Solutions Pty Ltd

- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

### **14 ICT PROCUREMENT – EXCEPTING PROCUREMENT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDERING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

That, pursuant to Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and having regard to the information put before it:

- i. That Council is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances for the goods and services listed in Tables 1 and 2 in **Attachment 1** with regard to the potential solution of an ERP and there being insufficient time and resources to undertake complaint procurement that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.

- ii. that Council is satisfied that due to there being a sole provider there is an unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers for the goods and services listed in Table 3 in Attachment 1 and that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.
- iii. Council does not invite tenders for the goods and services listed in **Attachment 1**.
- iv. Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter contracts for the goods and services listed in **Attachment 1** on terms acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer for a period not exceeding the timeframe or cost expressed within **Attachment 1**.

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Tracey)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 7.21pm:-

- Mayoral Minute 5/25 – The Passing of Pope Francis on 21 April 2025.
- Mayoral Minute 6/25 – Recognition of the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.
- Mayoral Minute 7/25 – Condolences and Solidarity following Terrorist Attack in Baisaran Valley, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Mayoral Minute 8/25 – Trial Lighting Extension at Meadowbank Stake Park, Constitution Road West, Meadowbank.
- Mayoral Minute 9/25 – Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2025.
- Mayoral Minute 10/25 – Proposal to Investigate Installation of Defibrillators in Parks and Sporting Fields.
- Item 7 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns.

### **Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

## **MAYORAL MINUTES**

### **5/25 THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS ON 21 APRIL 2025 - Mayor Trenton Brown**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That the City of Ryde acknowledges the passing of Pope Francis and his global impact, particularly his leadership in advocating for peace, human dignity, and interfaith dialogue.
- (b) That Council observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.

### **6/25 RECOGNITION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE - Mayor Trenton Brown**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Mayor Brown)

That Council:

- (a) Recognises the contribution of the Armenian community in the City of Ryde.
- (b) Call upon the Commonwealth Government to formally recognise the genocide of the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek peoples of Europe during the period of 1915-1923.
- (c) Note the City of Ryde's Armenian Genocide Memorial being held on 10 May 2025 at 2.30pm at Memorial Park, Meadow Crescent, Meadowbank.
- (d) Observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.



**7/25 CONDOLENCES AND SOLIDARITY FOLLOWING TERRORIST ATTACK IN BAISARAN VALLEY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR - Mayor Trenton Brown****RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Mayor Brown and Councillor Deshpande)

- (a) That the City of Ryde expresses its deepest sympathy for the victims, their families, and the people of India. We stand in solidarity with them and with all those who oppose the forces of hatred and violence.
- (b) That Council observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.
- (c) That Council write to the Sydney Indian Consulate expressing Council's condolences and solidarity with the Indian diaspora in Australia and in particular, City of Ryde residents.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: UnanimousNote: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.**8/25 TRIAL LIGHTING EXTENSION AT MEADOWBANK SKATE PARK, CONSTITUTION ROAD WEST, MEADOWBANK - Mayor Trenton Brown****RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That Council endorse the lighting at Meadowbank Skate Park be extended by one hour to 8.00pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights as a trial for the period May 2025 – September 2025 (inclusive).
- (b) That at the conclusion of this trial period, a report be brought back to Council with a view to making this arrangement permanent.
- (c) That Council consider undertaking an acoustic report of noise levels impacting local neighbours and present options for noise mitigation strategies to be included in the Council report.

**Record of Voting:**For the Motion: Unanimous**9/25 SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL 2025 - Mayor Trenton Brown****RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That Council make a \$2,500 one off donation to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2025 to be funded from the Civic Services Donations budget.

- (b) That as part of the Ryde and Hunters Hill Zone Launch event for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 2025 (being held on Friday 9 May 2025) the Mayor present the cheque for \$2,500 on behalf of the City of Ryde.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**10/25 PROPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN PARKS AND SPORTING FIELDS - Mayor Trenton Brown**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That Council investigate and bring back a report by October 2025 regarding installation, management and maintenance of defibrillators in parks, sporting fields and the Putney swim site.
- (b) That consultation with stakeholder groups such as the Heart Foundation, the Heart of the Nation and relevant sporting groups be undertaken to incorporate their expertise into Council's recommendations.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**7 BUENA VISTA AVENUE - WASTE COLLECTION CONCERNS**

Note: Paul Hatchman and Jason Gao provided written submissions in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

Note: Correspondence dated 8 April 2025 from Veolia was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is friends with one of the property owners on Buena Vista Avenue. He left the meeting at 7.50pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Last disclosed a Significant Non-pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his Godparents who he is close with live on the street and affected area. He left the meeting at 7.50pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Han)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge and validate the concerns of these residents by providing a detailed report on the number of residents and properties that were in attendance at all the Council and residents meetings.
- (b) Request staff to promptly arrange a follow-up meeting with the affected residents within one week of this Council meeting, with Councillors invited to attend, to ensure open dialogue and collaboration.
- (c) Request that Council undertake necessary pruning and maintenance of overgrown trees along Buena Vista Avenue to improve accessibility and facilitate safer waste collection vehicle movement along the entire street.
- (d) Request that the outcomes of the residents meeting – including any agreements, proposed solutions, or outstanding concerns – be formally reported back to the next Council meeting to ensure full transparency and accountability.
- (e) Approve the undertaking of further minor works to create and amalgamate dedicated bin presentation areas ('bin bays') along Buena Vista Avenue to enable safer and more efficient waste collection, funded by the Domestic Waste Management Reserve.
- (f) Request staff to report back to Council with a design QS and funding pathway for the recommended road widening works proposed for Buena Vista Avenue within 3 months, with the proposal of removal of signage once works are complete.
- (g) Approve the installation "NO STOPPING" zone on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue at the property frontages of 14 and 19-23 as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H) (entrance/exit to loop road), funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.
- (h) Approve the installation of "NO STOPPING" zone on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue at the property frontages 47-51 (hairpin bend) as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H), funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.
- (i) Approve the installation of "NO PARKING 5AM-11AM WEDNESDAY, WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED" zone be installed on both sides of Buena Vista Avenue (loop road) except along the frontages of property nos. 14, 18, 26 – 28, 29, 35, 39 and 43 Buena Vista Avenue, Denistone as per endorsement from Ryde Traffic Committee (27 June 2024, Item H). These works are to be funded under the 2024/25 Traffic Infrastructure budget.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**3 DRAFT 2025 - 2029 FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PROGRAM INCLUDING DRAFT 2025/2026 ONE YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**4 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY - PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Note: Councillor Li and Councillor Last returned to the meeting at 8.09pm.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That Council receives and notes the draft Community Strategic Plan – Ryde to 2035 and draft Community Engagement Strategy as provided in ATTACHMENTS 1 and 2.
- (b) That Council notes that extensive community engagement and a wide range of research methods were conducted to seek our community's valuable feedback and input as provided in ATTACHMENT 3.
- (c) That Council, updates the Community Strategic Plan to include a mechanism to provide proactive acknowledgement and continuous progress reports to all residents that have provided feedback. This will ensure more community participation based on being involved and knowing their views thoughts and feedback guides final decision making.
- (d) That Council, in accordance with legislative requirements, endorses for public exhibition the draft Community Strategic Plan – Ryde to 2035 and draft Community Engagement Strategy for a period of 32 days from 1 May 2025 to 1 June 2025 (inclusive).

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**5 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - National Convention Centre, Canberra - 24 to 27 June 2025**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Last and Arya)

That Council declines to send any delegates to the National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from Tuesday, 24 June 2025 to Friday, 27 June 2025.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo and Pedersen

**6 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR FINALISATION - Reclassification of Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community Land to Operational Land**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**7 BUENA VISTA AVENUE - WASTE COLLECTION CONCERNS**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**8 BRUSH FARM AND LAMBERT PARK MASTERPLAN**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Last and Howison)

- (a) That Council adopts the Brush Farm and Lambert Park Masterplan provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, as its vision for the two parks prepared by TURF Design Studio (April 2025).
- (b) That Council write to thank all participants who participated in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**9 FOR ADOPTION - DRAFT MACQUARIE PARK CORRIDOR SECTION 7.12  
LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**10 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - NORTHERN DISTRICTS LOCAL BUSINESS  
AWARDS 2025**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HON. PRUE CAR MP REGARDING A NEW  
PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MIDTOWN MACQUARIE PARK**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**2 MINISTERIAL MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, DEPUTY PREMIER,  
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING AND MINISTER FOR  
SPORT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING ON NEW WEST RYDE  
MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**1 ENSURING SAFE AND APPROPRIATE AMENITIES AT COMMUNITY  
SPORTING FACILITIES - Councillor Kathy Tracey**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Investigates the recent shift towards unisex toilet facilities in newly built sporting amenities buildings and assesses the impact on community safety and comfort, particularly for young female participants.

- (b) Reviews best practices regarding the provision of separate male and female toilet facilities alongside unisex options where appropriate.
- (c) Ensures that future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users, including children, parents, volunteers, and players.
- (d) Engages with key stakeholders, including local sporting clubs and community groups, to gather feedback and determine the most suitable approach for future amenities.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Howison)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges that the proposed changes made to the National Construction Code (NCC) regarding all-gender bathrooms, have been obtained through consultation conducted by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).
- (b) Reviews recent findings from the legislative council regarding the accessibility of public bathrooms, specifically for the use of neurodiverse individuals.
- (c) Ensures that future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users, including children, parent, volunteers, and players no matter what their level of capacity or gender may be.
- (d) Engages with key stakeholder's, including local sporting clubs, LGBTQIA+ advisory groups and community groups, to ensure healthy communication and feedback is maintained regarding the safety and comfort of all members of our community.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was three (3) votes For and nine (9) votes Against. The Amendment was LOST. A Further Amendment was then put.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami and Pedersen

Against the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han Last, Lara-Watson, Li, Lo and Tracey

**FURTHER AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges that proposed changes to the National Construction Code (NCC) relating to all-gender bathroom facilities have been informed by consultation undertaken by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).
- (b) Investigates the recent shift toward incorporating unisex toilet facilities in newly built sporting amenities, assessing the implications for community safety, comfort, and accessibility – particularly for young female participants and neurodiverse individuals.
- (c) Notes the recent NSW Legislative Council enquiry into public toilets and, while awaiting the committee's report and recommendations on bathroom accessibility, supports the consideration of separate male and female facilities alongside unisex options where appropriate.
- (d) Commits to ensuring that all future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users – regardless of gender, age, ability, or role – whether they be players, parents, volunteers, or spectators.
- (e) Engages proactively with key stakeholders, including local sporting clubs, LGBTQIA+ groups, neurodiversity advocates, and relevant community organisations to ensure open, respectful communication and inclusive feedback on the planning and design of community amenities.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Further Amendment was Unanimous. The Further Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Unanimous

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges that proposed changes to the National Construction Code (NCC) relating to all-gender bathroom facilities have been informed by consultation undertaken by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).
- (b) Investigates the recent shift toward incorporating unisex toilet facilities in newly built sporting amenities, assessing the implications for community safety, comfort, and accessibility – particularly for young female participants and neurodiverse individuals.



- (c) Notes the recent NSW Legislative Council enquiry into public toilets and, while awaiting the committee's report and recommendations on bathroom accessibility, supports the consideration of separate male and female facilities alongside unisex options where appropriate.
- (d) Commits to ensuring that all future sporting facility developments prioritise the safety, privacy, and comfort of all users – regardless of gender, age, ability, or role – whether they be players, parents, volunteers, or spectators.
- (e) Engages proactively with key stakeholders, including local sporting clubs, LGBTQIA+ groups, neurodiversity advocates, and relevant community organisations to ensure open, respectful communication and inclusive feedback on the planning and design of community amenities.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**2 LOCAL DISABILITY ART FESTIVAL - Councillor Roy Maggio**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**3 IMPROVED BUS SERVICES FOR GLADESVILLE AND EAST RYDE - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**4 EXPANDING RYDE'S BASKETBALL FACILITIES TO MEETING COMMUNITY DEMAND - Councillor Keanu Arya**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**5 ENHANCING INCLUSIVITY AND SUPPORT FOR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY IN RYDE - Councillor Tina Kordrostami**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Pedersen)

That Council:

- (a) Establish an LGBTQIA+ advisory group to provide visibility for the community through active engagement in planning reports, to be funded from the Advisory Committees Admin Support budget.

- (b) Facilitate collaboration between the City of Ryde and existing organisations, such as ACON, Rainbow Families, The Gender Centre and Twenty10 to plan localised support services for LGBTQIA+ people in Ryde and to address and prevent harmful community responses.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Tracey and Kordrostami)

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirms its commitment to social inclusion for all residents, and welcomes members of the LGBTQIA+ community to apply to join the City of Ryde's Inclusion and Community Wellbeing Committee, recognising the importance of identity, equity, and a sense of belonging.
- (b) Recommends the proposed LGBTQIA+ Advisory Group be established as a sub-committee under the City of Ryde's Social Inclusion Advisory Group, to ensure an integrated but more focused approach to supporting the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community within Council's advisory framework.
- (c) Notes that the Draft City of Ryde Community Engagement Strategy – Public Exhibition April 2025 – identifies the LGBTQIA+ community group in the current list of stakeholders that Council engages with.
- (d) Facilitate collaboration between the City of Ryde and relevant organisations to plan localised support services for LGBTQIA+ people in Ryde and to address and prevent harmful community responses.
- (e) Recommends this sub-committee will be operational for 18 months, with a report at the end of its term, making recommendations to Council for the establishment of a community group that supports the LGBTQIA+ community and makes other recommendations to Council.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was Unanimous. The Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Unanimous

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Kordrostami and Pedersen)

That Council:

- (a) Reaffirms its commitment to social inclusion for all residents, and welcomes members of the LGBTQIA+ community to apply to join the City of Ryde's Inclusion and Community Wellbeing Committee, recognising the importance of identity, equity, and a sense of belonging.

- (b) Recommends the proposed LGBTQIA+ Advisory Group be established as a sub-committee under the City of Ryde's Social Inclusion Advisory Group, to ensure an integrated but more focused approach to supporting the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community within Council's advisory framework.
- (c) Notes that the Draft City of Ryde Community Engagement Strategy – Public Exhibition April 2025 – identifies the LGBTQIA+ community group in the current list of stakeholders that Council engages with.
- (d) Facilitate collaboration between the City of Ryde and relevant organisations to plan localised support services for LGBTQIA+ people in Ryde and to address and prevent harmful community responses.
- (e) Recommends this sub-committee will be operational for 18 months, with a report at the end of its term, making recommendations to Council for the establishment of a community group that supports the LGBTQIA+ community and makes other recommendations to Council.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**6 THE DELIVERY OF BLENHEIM PARK MASTERPLAN AND OPENING THE PARK FOR RYDE'S COMMUNITY TO USE - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**7 CONSIDERATION OF A NEW CATEGORY IN THE CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM TO COVER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

Note: Janet Fairlie-Cuninghame provided a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

That Council staff prepare a report to be brought back to Council which:

- (a) Explores a state or federal grant that would enable City of Ryde to expand the Community Grants program, so that it includes an Environmental category.
- (b) Explores the environment grants programs that are awarded at other Councils across Sydney and considers how the grant might work - including: guidelines; objectives; assessment; eligibility criteria; and how to apply.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Last)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the recent launch of the City of Ryde Grant Finder, a free service available to all businesses, community groups, and not-for-profit organisations located within the Ryde Local Government Area, which provides access to a comprehensive list of grant funding opportunities across Australia, including those related to environmental projects.
- (b) Notes that the City of Ryde Grant Finder, provided in partnership with GrantGuru, enables users to easily search for and filter funding opportunities by location, industry, and project type, including environmental initiatives, and provides guidance on how to maximise success in grant applications.
- (c) Requests that Council staff continue to promote the City of Ryde Grant Finder to ensure community groups, businesses, and residents are aware of and supported in accessing grant opportunities for environmental and other community-focused projects.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was eight (8) votes For and five (5) votes Against. The Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

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- (c) Requests that Council staff continue to promote the City of Ryde Grant Finder to ensure community groups, businesses, and residents are aware of and supported in accessing grant opportunities for environmental and other community-focused projects.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**8 HELPING MAKE THE CITY OF RYDE A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CITY -  
Councillor Penny Pedersen**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Han)

That City of Ryde liaise with Dementia Friendly Australia staff to prepare a report for Council exploring:-

- (a) Delivery of Dementia friendly workshops to staff as suggested in the toolkit and attaining recognition as a dementia friendly Council.
- (b) Facilitating Dementia Friendly workshops for local business and community organisations.
- (c) Details on Hornsby Council's experience working toward being dementia friendly.
- (d) Opportunities to collaborate with national initiatives such as Step Up for Dementia Research to promote community participation in dementia research and clinical trials.
- (e) Building partnerships with local university dementia research centres (e.g. Macquarie University Dementia Research Centre) to explore projects, awareness campaigns and innovation initiatives that enhance dementia friendly strategies.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MATTER OF URGENCY**

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding an Audit of Impounded Political Materials.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen, regarding an Audit of Impounded Political Materials, the time being 9.38pm.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was six (6) votes For and seven (7) votes Against. The Motion was LOST.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Against the Motion: Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

**CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORTS**

**12 OUTCOME OF RECORDS STORAGE CONTRACT (COR-RFT-01-24)**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**13 REQUEST FOR TENDER - SSROC T2023-03 CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE OF GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

**14 ICT PROCUREMENT - EXCEPTING PROCUREMENT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDERING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY 2025

Chairperson