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Venue:	Council Chambers 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 12 th September 2018	
Time:	5.00pm	Started at: 5.05pm Closed at: 6.35pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Kylie McMahon	
Circulation:	Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee and Councillors	

Committee Role:**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
X		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Chairperson and Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Councillor Christopher Gordon	Deputy Chairperson and Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Councillor Edwina Clifton	Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
	X	Pamela Reeves	Community Representative	
X		Libby Lawson	Community Representative	
X		David Thomas	Community Representative	
X		Terry Perram	Community Representative	
X		Simone McGinley	Community Representative	
	X	Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
X		Adrian Kong	Community Representative	
	X	Peter Brown	Community Representative	
X		Bev Debrincat	Community Representative	
	X	Joanne Taranto	Community Representative	
X		Jane Valentine	Community Representative	
X		Sylvia Lane	Community Representative	
X		Jessica Wilks	Community Representative	
	X	Angela Maier	Community Representative	
X		Amelia Saul	Community Representative	
X		Peter Davies	Community Representative	
X		Margaret Kelly	Community Representative	

Observers

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
X		Cathy Goswell	Observer	

City of Ryde Staff

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
X		Sam Cappelli	Manager Environment, Health and Building	City of Ryde
X		Kylie McMahon	Senior Coordinator Environment	City of Ryde
X		Katie Helm	Sustainability Programs Coordinator	City of Ryde
X		Sandra Payne	Natural Areas Coordinator	City of Ryde
X		Sean Simpson	Natural Areas Project Officer	City of Ryde
X		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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<p>1. Welcome by Chair – Cllr Penny Pedersen</p> <p>Cllr Pedersen opened the meeting by welcoming all present and by recognising the traditional owners of the land and her fellow Councillors.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>As above</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3. Generic Plan of Management presentation and Crown Land Management Act update by the Parks Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent State Government legislation on the above matter has condensed 11 pieces of legislation into one (1) act. • A time period of 3 years is now provided for new Plans of Management to be prepared for Crown Land. • Under the new legislation, Council is responsible for Crown Land. • Council land is classified as either operational land or community land • All community land must have a plan of management. The current Generic Plan of Management is 17 years old and is long overdue to be updated and will assess over 197 parks • Crown land is categorised as either: Natural area, sportsground, park, or general community use. • The Plan of Management will establish core objectives and authorise Council to enter into leases and licences with users of the land. • Current generic plans apply to all parks but Council will create three separate generic plans, one for sportsfields, one for parklands and one for natural areas. • Further details about how plans of management will work for each category will be reported back to this committee. • There was concern that land could be sold. Staff advised that at present, only operational land can be sold – not community land. • Comment was also made that there will need to be a close working relationship between Council and National Parks where lands are closely located. • People interested in being involved will be invited to take part in the review of the 5 categories currently used by Council to identify land. • The Parks department is trying to reduce red tape so they can get on with the job of managing land effectively. • The plans will go on public exhibition and be submitted for the Minister’s approval 	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Questions from the Committee:</p> <p>How does a separate plan allow for the Biodiversity Plan to be implemented, for corridors to be managed and to improve connections and climate change adaptation etc if they are separate documents?</p> <p>Response: One generic plan divided into all separate parks within the one document.</p> <p>How do you get land from one category to another?</p> <p>Response: There will be a Public exhibition process, the land will be assessed and it will go out to community. If there are changes there needs to be a public hearing</p> <p>Do you need to redo the GPoM every time that maps need to change?</p> <p>Response: No, the document applies to the land, the maps sit separately</p> <p>Don't some elements have multiple uses?</p> <p>Responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The GPOM document speaks to different actions depending on the scenario eg – natural area elements in general parkland - Brush Farm Park feedback received from the community - GPOM is 17 years old. Council hasn't updated a POM in 6 years. Many Councils are going down this path. It is a fantastic opportunity to visit the natural areas plan to update to meet contemporary needs. <p>Are the original maps from 2001 being used?</p> <p>Response: Yes, will apply at the end of the process when the maps would be looked at. Crown land will be identified as Crown Land in the process.</p> <p>Will management fall under 1 GPoM eg in the case of Bill Mitchell Park?</p> <p>Response: No, there will be multiple eg Bill Mitchell will fall under 3 plans</p> <p>Is this a decision Council has made in respect to legislative considerations and how will interfaces and edge effects be managed if they are all in separate documents?</p> <p>Response: Yes and collaboratively across documents.</p> <p>Where will heritage fit eg – Aboriginal heritage?</p> <p>Response: Aboriginal heritage items cannot be identified in public documents but Council is aware of them and they will be taken into account.</p> <p>How will beachfront etc categorised?</p> <p>Response: Foreshore areas and riparian corridors will be natural area</p> <p>How do we intend to manage the land? Is there a spatial requirement for the size of a particular category before it is included?</p> <p>Response: No, there is no minimum size</p> <p>Will there be different management techniques for different categories eg- beach front, waterways, canals etc.</p> <p>Response: Yes, they would be covered in the Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management.</p>	
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<p>Will National Parks be consulted about the process to ensure corridor links and any jurisdictional overlaps?</p> <p>Responses: Yes, Council's Parks department will consult with Lane Cove National Park.</p> <p>Who will look after riparian/ waterways?</p> <p>Responses: The process for land review is to occur later which will include creeks within the Natural Areas POM.</p> <p>Is Environment driving the GPOM?</p> <p>Response: The Natural Areas GPOM is being driven by Simon's team (Parks) not Environment</p> <p>General Comments It is sad that this has happened. All of this land is being managed. There is a requirement for Local Government to divert resources, spend money. This happens so often.</p> <p>Only thing of concern is if it results in additional clearing or enables the barriers to be lifted to enable clearing. There are more levels of approval required for Crown Land. One hurdle to loss of biodiversity and corridors is lowered. It is a sad outcome.</p> <p>There will be an engagement requirement, it will go beyond simple notification and will require more consultation.</p> <p>Thank you to those that have already provided feedback.</p>	
<p>4. Adoption of previous Minutes – 13th June 2018 The Minutes from the meeting of 13th June 2018</p>	<p>Adopted</p>
<p>5. Actions arising from the previous Minutes</p> <p><u>Budget detail</u> – Information regarding the budget will be listed for the December meeting of this committee after being provided to Council at its October or November meeting.</p> <p><u>Planting guide</u> - now all the feedback had been received from the Committee the Planting Guide will be forwarded to all Bushcare Volunteers.</p> <p><u>Verge gardens/plantings</u> – the policy relating to this matter is currently under review.</p> <p>Verge plantings will be included in the review process. There is a need to assess the areas to be planted. Many issues such as access to services, public liability for injury, access to cars etc all need to be considered.</p> <p><u>Biodiversity update</u> – Comments on this matter are welcome. Information to be made available with the minutes.</p> <p><u>Priority Action Table</u> – This information will be circulated.</p>	<p>All actions arising were noted</p> <p>Information to be provided with the minutes</p> <p>Planting Guide to be forwarded to Bushcare Volunteers</p> <p>Currently under review.</p> <p>Priority table to be circulated for final input.</p>

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<p>6. Standing Items</p> <p>Sustainability Matters</p> <p><u>Banning of plastics at Council events:</u></p> <p>The recent Cork and Fork event was the first large Council run festival to ban the use of single use plastics. The event was a success with a water station provided by Sydney Water and stall holders embracing the concept of “plastic free”.</p> <p>It was noted that the Granny Smith Festival may be more of a challenge.</p> <p>It was noted that Hunters Hill Council has also banned the use of plastics at its events that this worked well at Moocaboola Festival. Bankstown, Randwick and many other Councils have also followed the lead of City of Ryde in banning plastic at their events.</p> <p><u>Use of Roundup</u></p> <p>There has been recently coverage in the press regarding the use of “Roundup”.</p> <p>Staff advised that Council use of this product, is done sparingly and carefully and ‘organic’ alternative listed as more harmful than technique and use of round up.</p> <p>Alternatives such as flame weeders or steam weeders are not considered as effective in certain situations.</p> <p><u>Parramatta River Catchment Group</u></p> <p>Jo Taranto has replaced Jacinta Green as the Riverkeeper.</p> <p>The PRCG will be launching its Masterplan in October 2018 which will focus on 10 recommendations.</p> <p>A dashboard to allow the sharing of information by stakeholders is in development to complement the Masterplan.</p> <p>Putney is the site of one of three proposed swimming site locations. Council in design phase for this site.</p> <p>The PRCG is in line for an international award and recently won a “get the site right” award.</p> <p>Natural areas and biodiversity update</p> <p><u>Laurel Park – tree planting</u></p> <p>The success of the recent tree planting at Laurel Park was noted.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen: Burrows Park is the site of ongoing littering possibly by students of Ryde Secondary College.</p> <p>Suggestions regarding the engagement of Bushlink to work with students to beautify Burrows Park were made as was the possibility of using assistance provided by a litter reduction grant.</p> <p><u>Ivanhoe Estate and Bundara Reserve</u></p> <p>The RHHFFS will be meeting soon with the local member – Victor Dominello MP regarding the Ivanhoe Estate.</p> <p>Opposition was lodged regarding the proposed removal of trees from Bundara Reserve for the footbridge across Delhi Rd from the Lachlans Line development.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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<p>As a result, a number of Turpentine Ironbark Forest trees have been saved and there will be a minimal amount of vegetation requiring removal – two small dead trees and a bottlebrush that were all previously planted.</p> <p>A grant has been achieved which will see the developers assist to benefit local biodiversity outcomes through planting opportunities. Council are looking into a location for a corridor of trees or maintain an existing one. This is in addition to offset requirements placed on them under the legislation for offsetting.</p> <p>General Project updates</p> <p><u>Granny Smith Festival – 20/10/18</u></p> <p>Staff from Council’s waste, environment and ranger teams will provide information at the festival from Council’s “Green Hub” which will host eco stallholders, our SWAP exhibition, displays, sustainability information and house the ocean action pod interactive waterway plastic display.</p> <p><u>SWAP</u> - Opening night is 19th September 2018 at See Street Gallery.</p> <p><u>National Tree Day</u> – There was a record attendance of 195 people including Councillors present at Laurel Park. 800 plants were planted, 6 Councillors and a bbq.</p> <p><u>Terrys Creek walking trail</u> – installation of sections of fibremesh boardwalk and steps in particular locations to improve safety and access. Stage 1 from Epping Rd south towards Abuklea Rd has been completed. Stage 2 will be underway early next year from Abuklea Rd southwards. The work done was to build flood resilience and encourage passive use by community to connect with nature. It looks great and is well worth a visit.</p> <p><u>RALC Solar upgrade</u> – works is nearly complete with 827 solar panels installed.</p> <p><u>Stormwater harvesting</u> – from May to September, 1162 kl of water has been saved and is being diverted to irrigation. Litter is also being captured in the system operating in Bill Mitchell Park. Using 100% recycled water and capturing tonnes of gross pollutants</p> <p><u>Sunspot Program</u> – this program is available on line and shows how to obtain solar power for all residents and possible payback period. Council is hosting workshops to assist residents to use this.</p> <p><u>Urban Heat Island</u> – COR continues to work with NSROC Council’s on this program to inform Ryde’s Resilience Plan due in 2019.</p> <p><u>Which plant where?</u> Macquarie Uni is carrying out this project of species tolerance. Council to meet with project partners to explore for opportunities within Ryde.</p> <p><u>Bush regeneration tenders</u> – contracts for 34 bush regeneration sites have been awarded for 2018/2019 following sites review and tender process addressing high conservation and protection areas in Ryde. Staff will be meeting with contractors and volunteers to establish relationships with the success tenderers.</p> <p><u>Brush Farm contract work</u> – Comment was made that some work which should perhaps be done by contractors is being left for volunteers to carry out.</p> <p><u>Field of Mars – fires</u> – It was noted that three fires had recently been lit in the Field of Mars. Luckily there was no major damage and only small areas were affected. The area is being closely monitored and Council has offered assistance to the NSW Police and NSW Fire and Rescue.</p> <p><u>Clean up Campaign</u> – A clean up event will be held on Kissing Point Park the weekend of 16/9/18 .</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted – council to provide update on Which Plant Where to BEAC</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p><u>Significant Tree Register</u> – the difficulty in having trees recognised and added to this register was noted. The trees affected are in Pittwater Road between Blenheim and Coxs Roads</p> <p>It was discussed that an incentive is needed to encourage people to list their trees on the register.</p> <p>A question was also raised as to assistance Council could provide to elderly people who have very large trees. The practices of “dodgy” operators who offer to prune/remove these trees without proper consent were noted.</p> <p>Incentives are also required to encourage people to plant trees.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 12 December 2018 – 5pm to no later than 6.30pm in the Council Chambers – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde</p>	

Meeting closed 6.35pm