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Venue:	Committee Room 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 11 December 2019	
Time:	5.00pm	Started at: 5.08pm Closed at: 6.45pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Kylie McMahon	
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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		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		Wendy Evans	PhD student	Macquarie University

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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		Sandra Payne	Natural Areas Coordinator	City of Ryde
x		Jessica Smith	Natural Areas Project Officer	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Viniana Vererua	Biosecurity Weeds Office	City of Ryde

Details**Action**

1.	Welcome by Chair – Cllr Penny Pedersen Cllr Pedersen opened the meeting by welcoming all present, recognising the traditional owners of the land and thanking everyone for their participation.	Noted
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<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Attendance and apologies are as noted above.</p>	Noted
<p>3. Adoption of previous Minutes – 11th September 2019</p> <p>The Minutes from the meeting of 11th September 2019 were adopted.</p>	Adopted
<p>4. Actions arising from the previous Minutes</p> <p>Use of Roundup Biactive – will continue to be used under strict conditions and a safety audit and training has also been undertaken to ensure that all users have been trained in its proper use.</p> <p>The use of Glyphosate by volunteers is restricted and a further workshop will be held in 2020 regarding its use. David Thomas noted that volunteers must not spray herbicides at Bushcare sites.</p> <p>Tree vandalism – only one major incident since September but minor actions continue to be noted particularly along waterfront areas where trees can obstruct views. Suspicious matters are investigated but prosecution is difficult without evidence.</p> <p>2040 film – this was not promoted and staff apologised for this oversight.</p>	Further Roundup Biactive workshop for Bushcare Volunteers to be provided in 2020.
<p>6. <u>Natural Areas and Biodiversity Update</u></p> <p>Presentation by Viniana Vererua</p> <p><u>Biosecurity Weeds – Draft Plan, Policy and management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biosecurity Act 2015 repealed the Noxious Weed Act 1993. - It is tenure neutral (ie encompasses all public land and private land) - Council is required to implement legislative changes - Council's draft Plan and Policy provides structure and guidance for the local area - Our Biosecurity Weeds Officer is funded under the Weeds Action Program - Surveillance programs will be undertaken which will include 500 formal inspections. - A number of high risk pathways, high risk sites and significant bushland assets have been identified. - Boneseed and alligator weeds has been identified in a small number of locations - The draft policy and plan provides a further level of detail to the Greater Sydney Regional Weed Management Plan - A local list has been developed and work will now be undertaken to eradicate current weed incursions, contain infestations so they don't spread and reduce the impacts if they do spread. - Community and staff education is a large component of the weeds action program work. The Priority Weed stall at the Granny Smith Festival was very popular last year. <p>Bev Debrincat asked if photos could be included alongside the list</p> <p>David Thomas mentioned that Lantana has been an ongoing issue at Fourth Ave where it is constantly growing out over the footpath and keeps getting pruned back by Council.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Angela noted that use of a weatherproof weed deck would be a good tool for volunteers and others to use in the identification and removal of weeds</p>	Noted
<p>Perhaps some documents re weed control could be translated into Chinese and Korean.</p>	Noted
<p>The risk of myrtle rust becoming a significant issue was raised</p>	Noted
<p><u>Bushfire Risk Management Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Draft Bush Fire Risk Management Plan is currently on public exhibition until 14 February 2020 - In the document there is a separate map for each local government area has a map outlining significant assets and proposed treatments in bushfire prone areas - The Draft updates the previous Plan and brings it into alignment with Council's updated Bushfire Prone Land Map and includes any new assets. 	Noted
<p><u>Biodiversity Implementation Plan – Year in Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New signage has now been installed at most high priority parks - Wildlife Protection Areas have been rolled out at Terrys Cree, Kittys Creek and Field of Mars Reserve - Council's website has been updated and brochures are being developed - New interpretive signage has been installed at Brush Farm Park - Green Hub at the Granny Smith had the and other forms of engagement with community - A Bushcare BBQ was held recently at Brush Farm House, with a guided walk through Brush Farm House. - High priorities are being worked through. - Many items have been completed and an excel spreadsheet of progress was shown to the group - A copy of the table will be forwarded to committee members for their input as to the actions which should be undertaken in the new year - 81% of items have been undertaken and completed or are underway - Is work undertaken to propagate endangered species through seed collection? - The Habitat is not allowed to propagate endangered species - Brush Turpentine is a threatened species in Ryde but has been threatened by myrtle rust in other locations. Sites should be observed. 	Noted
<p><u>Parramatta River Catchment masterplan and Putney Beach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Ryde has adopted the masterplan for PRCG. - Further water quality and sediment testing will be undertaken in the next 6 months - Workshops have been held relating to riparian areas, water sensitive urban design and stormwater - Putney beach activation will including work on the seawall and park upgrade - Work is being done with Sydney Water to examine the surrounding area for stormwater and sewer overflow issues - Final report not back yet, but Putney is looking like the best option of the three put forward - Geotechnical and marine assessments have been undertaken - Looking to go to tender for the project in February 2020 	Noted
<p><u>General Project Updates</u></p> <p>Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed setback from the Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest along Epping Rd has improved. - Bev has asked that the trees be protected properly during construction ie no trucks or storage of materials etc to be allowed near the trees. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bev has also asked for protection along the bush corridor whilst the works are undertaken - Council has asked for studies to be done prior to works commencing - Fewer trees are proposed to be remove during demolition - Green corridors should be protected for people and the landscape - The area should be fenced so that the vegetation is protected during the construction 	
7.	<p>General Business</p> <p><u>Tool library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council has resolved to support the creation of a tool library at Macquarie University - The library will bring people together and will function as a repair and loan library - The Macquarie Uni Engineering faculty will run workshops as part of the program <p><u>2040 movie</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximately 100 people attended the recent screening of this movie. <p><u>Waste and Recycling expo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The event was positive and interesting - All speakers had a common theme which was for recycling to work, everything needs to be standardised across Councils and states - Collection and processes need to be standardised. - Rural areas are good places to start as they can set up programs to avoid things going to landfill - Value of recycled material is not recognised - Support for research needs to be provided - Intellectual property is important to recognise - Need to close the loop for recycling - Waste levies should be standard across states - There was discussion regarding the 'waste master' which takes food waste and turns it into compost - Perhaps shopping centre food halls could do something like this? - It was explained that waste items in food courts be sorted better - need to sort food, plates, cutlery etc. Need the support of shopping centres to do this. <p>It was noted that in 2018 the NSW Environment Protection Authority withdrew approval fox the use of mixed waste organics on agricultural land due to the contamination risks.</p> <p><u>Carbon emissions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beyond Zero Emissions is promoting it's snapshots of greenhouse emissions for each Council in Australia <p><u>Cooperative Craft Guild</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking for volunteers to make wraps for animals injured in the recent fires - This could be promoted on Council's website and publications – Pam to send details to Council <p><u>E-waste</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terry Perram noted that E-waste includes items such as telephones, bike lights, heart rate monitors, heaters etc but Council's collection will only take specific items. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Council to provide link to greenhouse emissions snapshot in the Smarter Cleaner Greener newsletter</p> <p>Council to promote Cooperative Craft Guild in the Smarter Cleaner Greener Newsletter</p> <p>Staff to provide details on it's E-waste collection programs</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Victoria the definition of e-waste is anything that has had a battery or cord - NSW is much more restrictive than that of Victoria <p><u>2019 Year in Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant improvements have been made in the following areas: renewable energy, sustainable transport, water quality improvements. Environmental education, resilience, towards zero waste. We look forward to sharing the 2019 environmental achievements document with the Committee <p><u>Erosion at Brush Farm Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Thomas noted that there is quite a bit of erosion in the gully at Brush Farm Park parallel to Brush Rd <p><u>Final comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Pedersen thanked staff and committee members for their work and input - Next year there will only be two meetings prior to the election in September 2020 	<p>Smarter Cleaner Greener Achievements for 2019 to be distributed to the Committee</p> <p>Inspection of erosion at Brush Farm Park to be arranged.</p>
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 11 March 2020 – 5:00pm - 6.30pm in the Council Chambers – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde</p>	

Meeting closed 6:45pm