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| Date and Venue:       | 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2014   |                    |                   |  |  |
|                       | Meeting Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre  |                    |                   |  |  |
| Time:                 | 6.00pm   | Started at: 6.10pm | Closed at: 7.30pm |  |  |
| Chair:                | Councillor Denise Pendleton  |                    |                   |  |  |
| Meeting Support (MS): | Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors                                |                    |                   |  |  |
| Staff Convenor:       | Tatjana Domazet - Service Unit Manager – Open Space                          |                    |                   |  |  |
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## Committee Role:

Advises and makes recommendations to Council on the matters relating to enhancement, preservation, conservation and management of natural areas, wildlife and their habitat corridors and local indigenous vegetation and environmental health and sustainability issues and initiatives within the City of Ryde. The Committee also act as a Project Reference Group for the development, implementation and monitoring of a Biodiversity Plan for the Ryde Local Government Area

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

| Present | Apology | Name                                    | Position Title  | Organisation                         |
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| Х       |         | Councillor Denise Pendleton             | Chairperson   | City of Ryde                         |
|         |         | Councillor Jerome Laxale                | Delegate  | City of Ryde                         |
| Χ       |         | Councillor Terry Perram                 | Delegate  | City of Ryde                         |
| Χ       |         | Tatjana Domazet                         | Service Unit Manager – Open Space                       | City of Ryde                         |
| Х       |         | Nicola Booth                            | Section Manager – Natural Areas and Urban Forest        | City of Ryde                         |
| Χ       |         | Sandra Payne                            | Coordinator Bushcare volunteers                         | City of Ryde                         |
| Χ       |         | Libby Lawson                            | Bushcare representative                                 | East Ward                            |
|         | Х       | Margaret Kelly                          | Bushcare representative                                 | Central Ward                         |
| Χ       |         | Peter Brown                             | Bushcare representative                                 | West Ward                            |
| Χ       |         | David Thomas                            | Bushcare representative                                 | West Ward                            |
| Х       |         | Bev Debrincat                           | Environmental/sustainability stakeholder representative |                                      |
| Х       |         | Jill Hartley                            | Environmental/sustainability stakeholder representative |                                      |
| Х       |         | Pamela Reeves                           | Environmental/sustainability stakeholder representative |                                      |
|         | Х       | Michele Cooper                          | Industry Representative                                 | National Parks and Wildlife Services |
| Χ       |         | Justin Alick (arrived at 6.20pm item 6) | Community Representative                                |                                      |
| Χ       |         | Geoff Hudson                            | Community Representative                                |                                      |

Additional Attendees

| Name        | Position Title                  | Organisation |
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| Linda Smith | EA to the Mayor and Councillors | City of Ryde |

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| 1.    | Apologies and Welcome  The attendees and apologies are as per above.  Clr Pendleton welcomed all present to the inaugural meeting of this committee and outlined the reasons for the formation of the committee.   | Noted  |                         |
| 2.    | Introduction of Committee Members  As this was the first meeting of the committee, Clr Pendleton asked each member present to introduce themselves to the group and provide some detail as the group/s they are representing.  | The details provided were noted. Some committee members are acting as representatives of a number of groups. |                         |
| 3.    | Nomination of National Parks and Wildlife Service representative – Michele Cooper  Ms Cooper is the Acting Regional Manager of the North East Region of the NP & WS.  Her nomination to this committee will be reported to Council for endorsement.  It was noted that the TAFE and Macquarie University have also been invited to nominate representatives to this committee.   | The information was noted. The recommendation will be reported to Council for endorsement.                   | Tatjana Domazet         |
| 4.    | Induction of Committee Members  CIr Pendleton advised the committee that the guidelines and requirements of the Code of Conduct must be adhered to.  The following requirements were highlighted;  Need to act in a respectful manner during meetings  Must declare any conflict of interest that occurs  Confidential material must not be shared outside the meeting  The guidelines in the "thank you is enough" document were noted  Committee members must not imply that they speak as representatives of this committee if they speak to the media. | The information was noted.   |                         |
| 5.    | Review of Terms of Reference  It was noted that the ToR could be reviewed at any stage in the future, if required.  The Committee did not raise any issues with the ToR.   | The Committee agreed with the Committee's Terms of Reference. To be reported to Council.                     | Tatjana Domazet         |

into the plan.

future direction and that this committee will have input



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**Details** Action Responsibility and Date 6. Council report of the provision of bush regeneration activities over the past twelve months. It was noted that a report on this matter had been The information was noted. submitted to the Works and Community Committee recently. The report provided a summary of activities undertaken in natural areas by volunteers and paid contractors. areas requiring attention and the current condition in these locations the hours spent by volunteers and paid contractors plans for the next twelve months It was noted that \$254,000 has been allocated for the engagement of contractors in the next twelve months with a tender for 20 sites recently finalised. Questions were raised as to which reserves have been allocated funding and how are needs determined. This committee will set long term priorities It was noted that the Biodiversity Plan will provide

but individual requests for works should be

forwarded to Nicola Booth.

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| 7      | Update on Biodiversity Plan  |  |                         |
|        | Under the plan, each site considered will be measured for weed density, presence of fauna, condition of site, connectivity, level of ownership by the community, how can park be made sustainable for the level of care to be provided by the community. | The information was noted.   | Tatjana Domazet         |
|        | Priority levels will then be set for each park.  | Comments regarding this issue should be forwarded to Tatjana.                  |                         |
|        | This will help Council determine where to spend money in the future.   |  |                         |
|        | By the end of 2014, it is hoped to have someone collecting data with a presentation of that data collected to this committee early next year.  |  |                         |
|        | The draft and then final report should be ready for adoption by Council by September 2015.   |  |                         |
|        | It was suggested that Council may consider engaging a student to assist with the plan, possibly as a partnership with Macquarie University.  |  |                         |
|        | It was suggested that the previously collected data be made available to the consultant.   |  |                         |
|        | It was noted Parramatta River Catchment Group is developing a regional Biodiversity plan and a draft of that report expected by the end of 2014.   | Nicola to present the findings of the PRCG report to this group when received. | Nicola Booth            |
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| 8.   | Proposed program for the Committee for the next 12 months  |  |                         |
|      | This committee will be the Project Reference Group for the Biodiversity Plan.  | The information was noted.   |                         |
|      | The following items were proposed to be placed on the the committee's future agendas   |  |                         |
|      | <ul> <li>Biodiversity plan – update and consultation brief</li> <li>Feedback from Bushcare volunteers forum – September 2014</li> <li>Review of Bushcare volunteers program</li> <li>Draft service level for natural areas eg maintenance practices</li> <li>Parramatta River Catchment Group – presentation</li> <li>Condition of creeks</li> <li>Recycling in supermarkets</li> </ul>  | Suggestions of other items to be forwarded to Tatjana  |                         |
|      | <ul> <li>Committee could also consider</li> <li>A pilot program at Randwick re collection of foodscraps for conversion to methane was noted. This matter to be considered by SHOROC</li> <li>Greenhouse gas red plan</li> <li>Climate change adaptation</li> <li>Use of the natural environment to limit the risk of bushfires</li> <li>Urban Forest policies to be considered</li> <li>Verge Planting policy</li> <li>The inaccuracies of current mapping was noted in respect of endangered species such as Blue Gum High Forrest</li> </ul> | Program to be investigated due to COR high density areas Matter to be raised with NSROC Sam Cappelli to be invited to the next committee meeting  Council's Urban Forest documents to be presented to the Committee.  Council plans to be updated when info available and adopted by Council |                         |



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|     | General Business   |  |                                  |
|     | Update on 10/50 draft vegetation clearing code by NSW Rural Fire Service   | A copy of the draft code and Council submission to be provided to members of this committee.         | Tatjana Domazet/<br>Nicola Booth |
|     | A submission to the above draft has been submitted by Council.   | This matter to be raised at NSROC.   |                                  |
|     | Concerns re the amount of vegetation clearing able to be undertaken by residents on their own property   |  |                                  |
|     | If legislation successful, Council will need to amend its policies.  |  |                                  |
|     | Update on dosing unit at Pembroke Park   |  |                                  |
|     | Sydney Water is installing a dosing unit adjacent to<br>Ausgrid structure and behind CSIRO structure.  | The information was noted  |                                  |
|     | The dosing unit is designed to reduce the smell currently occurring.   | The information was noted.   |                                  |
|     | 3.3km of pipes will be replaced.   |  |                                  |
|     | Work will commence in the next couple of weeks and will continue until May 2015.   |  |                                  |
|     | Planning to date has shown consideration to needs of natural environment eg breeding cycle of powerful owls has been included in planning.   |  |                                  |
|     | Drainage issues (flood mitigation work) at<br>Shrimptons Creek (Santa Rosa Park)   | A request for damage to the nursery area to be kept to a minimum will be conveyed to relevant staff. |                                  |
|     | Council is undertaking major works to construct a new detention basin and a flood mitigation wall.   |  |                                  |
|     | Other items  |  |                                  |
|     | <b>Greater Sydney Landcare group -</b> will be meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2014 – details from Bev  | Noted  |                                  |
|     | Parking at Brush Farm - Discussions continuing between key stakeholders  | Noted  |                                  |
|     | Portious Park - It was noted that stormwater flowing down the steep slope into Kittys Creek is causing problems on the two sides of the "weed pit". Council has allocated funds to try and address this issue. | Noted  |                                  |
|     | Relaying of information from this group – Sandra will relay the information resulting from the meetings of this committee to interested groups and bushcare groups.  | Sandra Payne to relay information.   | Sandra Payne                     |

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| 8    | Next Meeting:  DATE: Monday, TBC  |                               |                         |
|      | TIME: 6.00 pm VENUE: Civic Centre Level 5 Room 2  | Noted                         |                         |
|      | It was noted that an extra meeting may be held at the end of August – beginning of September.                                 | Nicele to consil control list | Nicola Doub             |
|      | All committee members agreed to share their contact details. Nicola to email contact details of all members to the committee. | Nicola to email contact list  | Nicola Booth            |
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