

Subject:	Renewable Energy Committee – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 3
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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 13 June 2018	
Time:	6.45pm	Started at: 6.56pm Closed at: 8.35pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Kathryn Fleming – Administration Officer Councillor Support - Governance	
Staff Convenor:	Kylie McMahon	
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Committee Role: To consider matters and inform Council and Council officers of community views and likely impact regarding opportunities for further uptake of renewable energy technologies, services and other energy efficient initiatives across the City of Ryde, and regionally.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
X		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Chairperson - Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Councillor Christopher Gordon	Deputy Chairperson – Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Councillor Edwina Clifton	Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Pamela Reeves	Community Representative	
X		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
X		Adrian Kong	Community Representative	
X		Joanne Taranto	Community Representative	
	X	Graham Town	Community Representative	
X		Nicholas Tse	Community Representative	
X		Hope Ashiabor	Community Representative	

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		Rafael Chemke	Senior Sustainability Transport and Environment Coordinator	City of Ryde
X		Lorne Butt	Senior Coordinator – Sustainability	City of Ryde
X		Kathryn Fleming	Administration Officer – Councillor Support, Governance	City of Ryde

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1.	<p>Welcome by the Chair and Apologies</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>Kylie McMahon welcomed Lorne Butt who is replacing Jenai Davies for the next 12 months on maternity leave.</p> <p>One apology.</p> <p>Councillor Pedersen advised the Committee that Professor Eugenia Binnie has resigned from the committee.</p>	Noted.
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<p>2. Discussion and adoption of previous minutes</p> <p>Kylie McMahon advised the Committee that she has made the amendment to the Terms of Reference that was requested to include 'Sustainable Built Infrastructure'.</p> <p>The adoption of the previous minutes was moved by Pamela Reeves and seconded by Councillor Clifton.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously agreed with the adoption of the Minutes – 14 March 2018.</p>	Noted
<p>3. Actions arising from previous minutes</p> <p>Individual actions discussed with details on progress or completion.</p>	Noted
<p>4. Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group</p> <p>Presentation by Justin Allick of the Ryde Gladesville Climate Action Group (RGCCAG) presented "Ryde Renewable Rooftops Summit" seeking to establish a community and local business-led solar energy production and storage hub in the Ryde or NSROC area.</p> <p>RGCCAG requested REAC's and Council's assistance to host a summit on community led solar energy production and storage.</p> <p>Comments by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee consensus that a Summit could be beneficial. • City of Ryde can promote the summit due to Macquarie Park being a hub of innovation • A number of buildings in Macquarie Park are 5 star or better without solar • Who is to manage the 'revolving fund' management and longevity of the 3-5yr program? • What is the next step post the Summit to progress the Plan? • Sam and REAC Committee to review the full proposal documentation to be provided from Justin and discuss in greater detail at next REAC Meeting. • Sam enquired about timing? Justin stated it would be good to hold the Summit towards the end of the year. <p>Councillor Pedersen thanked Justin for the Presentation.</p> <p>The suggestion, of the CSIRO to host and by Chair Pedersen, that Monica Richter from WWF to host if the Summit was to go ahead.</p>	<p>Councillor Pedersen suggested that Council could look into obtaining the statistics on the number of buildings in City of Ryde that have a five star rating.</p> <p>Council requested further details on the proposal and post Summit plan for the project. To be provided for update at next meeting.</p> <p>On Agenda for update next meeting after Council reviews detailed proposal by RGCCAG</p>
<p>5. REAC Committee – Areas of Interest</p> <p>Rafael advised the Committee that he had circulated the nominated areas of interest and their priority level to the members of the Committee.</p> <p>The following nine Items are up for discussion to prioritise the projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Solar Projects 2. Solar at Parking Stations 3. Electric vehicles for Council 4. Amendment to LEP with greater focus on reducing urban heat islands 5. Investigate incentives to reward rate payers who focus on sustainability 6. Ensuring infrastructure development in the City of Ryde supports Ryde's sustainability goals 7. Undertake public education programs to assist residents to participate in achieving higher sustainability 8. Investigate offering rebates for example to pool owners for replacing old, inefficient swimming pool pumps with modern efficient ones 	Rafael to circulate the areas of interest to the Committee again for those who have not raised interest points.

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<p>9. Deployment of Renewable Energy Capacity</p> <p>Sam stated that if we are trying to imbed certain controls then the committee should be aware of the Development Control Plans (DCP)</p> <p>Chair and Cllr Clifton asked ‘What can we mandate through our DCP’s?’</p> <p>The Committee was asked whether any of the above topic’s stood out from the Areas of Interest list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric vehicles for Council – was one topic that the committee favoured to be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting. 		<p>On Agenda for next Meeting</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6. General Business – Matters without Notice</p> <p>Kylie noted that a new Home Waste and Sustainability Advisor started this week at City of Ryde. It is a part-time position and will focus on Energy, Water, Waste and Sustainability in residential properties.</p> <p>Councillor Pedersen addressed the Committee raised the topic of residential food waste collection bins.</p> <p>Waste Manager, Jude was present to provide comment on food recycling in homes across Ryde and the Council current Waste Contract commenting on the bins that are currently used in the Ryde area meet the waste strategy of encouraging recycling and have a consistent bin type throughout the City. Council services the bins regularly and if it is found that bins require emptying more often, then the collection schedule is adjusted. Council has run an estimate and the cost to roll out food bins under a new contract with bin liners is in excess of \$1M with other councils experiencing high rates of contamination and machinery issues from this presently.</p> <p>Large bins with in-built compacters cost approximately \$10,000.</p> <p>Cllr Pedersen commented on how Lane Cove Council will consider installing solar powered bins in two trial locations to confirm their suitability.</p> <p>(Hope) raised the question regarding multi-unit dwelling grants availability for Strata. None currently known.</p> <p>(Hope) also raised the issue of ‘energy poverty’ from the bulk shift to solar forcing electricity prices up and forcing the poor to become poorer. An issue the committee to seek to discuss and investigate further.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>For further discussion at next REAC</p>
<p>7. Next Meeting: 12 September 2018</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 12 September 2018 – Committee Room - Level 1A Pope St, Top Ryde</p>		

Meeting closed 8.35pm