

Meeting Date: Tuesday 27 October 2020
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 7.00pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou.

Apologies: Councillor Maggio.

Absent: Councillor Kim.

Staff Present: General Manager, Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – People and Culture, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Parks, Acting Manager – Corporate Governance, Acting Manager – Library Services, Senior Coordinator – Communications, Senior Coordinator – Tree Management, Team Leader – Community Grants and Direct Services, Senior Network Engineer, Kenneth Leung (Audit Office), Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Senior Minister Fergus Semler of the Macquarie Anglican 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

The Mayor, Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 2 for the reason that he knows some of the community groups.

Councillor Gordon disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 2 for the reason that he has an affiliation with a member of Zoomers for Change.

Councillor Clifton disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 2 for the reason that she has an affiliation with a member of Zoomers for Change who are an organisation seeking funding in Round 2 of the Community Grants Program 2020.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 8 – Review of City of Ryde Community Grants Program for the reason that he has been involved at stages with several entities, both successful and unsuccessful and works directly with community groups in his role as a Councillor.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 2 for the reason that he has been involved at stages with several entities, both successful and unsuccessful and works directly with community groups in his role as a Councillor.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding 2020, Round 2 for the reason that she knows through the community and Council events, many of the organisations and volunteers who are applying for community grants.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled a petition with 40 signatures in relation to two (2) disabled car parks, two (2) timed car parks and one Loading Zone at 17 Rhode Street, West Ryde.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Cate Sinclair (representing The Northern Centre)	Notice of Motion 8 – Safety from Domestic and Family Violence during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond
Eloise Price	Notice of Motion 8 – Safety from Domestic and Family Violence during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond Notice of Motion 9 – Reducing the number of disposable nappies going to landfill from the City of Ryde Notice of Motion 10 – Supporting Victims of Domestic and Family Violence to Leave Dangerous Relationships
Claire Sexton (representing the Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic & Family Violence Committee)	Notice of Motion 8 – Safety from Domestic and Family Violence during COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond Notice of Motion 10 – Supporting Victims of Domestic and Family Violence to Leave Dangerous Relationships

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were made to Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 2(4), Item 4, Item 7, Item 12, Item 14, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 6, Notice of Motion 8, Notice of Motion 9, Notice of Motion 10 and Item 13 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 7/20 held on 13 October 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That Council determine Item 4 of the Works and Community Committee report 7/20, held on 13 October 2020 noting that Items 1, 2 and 3 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 YOUTH INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That the draft "Youth Infrastructure Plan" be placed on public exhibition inviting comment for a period of not less than twenty-eight (28) days.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council should any objections be received during the consultation period.

- (c) That, should no objections be received, the Youth Infrastructure Plan is adopted and implemented in accordance with the priorities identified in this report.

Record for the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Central Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That the Minutes of the Ryde Central Committee Meeting 2/20, held on 10 March 2020, be confirmed.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That the Register of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Returns is tabled as required under clause 4.25 of the City of Ryde Code of Conduct – Standards of Conduct.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12 2020/2021 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS - COUNCIL BUSINESS OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That Council endorse the changes to normal City of Ryde business operations over the 2020/2021 Christmas and New Year period, as outlined in this report.
- (b) That the changes to normal business operations referred to in (a) above, be advertised in the Mayor's Column, on Council's website, through Social Media and by way of notice at the front of Council's customer service centres, Council's branch libraries and the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

LATE COUNCIL REPORT

14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 22 September 2020

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/20, held on 22 September 2020 be confirmed.

Record of the Voting

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

5 NSW GOVERNMENT PARK 'n PAY - Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That Council:-

- (a) Commend the NSW Government on the delivery of Park 'n Pay, a smartphone app developed to integrate parking payments from a mobile device, as a more convenient and hygienic alternative to using a physical meter.
- (b) Delegate the General Manager to take the necessary steps required to formally subscribe the City of Ryde to the program.
- (c) Request that capability be built into the app to facilitate the payment for electric vehicle charging facilities in Ryde.
- (d) Report back to Council with any return correspondence, and a timeline for delivery as soon as practicable.

Record of the Voting

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 COVID-SAFE CHRISTMAS FOR CHAUVEL STREET - Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That Council:-

- (a) Acknowledges the residents of Chauvel Street who are seeking Council's support to ensure their 2020 Christmas light tradition is able to proceed in a COVID-Safe manner.
- (b) Recognises that while residents have already resolved not to install displays that require people to touch, or stop and watch for extended period of time, that there is still likely to be a sizable volume of visitors to the street over the Christmas period.
- (c) Consider, among other measures identified by staff, the following suggestions from residents to ensure public safety:-
 - i. the installation of COVID-19 health advice and social distancing instructions on the temporary parking signs;
 - ii. larger signage at either end of the street with similar health advice; and
 - iii. directional signage along the footpaths to encourage single-direction pedestrian movements;
- (d) Allocate requisite funds from the Traffic and Transport Program, or another appropriate source as identified by the General Manager.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 SAFETY FROM DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BEYOND - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Cate Sinclair (representing the Northern Centre), Eloise Price and Claire Sexton (representing the Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic and Family Violence Committee) made written submissions on this Item and copies are ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That Council notes that across Australia, due to factors related to COVID-19 there has been an increase in cases of domestic and family violence and that in a recent survey, Domestic Violence NSW found 45% of specialist family violence workers observed people on temporary visas experienced increased sexual, domestic or family violence during the COVID-19 crisis and 64% of workers saying this group has had decreased access to income, food and essentials.
- (b) That Council notes that currently there is insufficient funding for services in Ryde that help victims of domestic and family violence after they have left emergency housing to move on to a safe life.
- (c) That the Mayor write to The Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC; The Hon. Mark Speakman MP; Senator The Hon. Marise Payne and Senator The Hon. Anne Ruston calling on the Federal and State Government to act on the advice of experts and improve all women's safety during the pandemic crisis, ensuring they can access the services, income, legal, health and other support they need to build safer futures. In particular, urging them to:-
 - i. Make the changes experts say are needed to ensure everyone can escape abuse and be safe regardless of their visa status.
 - ii. Provide the required funding to Ryde domestic violence services so they can provide safe transition pathways for survivors of domestic and family violence, allowing them to move on with their lives.

Record of the Voting

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTE: If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence please call 1800 737 732 or 000 in an emergency.

9 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DISPOSABLE NAPPIES GOING TO LANDFILL FROM THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Eloise Price made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That Council notes it is reported that Australia wide, approximately 5.6 million disposable nappies are used each day, which equals more than two billion disposable nappies being sent to landfill each year and that many Councils across Australia have designed initiatives to reduce the number of disposable nappies being used.
- (b) That staff bring back a report on:-
 - i. Implementing a City of Ryde Sustainable Nappy Program in order to reduce the number of disposable nappies going to landfill.
 - ii. Initiating a Nappy Library and demonstration kit.
 - iii. Providing workshop opportunities educating families on how to reduce their use and reliance on disposable nappies.
 - iv. That a suitable funding source be identified such as the Waste Less, Recycle More Grants.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

10 SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE TO LEAVE DANGEROUS RELATIONSHIPS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Eloise Price and Claire Sexton (representing the Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic and Family Violence Committee) made written submissions on this Item and copies are ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

- (a) That Council notes that on the advice from Domestic Violence NSW and local domestic and family violence services, that around 70% of victims fleeing domestic violence also report pet abuse and it's a common reason many victims delay leaving dangerous relationships. They fear the animal will be harmed if left with the perpetrator and worry their animals will be killed but it is not always possible for victims to take their animal with them when fleeing an abusive home, especially during a crisis. When victims know their pet will be safe, it allows them to take care of themselves.

- (b) That Council staff identify suitable low cost, short-term, emergency housing/care options for pets owned by victims escaping domestic violence and a suitable community organisation to deliver these options for victims in the City of Ryde.
- (c) That Council staff assist the community organisations with preparing a community grant application to secure funding to support a pet boarding program for victims of domestic and family violence in the City of Ryde.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTE: If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence please call 1800 737 732 or 000 in an emergency.

COUNCIL REPORT

13 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That the report of the General Counsel be received.

Record of the Voting

For the Motion: Unanimous

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Purcell)

That Council now consider the following Item, the time being 7.19pm:-

- **Item 6** – 2019/2020 Draft Financial Statements.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

6 2019/2020 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

- (a) That the Mayor, a Councillor, General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the 'Statement by Councillor and Management' for both the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements, as contained in the 2019/20 Draft Financial Statements.
- (b) That Council endorses the 2019/20 Draft Financial Statements to be placed on public exhibition with a view to tabling any community feedback at the 24 November 2020 Council meeting.

Record of the 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 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 7/20 held on 13 October 2020

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

4 YOUTH INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

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

3 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 3/20 held on 13 October 2020

Note: All Items were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Central Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2020

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

5 CITY OF RYDE COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Clifton)

That Council:-

- (a) Endorse the revised COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy (September 2020).
- (b) Advertise the extension of the Jobseeker/Jobkeeper rate rebate for 28 days with a view to closing applications on 31 March 2021.
- (c) That Council invites presidents of each Chamber of Commerce in the City of Ryde to join the Economic Development Advisory Committee to assist in the development of other small business initiatives in the promotion of town centres.
- (d) Acknowledge the Economic Development Programs that are assisting small business.
- (e) Acknowledge the City of Ryde's participation in NSROC's Community Business Survey, noting that this independently obtained data be provided to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the purposes of identifying what additional economic development support Council may be able to offer.
- (f) Acknowledge the Community Support Programs that are assisting a wide range of our community members.
- (g) Acknowledge the financial and organisational response actions and initiatives that have been outlined in this report.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 2019/2020 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

7 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

8 REVIEW OF THE CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has been involved at stages with several entities, both successful and unsuccessful and works directly with community groups in his role as a Councillor.

Note: Councillor Moujalli left the meeting at 7.33pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Gordon)

- (a) That Council endorse the Community Grants Program Policy 2020.
- (b) That Council endorse the following timeframe for implementation of the Community Grants Program Policy 2020:-
 - (i) December 2020-February 2021 (Round 1, Large and Small Grants open for applications) excludes Major Community Wellbeing, Sponsorship and Awards and Venue Hire Support.
 - (ii) May 2021- June 2021 (Small Grant Round open for applications)
 - (iii) July 2021- (Minor Awards and Donations open for applications)
 - (iv) August 2021- September 2021 (Round 2, Large and Small Grants open for applications including Major Community Wellbeing and Venue Hire Support categories).
- (c) That Council endorse the continuation of the following historical arrangements:-
 - (i) Historical grants until 30/06/2021
 - (ii) Historical venue hire until 31/12/21
- (d) That the General Manager investigate options to extend the new Minor Donations Sports Person category to a broader range of people who are excelling in their chosen pursuit and have been chosen to represent NSW or Australia.

- (e) That the General Manager reports the results of these investigations in time for inclusion in the 2021/2022 Draft Operational Plan.
- (f) That the new Community Grants Program Guidelines allow future applications for website development under the following new categories:
 - i. Community Wellbeing
 - ii. Arts and Creativity
 - iii. Small Grants

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING 2020, ROUND 2

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows some of the community groups.

Note: Councillor Gordon disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has an affiliation with a member of Zoomers for Change. He left the meeting at 7.36pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Clifton disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has an affiliation with a member of Zoomers for Change who are an organisation seeking funding in Round 2 of the Community Grants Program 2020. She left the meeting at 7.36pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has been involved at stages with several entities, both successful and unsuccessful and works directly with community groups in his role as a Councillor.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows through the community and Council events, many of the organisations and volunteers who are applying for community grants.

Note: Councillor Moujalli was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council endorse funding to the following organisations in Round 2 of the 2020 Community Grants as follows:

Community Projects:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP03	Macquarie Singers Inc.	Macquarie Singers community music program	\$5,000	\$5,000	Develop a comprehensive community outreach program of musical workshops.	
CP04	The Trustee for the Raise Foundation	In-school mentoring program	\$5,000	\$5,000	Youth mentoring program for 15 at risk students in Ryde	
CP08	Educar Foundation	Ryde/Epping Max Potential	\$4,830	\$4,830	Personal leadership coaching program for youth	
CP10	The Shepherd Centre for Deaf Children	Talk Together	\$3,157	\$3,157	An education and support program for parents of children with a hearing loss in Ryde	
CP11	Lady of Grace Fraternity Inc.	Italian Migrants of Ryde History	\$5,000	\$5,000	Research and document the history of Italian migrants in Ryde 1920-1960.	
CP12	NorthSide CALD Carers Network (Auspice CCA)	CALD carers support group	\$5,000	\$5,000	Supporting carers from various cultural backgrounds to sustain their mental and physical wellbeing	
CP13	Academy of Chinese Culture Inc.	Chinese cultural activities in Mandarin, Cantonese and English	\$4,600	\$4,600	Singing, poem recital, tai-chi and dancing in Mandarin, Cantonese and English	
CP14	Zoomers for Change (Auspice MYAN NSW)	Zoomers for Change	\$5,000	\$5,000	Youth social entrepreneurship program	
EV02	Reach Community Initiatives	Community Christmas Dinner	\$3,500	\$3,500	Christmas meal hampers for disadvantaged community members.	Moved from event category
Total			\$41,087	\$41,087		

Capacity Building:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
EM02	Australian Xiyangyang Orchestra Inc.	Community Showcase event	\$4,995.50	\$4,200	Music training (online or in-person workshops) and a community concert	Insurance is an ongoing operational cost and not eligible under the grants program.
Gen0 1	Ample Abilities Inc.	Build Up My Ability	\$4,400	\$4,400	A project to improve the capacity of people with disabilities through workshops	
Total			\$9,395.50	\$8,600		

Events:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
Em01	Nairi Choir (Auspice Hamazkiane Armenian Cultural Association Nairi Chapter Inc.)	Community Showcase event	\$4,500	\$2,500	Community choir showcase event to the local community.	Moved from emerging/s mall groups category. Funding for events with less than 1000 people is up to \$2,500.
CP02	The Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.	Light Up East Ryde	\$5,000	\$5,000	Christmas street market in East Ryde	Moved from Community Projects category
EV04	North Ryde Christian Church (Auspice Combined Assemblies Properties Inc.)	Carols in the Park	\$2,500	\$2,500	Carols in Pindari Park, 46 th annual Christmas celebration	

CP18	Message Church	Dream Concert	\$5,000	\$2,500	A concert to reunite performers back on stage after COVID.	Moved from Community Projects category. Funding for events with less than 1,000 people is up to \$2,500.
Total			\$17,000	\$12,500		

Community Facilities and Equipment:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
FE01	Riding for the Disabled Ryde (Auspice Riding for the Disabled Association NSW)	Installation of a zip hot water system	\$5,000	\$5,000	Installation of a zip hot water system for use by RDA participants and volunteers.	
FE05	The Northern Centre	Children's activity tables plus overhead projector	\$4,203.80	\$4,203.80	Equipment for supported playgroup activities attended by Ryde families	
FE07	West Ryde Community Church (Auspice Baptist Churches of NSW Property Trust)	Installation of safety glass panels	\$3,162.50	\$3,162.50	Safety upgrades for the community hall accessed by various local community groups.	
Total			\$12,366.30	\$12,366.30		

Seniors:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
Sen 01	Korean Harmony Culture Group	Seniors Activities	\$2,000	\$2,000	Weekly activities for Korean seniors including line dancing, karaoke, outings and meals	
Sen 02	CASS	Stay connected with zoom	\$2,000	\$2,000	Social networking for the Korean elderly especially during COVID restrictions.	

Sen 03	Baptistcare	Heart and Soul Community Choir	\$2,000	\$2,000	A choir open to all Ryde seniors. Ten rehearsal sessions with a professional instructor and a community performance during Inclusion week 2021.	
Sen 04	Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizens Club Inc.	Promote healthy high fibre eating among CALD seniors	\$2,000	\$2,000	Dietician workshop plus meal for seniors who primarily speak a language other than English.	
SS08	Armenian Relief Society Araz Chapter	Community development and self-sustainability	\$10,000	\$2,000	Supporting isolated community members and educating seniors on general health and hygiene. Functions to support the community and raise funds.	Funding for fundraising activities is not eligible under the Grants program.
Total			\$18,000	\$10,000		

Social Support:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
SS03	AASHA	Stay well live well- A Healthy Mind Lives in a Healthy Body	\$10,000	\$10,000	Mental health forum and ongoing activities for older people of CALD backgrounds	
SS05	Streetwork Australia Ltd	PRIDE Empowerment Program	\$10,000	\$8,000	Eight-week early intervention program for young people (11-18 years of age) at risk of mental health issues, homelessness, financial hardship, crime etc.	Already funded \$2,000 for this project in 2020 Small Grant Round 1. Eligible for one grant per year for the same project. As the project

						is eligible for the Social Support category funding of \$8,000 allocated.
SS07	Differently Abled People Association Inc.	Roving stall to attract and train local care workers in Ryde LGA	\$10,000	\$10,000	Roving stalls across Ryde to introduce people to disability services and training options. On the job training at DAPA will then be available for people who are interested.	
SS10	Good Friends Inc.	Counselling and Therapy for You	\$9,500	\$9,500	Art therapy, music therapy and support for people experiencing anxiety, domestic violence or family conflict due to COVID restrictions.	
SS13	The Men's Table Inc.	Ryde Communities of Men Project	\$10,000	\$10,000	Establish three "Men's Tables" groups within Ryde to address isolation, loneliness and mental health.	
Total			\$49,500	\$47,500		

Community Aid Social Support Grant:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Request	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
HS1	Sydney Community Services	Supporting our Community More than Ever	\$24,000	\$24,000	Support for vulnerable groups- seniors, people with disabilities and those experiencing financial difficulties	
HS2	Presbyterian Aged Care (formerly North Ryde Community Aid)	Community Connections	\$24,000	\$24,000	Food relief program, multicultural mother's group, social support groups and support of volunteering	

HS3	Christian Community Aid	CCA's Impact during COVID-19	\$32,000	\$32,000	Connection and service provision to support vulnerable community members during COVID-19 pandemic	
Total			\$80,000	\$80,000		

Sport and Recreation:

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
SR02	Ryde Pickleball in the Park	Promotion of the sport of pickleball	\$3,500	\$1,000	Advertising pickleball and providing opportunities for new members to participate.	Cost of equipment is not eligible. Informed of non-Council grant opportunities
SR05	Sydney Cricket Club	Ryde Community Cricket Coaching Program	\$3,500	\$3,500	Training to upskill volunteer coaches and the overall development of participants.	
SR06	Macquarie Combined Sports Inc.	Promotion of grass roots sport	\$3,500	\$1,750	Promotion to juniors aged 5-14 via weekly activity sessions.	Cost of equipment and operational expenses not eligible. Informed of non-Council grant opportunities
SS07	Ryde Eastwood Hawks Touch Football Association	Introduction of Touch Football to Juniors	\$3,500	\$3,050	Eight sessions to introduce juniors to the sport. A professional coach will support and train the volunteers.	Cost of ground hire and uniforms not eligible
Total			\$14,000	\$9,300		

- (b) That funding of \$222,917 from the Community and Ranger Services budget plus an additional \$11,436.30 from the Community Grants Reserve be used to fund the recommended applications to a total of \$234,353.30.

(c) That Council does not endorse the following applications:-

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Requested	Funding Granted	Project Description	Other Comments
CP05	Hunters Hill High School P&C Association Pty. Ltd.	Hunters Hill High School Urban Farm	\$3,989	\$0	Establish an urban farm at Hunters Hill High School.	Funding for school activities is not eligible under the grants program. The project is not in the Ryde LGA
CP09	Friends of Lane Cove National Park	Mars Creek-Community Collaboration restoring an urban creek-line	\$4,968	\$0	108 hours of professional bush regeneration.	Not eligible, as this does not meet the aims of the Community Grants program, which is building the community capacity to address need.
CP16	Parkinson's NSW Ltd.	Online Parkinson's Aged Care Training Program	\$5,000	\$0	Develop, trial and refine an online learning module to train and educate care workers on how to care for residents living with Parkinson's disease.	Not eligible under the grants program, as this is a statewide program and does not primarily benefit people in the City of Ryde
CP17	Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District	Create a Neighbourhood Watch Ryde Website	\$3,000	\$0	Design and build a website for Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District.	Operational expenses not eligible under the grants program
CP20	Ryde/ Hunters Hill Child and Family Interagency (Auspice Relationships Australia)	Ryde/ Hunters Hill Child and Family Services Flyer	\$5,000	\$0	Develop and produce a Ryde Hunters Hill Child and Family Services flyer for community services and the wider community.	Not eligible, as it is a duplication of existing online resources
Em03	Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde Inc.	Website production	\$5,000	\$0	Development of a formal chamber website	Operational expenses not eligible under the grants program
FE02	Ryde Secondary College P&C Association	Purchase of laser engraving machine	\$5,000	\$0	Contribution towards purchase of laser engraving machine for Technology students	Funding for school activities is not eligible under the grants program.

FE08	CareFlight Ltd.	Purchase of Pocket Monitor	\$4,700	\$0	Purchase of pocket monitor to conduct Laryngoscopy exams	Not eligible under the grants program, as this is a statewide program and does not primarily benefit people in the City of Ryde
SS02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	Online counselling support for cancer patients' mental health and well-being	\$10,000	\$0	Build online video counselling network infrastructure for cancer patients	Operational expenses not eligible under the grants program
SS04	Technical Aid to the Disabled	Solving Challenges and Reaching Goals in Ryde	\$5,000	\$0	Subsidise the cost of custom equipment for up to six people in Ryde.	Operational expenses not eligible under the grants program including staffing and equipment.
Total			\$51,657	\$0		

- (d) That the successful and unsuccessful grant applicants be informed in writing of the outcomes of their applications.
- (e) That Council fund the following applications currently in the “not endorsed” list:-
- (i) CP17 Neighbourhood Watch Ryde District (\$3,000)
 - (ii) Em03 Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde Inc. (\$5,000)
 - (iii) CP20 Ryde/Hunters Hill Child and Family Interagency (\$5,000)

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

10 PROPOSED TREE REVIEW PROCESS AND SUBSIDISED PRIVATE TREE SCHEME

Note: Councillors Gordon and Clifton returned to the meeting at 7.40pm.

Note: Councillor Moujalli returned to the meeting at 7.43pm during discussion on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council adopt the revised Tree Review Process as outlined in Figure 2 of this report with the removal of stage 2.
- (b) That Council trial, for a period of one (1) year, the subsidised private tree assistance scheme on the principles detailed within this report with the addition of 'up to 100% subsidy for the cost of tree pruning and removal where genuine hardship has been established on assessment.'
- (c) That Council publicly exhibit for a period of twenty eight (28) days details of the criteria and funding available funding for the scheme and should no objections be received it proceed with implementing the scheme for the trial period.
- (d) That should any objections be received during the public exhibition period a report be prepared for Council prior to the implementation of the trial scheme.
- (e) That Council re-allocate \$20,000 from the Street Tree Maintenance Operational budget to meet the cost of the proposed subsidised private tree assistance scheme trial and that this is consolidated at the Quarter 1 budget review.
- (f) That a further report be presented to Council at the end of the one (1) year trial period detailing the outcomes of implementing a subsidised private tree assistance scheme.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Lane, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Moujalli and Yedelian OAM

11 NEW LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FEE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

- (a) That Council Adopts the 'Out of Area Membership' fee for Hunters Hill residents to join Ryde Library Service at a cost of \$120 per annum (excluding Hunters Hill residents who work or study in the City of Ryde) to be included in the current Fees and Charges schedule.
- (b) That Council Adopts the new Children's category 'Out of Area Membership' fee that is free of charge for children up to 5 years of age with access limited to only borrowing from the children's collections to be included in the current Fees and Charges schedule.

- (c) That Council officers provide current Hunters Hill library members who are residents with one (1) month written notice of the new fee coming into effect.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Brown, Lane and Yedelian OAM

12 2020/2021 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS - COUNCIL BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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

LATE COUNCIL REPORT

14 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 22 September 2020

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: RYDE FOODBANK - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

Note: In accordance with Clause 10.4(b) of Councils Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale deferred consideration of this Item to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 24 November 2020.

2 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: FIND THE ALTERNATE VENUE FOR THE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE RYDE CIVIC CENTRE - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

Note: In accordance with Clause 10.4(b) of Councils Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor, Councillor Laxale deferred consideration of this Item to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 24 November 2020.

4 RECOGNITION OF JO'ANNE DUKE - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Gordon)

- (a) That the City of Ryde Council rename the laneway between Coxs Road and Marilyn Street (beside the North Ryde Library) as "Jo Duke's Lane".
- (b) That a plaque is erected at North Ryde Park in her honour, to be funded from the Mayoral budget.
- (c) That a memorial morning tea is conducted at North Ryde Park, to be funded from the Mayoral budget.
- (d) That family members are invited to the memorial morning tea.
- (e) That the City of Ryde liaise with the Duke family and that the above items be completed as soon as practicable.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 NSW GOVERNMENT PARK 'n PAY - Councillor Jordan Lane

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

6 COVID-SAFE CHRISTMAS FOR CHAUVEL STREET - Councillor Jordan Lane

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

7 ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Councillor Jordan Lane

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lane and Yedelian OAM)

That Council invites Ms Sarah Reyes, Centre Leader of Thrive Early Learning, North Ryde to apply to join the Economic Development Advisory Committee, with a report concerning the appointment to be considered at the November meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee.

Record of the Voting

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 SAFETY FROM DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BEYOND - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

9 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DISPOSABLE NAPPIES GOING TO LANDFILL FROM THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

10 SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE TO LEAVE DANGEROUS RELATIONSHIPS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

Question 1:

What is the worst case scenario of a La Nina Event affecting the City of Ryde?

Answer 1:

As per the Bureau of Methodology (BOM) information La Nina Event implies:-

“The increased rainfall and cloudiness in the western Pacific associated with La Niña usually means above-average winter–spring rainfall for Australia, particularly across the east and north.”

“The six wettest winter–spring periods on record for eastern Australia occurred during La Niña years. In the Murray–Darling Basin, winter–spring rainfall averaged over all 18 La Niña events (including multi-year events) since 1900 was 22% higher than the long-term average, with the severe floods of 1955, 1988, 1998 and 2010 all associated with La Niña.

Based on this information, if La Niña Event develops, we can expect a 10-30% damper winter-spring period compared to the average rainfall. In the instance where La Niña fully develops, the probability for the occurrence of severe flood events will increase, in comparison to the years without this phenomenon.

If the La Niña Event fully develops, it will generate rainfall events ranging between 1% AEP (“1 in 100 years storm”) to PMF (Probable Maximum Flood). This will lead to major flooding concerns within the City of Ryde LGA. There are maps made available on the City of Ryde website¹, that indicate the extents of flood prone areas. Please note that in the event of a severe flood, NSW State Emergency Services² triggers and manages population evacuations.

Links:

1. <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Business-and-Development/Planning-Controls/Other-Planning-Considerations/Flood-Prone-Areas>
2. <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/>

Question 2:

What flood mitigating plans do we have for the City of Ryde?

Answer 2:

Preparation for major flood events is primarily undertaken through long term planning. There are potential short-term reinforcements that can be enforced as a response to alerts provided by BOM (such as the one BOM is planning to declare):-

Long-term planning: Council is constantly upgrading and managing the drainage network in order to reduce risks to the environment and the community. In addition to upgrading the drainage network, Council provides advice to ensure new developments that are in flood affected zones do not have adverse consequences on neighbouring properties. It is also mandatory for such developments to have ground floors located above the expected flood levels within the area (plus a freeboard to add contingency for accuracy concerns, wind and wave effect).

Short term preparation: To ensure Council’s drainage network is working to its maximum capacity, Council will ensure that pits, pipes, trunk drainage systems and natural channels (creeks) remain clear from obstructions. To achieve this, Council has implemented a proactive program of stormwater pit cleaning. Each pit is classified as either HIGH RISK or LOW RISK. This enables Council to prioritise each pit for routine cleaning. In addition, this allows for the identification of any blockages evident at the time pit cleaning is taking place. The success of this proactive program has yielded positive results, with the last two storm events resulting in low numbers of call-out requests to respond to, for localised flooding.

Question 3:

What would the City of Ryde do to mitigate the property damages and loss from a La Nina Event?

Answer 3:

Council is constantly building the City's resilience to natural hazards and working to reduce long term and immediate climate related risks and impacts. As commented above, Council is working on improving the drainage network and conditioning new developments, according to the requirements of NSW Floodplain Development Manual. These conditions ensure that the property damage and losses during big storm events will be minimised. Council carries out regular maintenance, organising clean-up of blocked pits, pipes or trunk drainage to ensure the system will function to its maximum capacity if a big storm event occurs.

City of Ryde is also in constant liaison with neighbouring Councils and State Government agencies such as Sydney Water and the Office of Environment and Heritage to identify better means of conveying stormwater, ensuring the protection of the environment and property as well as minimising the risk to lives.

CLOSED SESSION

NOTICE OF MOTION 3 – DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW – Councillor Dr Peter Kim

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Note: Councillor Zhou left the meeting at 7.57pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That the Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the above matter.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Lane

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 7.58pm. The public and media left the webcast.

NOTICE OF MOTION

3 DEFERRED NOTICE OF MOTION: GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW - Councillor Dr Peter Kim

Note: Councillor Zhou returned to the meeting at 7.58pm.

Note: The General Manager left the meeting at 7.58pm and did not return.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Gordon)

That the Council allow all twelve (12) Councillors to participate in the upcoming General Manager Performance Review.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Gordon)

- (a) That Council notes that the final review of the General Manager's performance is made by Council, with a performance review panel existing to provide a non-binding recommendation to Council, which it can then either adopt, amend or refuse.
- (b) That Council notes previous review panels, dating back to 2010, varied from 3 to 4 Councillors as chosen by the Mayor of the day.
- (c) That Council resolve to retain the same method as outlined in part (b), in regards to the composition of the General Manager's performance review panel.

On being put to the meeting the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) for and three (3) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of the Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Amendment: Councillors Brown, Lane and Yedelian OAM

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillor Gordon)

- (a) That Council notes that the final review of the General Manager's performance is made by Council, with a performance review panel existing to provide a non-binding recommendation to Council, which it can then either adopt, amend or refuse.

- (b) That Council notes previous review panels, dating back to 2010, varied from 3 to 4 Councillors as chosen by the Mayor of the day.
- (c) That Council resolve to retain the same method as outlined in part (b), in regards to the composition of the General Manager's performance review panel.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillors Brown, Lane and Yedelian OAM

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolutions of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale and Councillors Brown, Clifton, Gordon, Moujalli, Pedersen, Purcell, Yedelian OAM and Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Lane

Note: Open Council resumed at 8.13pm.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

Chairperson