

**Meeting Date: Tuesday 23 August 2022**  
**Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online**  
**Time: 6.00pm**

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## **MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **MM22/22 AWARD TO STAFF MEMBERS – MARNIE MITCHELL AND TRANSPORT PLANNING TEAM – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

I am pleased to advise of the following awards, recently received by Council staff members.

**Council’s Manager People and Culture – Marnie Mitchell** has been announced as the winner of the “Champion of Change – Metro category in the 2021 Ministers’ Award for Women in Local Government”.

There was a record number of nominees in all categories of awards this year and it is a testament to Marnie’s hard work and expertise, that she has been awarded this prestigious honour.

I am pleased to present Marnie with the certificate and trophy provided by the Office of Local Government and offer her my congratulations and that of Council on her achievement.

**Council’s Transport Planning team** - has won the national industry excellence award from the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management (AITPM) for City of Ryde’s [Integrated Transport Strategy 2041](#).

The AITPM awards recognise excellence in policy making and industry practice and this award highlights the fantastic work the Transport Team is achieving in this field.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council congratulate Marnie Mitchell on her receipt of the “Champion of Change – Metro category in the 2021 Ministers’ Award for Women in Local Government” provided by the Office of Local Government.
- (b) That Council congratulate the Transport Planning Team on its award from the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management.

#### **Report Prepared by:**

**Councillor Jordan Lane**  
**Mayor**

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager

**File No.:** CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/633

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#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council can determine those matters on the Agenda that can be adopted without the need for any discussion.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council determine the Items on Council's Agenda that will be adopted without debate.

OR

That Council determine all Items on the Agenda.



**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 26 July 2022**

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager

**File No.:** CLM/22/1/1/2 - BP22/634

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a motion or discussion with respect to such minutes shall not be in order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 10/22, held on 26 July 2022 be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council meeting - 26 July 2022

ITEM 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 26 July 2022  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online  
**Time:** 6.02pm

**Councillors Present in Chambers:** The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Lara-Watson, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell, Song and Yedelian OAM.

**Councillors Present via online Audio Visual:** Councillor Han.

**Apologies:** Nil.

**Leave of Absence:** Nil.

**Staff Present:** Acting General Manager, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Acting Director – City Works, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – People and Culture, Manager – Corporate Governance, Manager – Communications and Engagement, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Environment, Manager – Project Development, Manager – Parks, Acting Manager – Transport, Team Leader – Natural Areas, IT Applications Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

**PRAYER**

Pastor Cory Schut of the Wesley International Congregation, Ryde 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.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Song requested a Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 23 August 2022.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Deshpande)

That Councillor Song's Leave of Absence for the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 23 August 2022 be approved.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference – Hunter Valley – 23 October to 25 October 2022 for the reason that she has just accepted the role of Board Director.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 4 – Resident Safety at Sagar Place, East Ryde for the reason that she knows business owners at East Ryde Shops.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 14 – Completion of Heatly Reserve upgrade at East Ryde for the reason that she knows the business owners through her work in the community.

Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 8 – West Ryde Community Groups Engagement for the reason that she is a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

**TABLING OF PETITIONS**

No Petitions were tabled.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Calvin Ye	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Jonathan Egan	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Thiri and Thant Zaw	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Ivy Zhao	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Daniel Ristic (representing Football NSW)	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Craig McMurdo	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Robyn McMurdo	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Francis Breen	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Neil McSeveny	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Phillip Ward	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Mark Ames	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Niklas Whitton	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Alison Pryor	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Warren Smith	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Peter Hughes	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Francis O'Neill	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
Scott Perry	Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Paul Klarenaar (representing NSW Northern Sydney Health)	<b>Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan</b>
Phillip Peake	<b>Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan</b>
Michael Marando	<b>Notice of Motion 1 – Installation of ramp in Arthur Street, Ryde – Councillor Roy Maggio</b>
Frank Guidaci	<b>Notice of Motion 2 – Passing of Pastor Robyn Peebles – Councillor Roy Maggio</b>
Janet Guidaci	<b>Notice of Motion 2 – Passing of Pastor Robyn Peebles – Councillor Roy Maggio</b>
Ann Hornshaw	<b>Notice of Motion 2 – Passing of Pastor Robyn Peebles – Councillor Roy Maggio</b>
The Leaders of the former Church of the Good Shepherd, West Ryde	<b>Notice of Motion 2 – Passing of Pastor Robyn Peebles – Councillor Roy Maggio</b>
John Zappala (representing RSUFC)	<b>Notice of Motion 3 – Dog off leash area – Pidding Park – Councillor Roy Maggio</b>
Tammy Scharenguivel	<b>Notice of Motion 3 – Dog off leash area – Pidding Park – Councillor Roy Maggio</b>

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

No written submissions were received.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE**

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 8 – West Ryde Community Groups Engagement for the reason that she is a member of Neighbourhood Watch. She left the meeting at 6.23pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Deshpande)

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 18/22, Mayoral Minute 19/22, Mayoral Minute 20/22, Item 3, Item 6, Item 10, Item 11, Item 12, Item 13, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 6, Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 8, Notice of Motion 9, Notice of Motion 10, Notice of Motion 11, Notice of Motion 13 and Notice of Motion 14 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MAYORAL MINUTES**

**MM18/22 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF RYDE LEP 2014 – Mayor,  
Councillor Jordan Lane**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That the Acting General Manager arrange a workshop for staff to engage with Councillors on a proposed city wide community consultation to pre-empt a comprehensive review of Ryde LEP 2014.
- (b) That any planning work in train that would result in changes to the LEP that would see increases in height or density including in Town Centres be held in abeyance while the City wide community consultation occurs and a comprehensive review of the LEP is discussed with the Department Planning and Environment.
- (c) That the Mayor write to the local members the Hon. Mr Anthony Roberts MP and the Hon. Mr Victor Dominello MP and seek their support for this review.

**MM19/22 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE – Mayor,  
Councillor Jordan Lane**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That the Mayor write to the Consul General of India, Mr Manish Gupta in recognition of India's Independence Day.
- (b) That Council host a flag raising on 15 August 2022 to mark Independence Day.
- (c) That the Consul General be invited to attend the flag raising ceremony.

**MM20/22 BIRTH OF YURI HAN – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council note the birth of Yuri Han and that a letter of congratulations be sent to Councillor Han and his wife.

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ATTACHMENT 1

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 July 2022**

**RESOLUTION:**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 9/22, held on 12 July 2022 be confirmed.

**6 RYDE BIODIVERSITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council acknowledges the works delivered to date within the Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016 as outlined in this report towards protecting and enhancing the natural areas in Ryde.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council following the outcomes of the 2023/ 2024 review of the Biodiversity Plan 2016, to inform the new direction for Biodiversity Plan delivery and natural areas management.

**10 CITY OR RYDE BICYCLE STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 2022 - 2030**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council endorses the *Bicycle Strategy 2022–2030* and *Ryde Action Plan 2022-2030*.
- (b) That Council thank all parties who participated in the development of the *Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and Ryde Action Plan 2022-2030*, including those people who submitted feedback through the public exhibition.
- (c) That upon release of the 2021 Census, staff update any affected sections of the *Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and Ryde Action Plan 2022-2030* to cater for any change to demographics or transport modal shifts.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**11 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – JUNE 2022**

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held in June 2022:-

**(A) MORRISON ROAD, RYDE - CENTRAL MEDIAN ISLAND AND BLISTER ISLAND**

The following changes be made on Morrison Road, Ryde:

- a) The western approach of the roundabout at the intersection of Morrison Road and Princes Street, Putney be adjusted to provide a kerb blister and central median extension from the splitter island.
- b) The minimum width of the central median island be maintained as per the Austroads Guide to Road Design.

**(B) DELMAR PARADE, GLADESVILLE - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, TUE - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED**

The following changes be made on Delmar Parade, Gladesville:

- a) The 'No Parking 5AM to 11AM - Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted' be installed at the cul-de-sac on Delmar Parade, Gladesville.

**(C) RHODES STREET AND MACPHERSON STREET, WEST RYDE - LINEMARKING & PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES**

The following changes be made on Rhodes Street and Macpherson Street, West Ryde:

- a) A dividing barrier (BB) centreline be installed along Rhodes Street between Hermitage Road and Mellor Street, West Ryde.
- b) The existing "1/4P 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM" and "Bus Zone, 9:30AM-2:30PM, School Days" be converted to "Kiss & Ride - No Parking, 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM, School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- c) The existing "No Parking 8:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-4:00PM School Days" be converted to "1/4P, 7:00AM-9:30AM, 2:30PM-6:00PM School Days" zone on Rhodes Street, West Ryde.
- d) The existing "Bus Zone 8:00AM-6:00PM School Days" and "2P Permit Holders Excepted" be converted to "Bus Zone School Days" on Macpherson Street, West Ryde.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**(D) EILEEN STREET, RYDE - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, TUE - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED**

The following changes be made on Eileen Street, Ryde:

- a) The "No Parking 5AM to 11AM – Tuesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" be installed at the cu-de-sac between the property frontages of 7 and 17 Eileen Street, Ryde.

**(E) MIRIAM ROAD, WEST RYDE - NO PARKING 5AM-11AM, WED - WASTE VEHICLES EXCEPTED**

The following changes be made on Miriam Road, West Ryde:

- a) A 12 metre long "No Parking, 5AM to 11AM - Wednesday - Waste Vehicles Excepted" zone be installed at the property frontage of 6-8 Miriam Road, West Ryde

**(F) 155 CHURCH STREET, RYDE - TRAFFIC FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT SITE**

The following changes be made on Loop Road and Parsonage Street, Ryde:

- a) The existing splitter island on the eastern leg of the roundabout at the intersection of Loop Road and Parsonage Street be altered as per **Figure 2**.
- b) The existing splitter island on the western leg of the roundabout at the intersection of Well Street and Parsonage Street be altered as per **Figure 2**.
- c) The central median island on Parsonage Street between the proposed splitter islands be installed as per **Figure 2**.
- d) That all works outlined above (points a, b and c) be installed by the developer at no cost to Council.

**(G) MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION**

The parking control measures outlined in *Table 1* of **ATTACHMENT 1** be installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

**(H) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS**

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

**12 REPORTS DUE TO COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council endorse the removal of the outstanding Council reports highlighted in **ATTACHMENT 1** that can no longer be progressed.



**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL – INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

Note: An information report was provided to Council.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**1 INSTALLATION OF RAMP IN ARTHUR STREET, RYDE – Councillor Roy Maggio**

Note: Michael Marando made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council identified when doing the new footpath in Arthur Street, Ryde to install a ramp at the end of the street to improve the accessibility for the wheelchair residents from Arthur to Lane Cove Road.
- (b) That a pram ramp be installed immediately next to the new steps on Arthur Street, at Lane Cove Road.
- (c) That this work be funded from Council's asset replacement reserve.

**3 DOG OFF LEASH AREA – PIDDING PARK – Councillor Roy Maggio**

Note: John Zappala (representing RSUFC) and Tammy Scharenguivel made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council undertake a consultation process as soon as possible to relocate the dog off leash area to the southern corner of Pidding Park in the space between the sports field and the existing natural area.
- (b) That a new design be developed to include dog exercise equipment, seating, shade, fencing, drinking water and waste disposal bags and bins in the consultation process.
- (c) That the report be presented to Council in September 2022 on the outcomes of the consultation and include the funding implications.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**4 RESIDENT SAFETY AT SAGAR PLACE, EAST RYDE – Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson**

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows business owners at East Ryde Shops.

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council notes the possible trip hazard for evening users at the Sagar Place small business centre in East Ryde and the increase of graffiti vandalism across Ryde.
- (b) That Council resolve to consult with local business and residents in the vicinity of Sagar Place, East Ryde in relation to the installation of additional lighting.
- (c) That following the consultation, Council staff to bring back a report to Council outlining the findings of the consultation as well as recommending a source of funding for the additional lighting if required.
- (d) That City of Ryde Council Staff bring back a report on the funding and appropriate placement of CCTV cameras within 2 months of this notice of motion.

**5 LIVE SITES IN RYDE – FIFA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2022/2023 – Councillor Bernard Purcell**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That noting the success of the 2018 World Cup Live Sites, that the Acting General Manager prepare a report for Council which outlines the setting up of a live site/s in Ryde for the FIFA Men's World Cup in November / December 2022.
- (b) That the report to investigate the feasibility of such an event/s and possible appropriate location/s.
- (c) That the report is to consider running the live site/s, at the very least, but not limited to, the 3 Australian Group (D) games.
- (d) That a further report be prepared for Council to consider a live site/s for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**6 WINTER SPORT FEE REIMBURSEMENT – Councillor Bernard Purcell**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That the Acting General Manager prepare a report for Council, in consultation with the Parks Department, to calculate the training and playing time lost to inclement weather in the 2022 winter sports season.
- (b) That the resulting monetary percentage in loss of training and playing time, experienced by all clubs, be returned to those clubs either in a dollar value or credited for next season.

**7 TRAFFIC STUDY INTO THE KENT ROAD, LANE COVE ROAD AND EPPING ROAD PRECINCT – Councillor Bernard Purcell**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That the Acting General Manager, undertake a traffic study in the Kent Road, Lane Cove Road and Epping Road precinct, that includes relevant community consultation to help inform the study.
- (b) That staff report back to Council on the outcomes of the traffic study and community consultation within the next 6 months.

**8 WEST RYDE COMMUNITY GROUPS ENGAGEMENT – Councillor Trenton Brown**

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is a member of Neighbourhood Watch. She was not present for voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That the City of Ryde Mayor organise a meeting of select Directors of Council with the Presidents of three resident groups in West Ryde being the Neighbourhood Watch, Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association, and the West Ryde Chamber of Commerce to discuss the submissions made over the past four years concerning a range of community issues such as car parking and civil works in the West Ryde business district.
- (b) The first meeting should be held in September 2022.
- (c) A regular report should be brought back to Councillors via the Councillor Information Bulletin about progressing the projects proposed by these three community groups.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**9 DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS IN RYDE – Councillor Trenton Brown**

**RESOLUTION:**

That the City of Ryde support the increasing demand for dog off-leash areas in our community by committing to the following actions:-

- (a) Conduct an analysis of the existing dog off-leash areas in the City of Ryde and identify the potential for new areas to be identified as potential sites for a trial of an expanded number of dog off-leash areas in Ryde.
- (b) Bring a report back to Council in 2022 with a proposal for an additional three new off-leash areas being developed in each of the next three years.

**10 RELOCATION OF THE DISABLED PARKING AT MIDWAY SHOPS – Councillor Katie O'Reilly**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That the Acting General Manager, in consultation with the Traffic Committee, look to consider the relocation of the 2 x disabled parking spots to the top end of the Quarry Road carpark.
- (b) That there be relevant community consultation with the Midway Shops business owners and disability parking community members.
- (c) That painting the loading zone parking spot be considered, at the Quarry Road entrance of the carpark, so that it is better identified as a loading zone.

**11 CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH ON BIDGEE ROAD, RYDE – Councillor Katie O'Reilly**

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council at a future quarterly review, allocate savings to the value of \$40K to construct the missing footpath for safe pedestrian access on Bidgee Road, between Bidgee Park and Gardener Avenue, Ryde.

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**13 KEEPING CATS OUT OF NATURAL AREAS – Councillor Penny Pedersen**

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council notes that cats are instinctive killers and incredibly efficient predators who will hunt even when they are well-fed at home. Each roaming pet cat in Australia is estimated to kill on average 115 native prey animals each year, including mammals, birds and reptiles.
- (b) That Council staff:-
  - i. Explore the opportunity to join the RSPCA Keeping Cats Safe at Home program.
  - ii. If this program is no longer open, that staff contact the RSPCA for guidance and develop a 'City of Ryde keeping cats at home' campaign - liaising with local veterinarians, companion animal groups, cat owners, the general community and wildlife groups in Ryde.
  - iii. That Council develop school curriculum-linked resources on this issue for our website.
  - iv. That this be funded through a state or federal government grant such as the Environmental Trust grants.

**14 COMPLETION OF HEATLY RESERVE UPGRADE AT EAST RYDE – Councillor Penny Pedersen**

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows business owners through her work in the community.

**RESOLUTION:**

- (a) That Council note the excellent work of staff in completing community consultation and works to upgrade Heatly reserve at East Ryde, noting that the most common feedback was the need for shade in summer and more lighting to prevent tripping at night (since several of the businesses operate into the evening).
- (b) That staff identify a funding source and delivery of:-
  - i. Permanent or temporary shade over the metal tables at Heatly Reserve, in Sager Place, East Ryde until the trees grow; that the tables be made level and a chess plate be made accessible for wheelchairs.
  - ii. Lighting be improved at Sager Place shops and across Heatly Reserve.

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MAYORAL MINUTES**

**17/22 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JEROME LAXALE – Member for Bennelong – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

Note: Councillor O'Reilly returned to the meeting at 6.26pm.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillor Yedelian OAM)

That Council note the resignation of Councillor Jerome Laxale and write to thank him for his contribution to the local area during his time as a Councillor and as Mayor.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**18/22 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF RYDE LEP 2014 – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

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

**19/22 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

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

**20/22 BIRTH OF YURI HAN – Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

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

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**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**21/22 RESIGNATION OF ANGELA JONES-BLAYNEY – Mayor, Councillor  
Jordan Lane**

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

- (a) That Council notes Angela came to the City of Ryde in 2010 after serving 20 years at the City of Sydney in the roles of organisational development human resources and regulatory services. Angela has held several positions at the City of Ryde and for the last six years as Director of Customer and Community Services. In her time, Angela has developed strategies and initiatives in the areas of customer and community engagement, communications, digital media, market research and surveys, events management, regulatory services, library services, community services and at Council's Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre.
- (b) That the resignation of Angela Jones-Blayney (Director of Customer and Community Services) be noted and that a letter thanking her for her service be provided.
- (c) That Council and the staff at City of Ryde, wish Angela all the best and thank her for her outstanding service to City of Ryde and our community.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 8/22, held on 28 June 2022 be confirmed, subject to an amendment being made to Item 6 – Working Groups – Community Member Expressions of Interest and Terms of Reference Template to include the addition of Luis Almenara as a member of the Sport, Recreation and Bicycle Working Group.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 July 2022**

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Brown and Yedelian OAM)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 6.43pm:-

- Item 5 – Adoption of Green Links Masterplan
- Notice of Motion 2 – Passing of Pastor Robyn Peebles

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**5 ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN**

Note: Calvin Ye, Jonathan Egan, Thiri and Thant Zaw, Ivy Zhao, Daniel Ristic (representing Football NSW), Craig McMurdo, Robyn, McMurdo, Francis Breen, Neil McSeveny, Phillip Ward, Mark Ames, Niklas Whitton, Alison, Pryor, Warren Smith, Peter Hughes, Francis O'Neill, Scott Perry, Paul Klarenaar (representing NSW Northern Sydney Health) and Phillip Peake made a written submission on this Item and copies are ON FILE.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council adopts the Green Links Masterplan as its vision for the three corridors, but excludes the works within the Sydney Water lands between Quarry Road and Blaxland Rd, prepared by McGregor Coxall (June 2022).
- (b) That Council write to thank Sydney Water for their input to the City of Ryde Green Links Masterplan and advise them the land between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road is no longer required.
- (c) That outside the link referred to in Part (a), Council enters into detailed discussions with the respective land owners to formalise use of lands not owned by Council and delegate authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to affect the progressive implementation of the Green Links Masterplan on these lands.

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- (d) That Council advocate for funding to expedite Masterplan implementation.
- (e) That the Mayor writes to the relevant Minister to expedite implementation of the remaining projects of the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Masterplan which directly relate to the Green Links Masterplan.
- (f) That Council write to thank all participants in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**2 PASSING OF PASTOR ROBYN PEEBLES - Councillor Roy Maggio**

Note: Frank Guidaci, Janet Guidaci, Ann Hornshaw and the Leaders of the former Church of the Good Shepherd, West Ryde made a written submission on this Item and copies are ON FILE.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

- (a) That Council acknowledges the contributions of Pastor Robyn Peebles for the betterment of the community.
- (b) That Council donate a seat and plaque at Miriam Park, West Ryde in honour and memory of Pastor Peebles, to be unveiled at a ceremony on 25 September 2022.
- (c) That Council consult with the senior leaders of the Church of the Good Shepherd to discuss any arrangements required for the unveiling event.
- (d) That the seat, plaque and unveiling event be funded from the Mayor's event budget.
- (e) That Council resolve to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**4 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - HUNTER VALLEY - 23 OCTOBER TO 25 OCTOBER 2022**

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has accepted the role of Board Director.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Maggio)

- (a) That Council nominate the following (6) Councillors to attend the 2022 Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates:-
- The Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane
  - Councillor Bernard Purcell
  - Councillor Katie O'Reilly
  - Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM
  - Councillor Trenton Brown
  - Councillor Daniel Han
- (b) That Council note that the Acting General Manager will determine which staff will attend the Conference.
- (c) That City of Ryde will cover the registration cost only for nominated Councillors and staff to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.
- (d) That online attendance to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference be explored.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

**5 ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN**

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

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**6 RYDE BIODIVERSITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW**

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

**7 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION: Synthetic Surface Action Plan Review**

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Brown and Maggio)

- (a) That the draft *Sports Fields Action Plan – Towards 2036* be placed on public exhibition for 28 days, plus an additional 14 days to allow submissions to be received.
- (b) At the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received that require a material change to the Action Plan, the document be adopted by Council.
- (c) Should a submission/s be received that requires a material change to the Action Plan at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, a further report is presented to Council outlining the/se changes.
- (d) That consideration is given to elevating the use of winter sports fields at Eastwood (lower) Oval and Waterloo Park and for increased usage via enhancing the ovals with synthetic turf, hybrid turf or altered layout that maximises the use of these two sporting fields.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That the Synthetic Surface Action Plan be deferred until the outcome of the NSW Government review by the chief scientist on synthetic surfaces and that this Plan be brought back for consideration after that with recommendations for consideration and endorsement.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was Four (4) For and Seven (7) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Brown and Maggio)

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**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

**8 DOG OFF-LEASH FEASIBILITY - CHARITY CREEK CASCADES**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Maggio)

- (a) That Council permit on a 12 month trial basis, dog off leash use of the area at 55 Linton Avenue, Charity Creek Cascades.
- (b) That suitable facilities for this use be installed to support the activity funded from the open space operational maintenance budget.
- (c) That a further report be presented to Council following this trial.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded against the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**9 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN CITY OF RYDE**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council re-establish Alcohol Free Zones in the following areas:-
- West Ryde Bus Interchange
  - Meadowbank, encompassing Bowden Street and Bay Drive, including Meadowbank Ferry Wharf
  - Eastwood Town Centre
  - Trim Place and Coulter Street (between Trim Place and Linsley Street), Gladesville
  - West Ryde Plaza, between Anthony Road and Market Street
- (b) That the Alcohol Free Zone in the Eastwood Town Centre is temporarily suspended on the third Saturday of October each year between 9am and 8.30pm for the duration of the Granny Smith Festival.
- (c) That Alcohol Free Zones in Trim Place and Coulter Street, Gladesville, Eastwood Town Centre and West Ryde Plaza are temporarily suspended for Council-run events, as approved by the General Manager, following consultation with the Ryde Police Area Command.
- (d) That Council undertake public consultation, as outlined in the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones.
- (e) That Alcohol Free Zones, as stated in Recommendation (a), (b) and (c) are adopted if no adverse public comments are received during the consultation period.
- (f) That Council receive a further report on the Alcohol Free Zones should any adverse comments be received during the public consultation period.
- (g) That Council review the size and type of signage that is displayed in public spaces where alcohol is already prohibited especially in skate parks and where children play.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**10 CITY OF RYDE BICYCLE STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED ACTION PLAN 2022-2030**

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

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**11 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - JUNE 2022**

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

**12 REPORTS DUE TO COUNCIL**

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

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

Note: An Information report was presented to Council.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**1 INSTALLATION OF RAMP IN ARTHUR STREET, RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio**

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

**2 PASSING OF PASTOR ROBYN PEEBLES - Councillor Roy Maggio**

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

**3 DOG OFF-LEASH AREA - PIDDING PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio**

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

**4 RESIDENT SAFETY AT SAGAR PLACE, EAST RYDE - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson**

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

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**5 LIVE SITES IN RYDE - FIFA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WORLD CUP  
2022/2023 - Councillor Bernard Purcell**

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

**6 WINTER SPORT FEE REIMBURSEMENT - Councillor Bernard Purcell**

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

**7 TRAFFIC STUDY INTO THE KENT ROAD, LANE COVE ROAD AND  
EPPING ROAD PRECINCT - Councillor Bernard Purcell**

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

**8 WEST RYDE COMMUNITY GROUPS ENGAGEMENT - Councillor Trenton  
Brown**

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

**9 DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS IN RYDE - Councillor Trenton Brown**

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

**10 RELOCATION OF THE DISABLED PARKING AT MIDWAY SHOPS -  
Councillor Katie O'Reilly**

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

**11 CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH ON BIDGEE ROAD, RYDE - Councillor  
Katie O'Reilly**

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

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**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**12 NO NEW GAS IN CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL BUILDINGS - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council consider no new gas in City of Ryde Council buildings as part of the Net Zero Pathways workshop and a further report comes back to Council.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**13 KEEPING CATS OUT OF NATURAL AREAS - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

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

**14 COMPLETION OF HEATLY RESERVE UPGRADE AT EAST RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ITEM 14 - TENDER FOR BUSH REGENERATION SERVICES (COR-RFT-01/22)**

**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: (d) (ii) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

**ITEM 15 - EASTWOOD CENTRAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY - EXEMPTION FROM TENDER**

**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: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**ITEM 16 – ORGANISATION STRUCTURE REVIEW JULY 2022**

**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).

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Brown and Yedelian OAM)

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

**Record of Voting:**

**For the Motion:** The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Song and Yedelian OAM

**Against the Motion:** Councillor Purcell

**Note:** The Council closed the meeting at 8.19pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

**CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

**14 TENDER FOR BUSH REGENERATION SERVICES (COR-RFT-01/22)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

- (a) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Council accepts the tenders for bush regeneration services from the companies listed below, at the lump sum amounts listed:-

Site	Company	Total Lump Sum Amount for 4 years (ex GST)
Bush-It	Archers Creek Reserves	\$236,974.94
Toolijooa	Blue Gum High Forest Reserves	\$237,010.98
Terra Australis	Buffalo Creek Reserves	\$292,060.00
Dragonfly Environmental	Field of Mars Reserve	\$354,987.66
Hills Bushcare	Kittys Creek Reserves	\$168,955.88
Dragonfly Environmental	Northern Reserves	\$256,231.08
Toolijooa	Parramatta River Reserves	\$279,271.14
Dragonfly Environmental	Saltmarsh Reserves	\$40,246.44
Hills Bushcare	Shrimptons Creek Reserves	\$241,043.72
Terra Australis	Terrys Creek Reserves	\$247,369.00

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(b) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute all contract documents for the provision of Bush Regeneration Services from the companies listed above.

(c) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell, Song and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

**15 EASTWOOD CENTRAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY - EXEMPTION FROM TENDER**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

(a) That, pursuant to Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and having regard to the information put before it:-

- i. Council is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances and that inviting tenders will not achieve a satisfactory result.
- ii. Council does not invite tenders for the Eastwood Central Project Management Consultancy Services.
- iii. Council delegates to the General Manager authority to enter into a contract with Star PMCA, on terms acceptable to the General Manager for a period not exceeding 2 years and for a value not exceeding \$400,000 excluding GST.

(b) The Acting General Manager report back to Council before entering into Contract with Star PMCA detailing the Terms of Reference.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**ITEM 2 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**LATE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

**16 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE REVIEW JULY 2022**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That Council endorse the Senior Staff positions within the Organisation Structure Option 3 – City Advocacy Focus, as outlined in the report, subject to consultation with staff in accordance with Award requirements.
- (b) That following the staff consultation, a report is brought back to the Council for final decision on the proposed Senior Staff positions.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor O'Reilly abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded against the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

**OPEN SESSION**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Brown and Yedelian OAM)

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

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Song and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor Purcell

Note: Open Council resumed at 9.28pm.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm

CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST 2022

Chairperson

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**3 JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT (UNAUDITED) INCLUDING 2021/22 CARRYOVERS - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2021-2025 AND 2021/2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

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**Report prepared by:** Chief Financial Officer  
**File No.:** FIM/21/63/1 - BP22/623

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

Council's Four Year Delivery Plan 2021-2025, and One Year 2021/22 Operational Plan, set out the strategic and financial objectives for the year. These plans detail the goals and performance measures for Council's seven key outcome areas, along with the services and projects that Council planned to deliver in 2021/22.

The attached report includes information about progress in each of the seven outcome areas with regard to the targets adopted by Council for 30 June 2022. A financial summary for each key outcome area is included and a progress status report on all capital and non-capital projects by program area for the 2021/2022 financial year is also included.

The purpose of this report is to review the adopted income and expenditure against the actual income and expenditure and consider any variations against the adopted budget as required by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. The report also outlines the projects that need to be carried over from 2021/22 budget into 2022/23 budget as a result of projects not being completed in 2021/22 financial year.

Council's financial position remains sound and the June 2022 Quarterly Review shows that finances are on track to meet the results forecasted in the last revised budget. It should be noted that the Council's actual result to budget is not Council's final position, as year-end is still being finalised and subject to external audit. The Audited Statutory Financial Statements will be presented to Council in October 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the June 2022 Quarterly Review report (Four Year Delivery Plan 2021 - 2025 and One Year 2021/22 Operational Plan) for Quarter Four, *April – June 2022*, be received and endorsed by Council.
- (b) That the proposed Capital Budget Variations, the unspent 2021/22 Carryover Funds and Proposed Movements in Reserves as detailed in this report and in the ATTACHMENT – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER resulting in no net impact on Council's projected working capital position of \$4.50 million (as at 30 June 2022), be endorsed by Council.

**ITEM 3 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Quarterly Review Report 4th Quarter April - June 2022 – CIRCULATED  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Report Prepared By:

**Aneesh Zahra**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Report Approved By:

**Mark Eady**  
**Director - Corporate Services**

### ITEM 3 (continued)

#### Discussion

To ensure Council is informed of key deliverables and the tracking of these deliverables, the 'Quarterly Council Review Report June 2022' is provided in the **ATTACHMENT – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER**. This report addresses the delivery of Council's services and projects for the period July to June 2022 in accordance with the 2021-2025 Delivery Program and 2021-2022 Operational Plan. It includes:-

- General Manager's Introduction – including financial management and corporate performance overview, providing a 'snapshot' of Council's performance during the quarter.
- Outcome Summaries – including overview, operational indicators, financial summaries, performance measures and a summarised status of all of Council's capital and non-capital projects.
- Quarterly Budget Review Reporting – provides a financial overview and consideration of any variations to adopted budget in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
- Carryover Projects – provides a listing of projects (and respective amounts) that require funds to be carried over to 2022/23 as a result of projects incomplete as at 30 June 2022.

#### Budget Result 2021/2022

Council's Operational Plan 2021/2022 was adopted by Council on 29 June 2021.

The original projections on which the budget have been based have been affected by a number of factors. These include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. State and Federal decisions, including new grant programs, changing economic activity, environmental factors and by decisions made by Council.

The budget variations proposed in this review will have no impact on Council's current working capital of \$4.5m. It should be noted that the Council's actual result shown in table below is not Council's final position, as it is still subject to external audit. The Audited Statutory Financial Statements will be presented to Council in October 2022.

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The table below is a summary of the proposed changes in the June 2022 Quarterly Budget Review

City Ryde 2021/2022 Financial Management Summary Report for the Period Ended - June							
	Original Budget 2021/22 (\$'000)	Approved Budget 2021/22 (\$'000)	FY 21/22 Actuals (Unaudited) (\$'000)	Proposed Variations (\$'000)	Projected Year End Budget 2021/22 (\$'000)	Carryovers (\$'000)	Surplus after Carryovers (\$'000)
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>							
Rates and annual charges	102,242	102,513	103,463	-	102,513	-	949
User charges and fees	18,977	12,719	13,623	-	12,719	-	903
Interest and investment revenue	2,486	2,936	3,424	-	2,936	-	488
Other revenues	12,792	9,386	21,633	-	9,386	-	12,247
Grants & contributions provided for operating purposes	6,040	5,085	7,974	-	5,085	(303)	3,193
Grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	10,936	24,495	18,397	-	24,495	(8,708)	2,610
Net gain from the disposal of assets	100	100	-	-	100	-	(100)
<b>TOTAL INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>153,573</b>	<b>157,234</b>	<b>168,513</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>157,234</b>	<b>(9,011)</b>	<b>20,290</b>
<b>EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>							
Employee benefits and on-costs	(57,398)	(54,991)	(53,440)	-	(54,991)	-	1,551
Borrowing costs	(168)	(168)	(163)	-	(168)	-	5
Materials and contracts	(50,675)	(52,097)	(43,715)	-	(52,097)	2,122	6,259
Depreciation and amortisation	(21,762)	(25,162)	(25,822)	-	(25,162)	-	(659)
Other expenses	(6,297)	(7,485)	(7,307)	-	(7,485)	-	178
Net loss from the disposal of assets	-	-	(3,488)	-	-	-	(3,488)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>(136,300)</b>	<b>(139,903)</b>	<b>(133,935)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(139,903)</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>3,846</b>
<b>NET OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>17,274</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>34,578</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>(6,889)</b>	<b>24,136</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure and Repayments to Liability</b>							
Capital Expenditure	(97,109)	(90,922)	(63,404)	(310)	(91,232)	28,179	(351)
Loan Repayment	(332)	(332)	(332)	-	(332)	-	(0)
Lease Payment	(2,885)	(2,885)	(2,807)	-	(2,885)	-	78
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND REPAYMENTS TO LIABILITY</b>	<b>(100,326)</b>	<b>(94,138)</b>	<b>(66,542)</b>	<b>(310)</b>	<b>(94,448)</b>	<b>28,179</b>	<b>(273)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED</b>	<b>(83,052)</b>	<b>(76,807)</b>	<b>(31,964)</b>	<b>(310)</b>	<b>(77,117)</b>	<b>21,290</b>	<b>23,863</b>
Reserve Movements	(28,560)	(50,415)	(23,332)	(310)	(50,725)	21,290	6,103
Depreciation Contra	(22,992)	(26,392)	(30,900)	-	(26,392)	-	(4,507)
Proceeds from Loan	(31,500)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain/Loss On Reval - Investment Property	-	-	13,241	-	-	-	13,241
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>(83,052)</b>	<b>(76,807)</b>	<b>(40,991)</b>	<b>(310)</b>	<b>(77,117)</b>	<b>21,290</b>	<b>14,836</b>
<b>NET BUDGET POSITION</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,027</b>

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#### Proposed Capital Budget Variation - \$0.31m

An additional \$310k is required for the North Ryde Preschool Expansion Program Project, proposed to be funded from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve. North Ryde Preschool expansion is a multiyear project and construction costs have increased than expected due to COVID impact.

#### Proposed Carryovers - \$30.30m

Total carryover funds amount to \$30.3m, with grants and contribution funding of \$9.0m and balance in Council Reserves. Carryover budgets occur when a project has not been completed at the end of a financial year and the unspent funds are required to be carried into the following financial year so that the project can be completed. This is because of the following:

- Funding received such as grants and contributions are for new projects added to the program later in the financial year;
- Project was delayed due to circumstances beyond Council's control;
- Project is a multi-year project and continues into the 2022/23 financial year.

The following table is a summary of the proposed carryovers by directorate:-

Directorate	Proposed Carryovers \$'000
<b>Corporate Services</b>	2,645
<b>City Planning and Environment Services</b>	73
<b>City Works (including Ryde Central)</b>	26,737
<b>Customer and Community Services</b>	847
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,302</b>

A detailed list of all these carryover funds is detailed in Attachment 1.

#### Actual Operating Surplus (Unaudited) - \$34.58m

As at 30 June 2022, the actual Operating Surplus after carryovers is \$24.14m.

This variation between the Approved Budget and the actual year end operating surplus is mainly due to the non-cash adjustments relating to revaluation of investment properties (\$13.24m) required by accounting standards; net loss from disposal from assets (\$3.6m) and developer contributions received in kind (\$2.7m). These non-cash adjustments have a nil financial impact to Council.



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The other major variations are detailed below.

**Increases in Income \$7.9m:**

- \$2,988K increase in Financial Assistance Grant (FAG). This is a prepayment (50%) of 2022/2023 Financial Assistance Grant and will be transferred to FAG Internal Reserve;
- \$1,481k increase in Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre operating income;
- \$612k additional Rates income, with \$107k relating to Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate and transferred to Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserve;
- \$531k additional parking fine revenue;
- \$488K additional investment income received. Of this amount, \$25k is related to Domestic Waste (DW) Management and \$28k is related to Special Levy and these will be transferred to DW Reserve and Special Levy Reserve respectively;
- \$414k additional Section 7.11 and 7.12 development contribution received, transferred to S7.11/S.712 Externally Restricted Reserves;
- \$226k increase in Domestic Waste income which will be transferred to DW Reserve;
- \$204k increase in operating grants related to various projects, offset by additional expenditure;
- \$159k additional income for recourse of retention moneys;
- \$123k additional fees and charges in relation to Road Use & Opening Permit and Work Zone fees;
- \$122k additional rental income related to Affordable Housing Program which will be transferred to Affordable Housing Reserve;
- \$111k additional revenue related to Flood Level Information and Stormwater Flow Information fees;
- \$100k additional Legal Recovery, offset by additional legal expenditure;
- \$91k additional S603 Certificate Fees;
- \$78k additional fees and charges in relation to Development Application, Sub-division, Rezoning, S10.7 Planning and Development Prolongment fees;
- \$70k additional fees and charges related to Health & Building & Compliance program; and
- \$58k additional parking meter and car parking income.

**Decreases in Income \$3.4m:**

- \$1,255k reduction in bus shelters advertising income, as income has been received in July 2022;
- \$497k reduction in capital grants mainly related to Pittwater Road Shared User Path - Stages 2 and 3, offset by underspent expenditures;
- \$463k reduction in fees and charges of Restorations & Driveways program;
- \$233k reduction in rates and annual charges legal recovery;
- \$221k reduction in fees and charges of Commercial Waste program;
- \$122K reduction in Materials Disposal for Porters Creek

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- \$115k reduction in fees and charges of Synthetic Playing Surfaces program which will be reduced to transfer to Synthetic Sports Surface Reserve;
- \$114k reduction Rock & Ground Anchors Fees and Engineering Plan Assessment fees in relation to Activation and Compliance Program;
- \$91k reduction in other revenue related to Health & Building Infringement Notices;
- \$76k reduction income in Events program, offset by reduction in expenditure;
- \$75k reduction in insurance rebate;
- \$59k reduction in rental income for Commercial Buildings program; and
- \$57k reduction in operating income for Library Program.

**Increases in Expenditure \$0.96m:**

- \$659k non-cash adjustment to depreciation mainly due to North Ryde Office lease as required by Accounting standard; and
- \$298k increase in legal costs, offset by legal recovery.

**Decreases in Expenditure \$8.31m:**

- \$1,551k savings in employment costs mainly due to vacancies, of which \$97k is related to restricted funds and will be transferred back to various reserves;
- \$2,719k savings in materials and contracts for various operating and maintenance programs, of which \$1,330k is related to restricted funds and will be transferred back to various reserves;
- \$1,472k savings in consultancy costs, of which \$157k is related to restricted funds and will be transferred back to various reserves;
- \$707k savings in utilities mainly in electricity, of which \$41k is proposed to be transferred to Revolving Energy Fund as a result of energy efficiency initiatives at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre;
- \$508k savings in printing and stationery;
- \$378k savings in materials, contracts and other expenses for various non-capital projects, of which \$126k is related to restricted funds and will be transferred back to reserve;
- \$285k savings in computer software licenses and maintenance fees;
- \$241k saving in emergency service levy;
- \$178k savings in communication charges;
- \$147k saving in donations mainly in the Community Grants Program, proposed \$64k to be transferred to Community Grant Reserve and \$25k to be transferred to Heritage Reserve; and
- \$122k savings in bank fees & charges.

**ITEM 3 (continued)****Proposed Reserve Movements**

As a result of the June Quarterly Review and financial year-end adjustments, it is proposed to transfer to the following reserves:-

- \$310k from Infrastructure Special Rate Reserve for capital budget variation detailed above
- \$21.29m to various reserves for carryover projects that are incomplete and require to be carried over to next financial year
- \$2,988k to FAG Reserve as a result of income received in advance for FY 22/23
- \$1,553k to Refundable Deposits Reserves to ensure all refundable bonds are restricted
- \$794k to Unspent Grant Reserve, as Council received the grant but has not completed work yet
- \$107k to Macquarie Park Corridor Special Rate Reserve due to additional rates income
- \$952k to Domestic Waste Reserve for additional income and savings in DW expenditure and \$28k to Special Levy Reserve for additional income
- \$414k to S7.11/S7.12 externally restricted reserves due to additional developer contributions received
- \$122k to Affordable Housing Reserve for additional rental income
- \$41k to Revolving Energy Fund Reserve from savings generated in electricity at RALC; \$64k to Community Grant Reserve and \$25k to Heritage Reserve as a result of savings achieved in donations;
- \$1.6m to various reserves for savings in Materials and Contracts and Other Expenditure and increase in income.
- \$1.94m to various reserves for capital projects completed under budget transferred back to various Reserves.

The Asset Replacement Reserve hold all funds related to replacement of future infrastructure assets as well as for information technology. It is proposed to create a new Information Technology (IT) Reserve so that these funds can be safeguarded and linked to the IT Strategy. It would also ensure that any funds held in the Asset Replacement Reserve are purely for infrastructure assets.

As a result of savings achieved in the June Quarter Review, it is also proposed to transfer to the following reserves:-

- \$2.5m to Investment Property Reserve for the acquisition of property as detailed elsewhere in the Business Paper.
- \$2.0m to IT Reserve and earmarked towards future software enhancements, critical software upgrades and new software solutions, hardware replacement and the move to “Cloud” based platform.
- \$270k to Election Reserve for the Council bi-election as detailed elsewhere in the Business Paper.

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Details of all Reserve movements are in ATTACHMENT 1 and will be subject to external audit.

**Financial Implications**

Following this review, Council's available Working Capital will be maintained at minimum \$4.50 million as at 30 June 2022. There will be no net drawdown on Working Capital during this review.

**Conclusion**

The following statement is made in accordance with the Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021:

"It is in my opinion that the Budget Review Statement for City of Ryde for the period ended 30 June 2022 indicates that the Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2022 is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure".

Aneesh Zahra

Chief Financial Officer  
Responsible Accounting Officer

10 August 2022

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#### 4 COUNCIL BY-ELECTION - RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JEROME LAXALE

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**Report prepared by:** Civic Services Manager

**File No.:** CLR/21/50/8 - BP22/632

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##### REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to advise Council, that Councillor Jerome Laxale formally resigned as a Councillor on 22 July 2022 (see **ATTACHMENT 1**).

Therefore, as required under Section 292 of the Local Government Act 1993 (The Act), Council is required to hold a by-election for the vacancy in West Ward, within a three (3) month period. Also, Section 294 of the Act, provides for Councils to apply to the Minister for Local Government for a vacancy not to be filled, where the vacancy is less than 18 months from the next ordinary election of Councillors. However, in this case, as the next ordinary Local Government Election is not scheduled until September 2024, the vacancy is greater than 18 months and therefore, Council is required to hold a by-election.

This report recommends, that due to the timeframe and their past performance, that Council engage the NSW Electoral Commission to administer this by-election, at an estimated cost of \$220,000, with the by-election proposed to be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022. Section 55(3)(p) of the Act provides Council with an exemption in calling formal tenders / quotations when a contract with the Electoral Commissioner to administer an election is proposed.

As required under Section 285(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the Acting General Manager has advised the NSW Electoral Commission and the Office of Local Government of this vacancy.

In addition to the costs associated with the engagement of the NSW Electoral Commission, Council is required to run a communications awareness campaign in the lead up to the by-election for West Ward. It is estimated that the cost of the communications awareness campaign for the by-election will be in the vicinity of around \$50,000. Therefore, a budget allocation of \$270,000 funded from the Election Reserve is recommended.

##### RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the resignation of Councillor Jerome Laxale and endorse the by-election for West Ward, to be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022 to fill this vacancy.
- (b) That due to legislative requirements and short timeframe to arrange this election Council note that it is exempt from requiring call formal tenders / quotations under the provisions of Section 55(3)(p) of the *Local Government Act* 1993, where a contract with the Electoral Commissioner to administer a Council election / by-election, is proposed.

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- (c) That the City of Ryde, pursuant to Section 296(2) and 296(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* endorse:-
- i. an agreement be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer the upcoming City of Ryde by-election for West Ward, at an estimated cost of \$220,000, to fill the casual vacancy as a result of the resignation of Councillor Jerome Laxale, and
  - ii. such electoral agreement be entered into by contract between the Electoral Commissioner and the Council.
- (d) That Council allocate a budget of \$220,000 funded from the Election Reserve, for the by-election, to be held on Saturday, 15 October 2022.
- (e) That Council allocate a budget of \$50,000 funded from the Election Reserve, for the communications awareness campaign for the by-election.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Councillor Jerome Laxale - resignation from City of Ryde Council dated 22 July 2022
- 2 Section 294 - Local Government Act 1993 - Dispensing with by-elections

Report Prepared By:

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**Civic Services Manager**

Report Approved By:

**Mark Eady**  
**Director - Corporate Services**

**ITEM 4 (continued)****Discussion**

On 22 July 2022, Councillor Jerome Laxale resigned from his role as a Councillor for the West Ward of the City of Ryde, effective immediately, and as a result, created a Councillor vacancy, as defined by Section 234(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

As required by Section 285(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council notified the NSW Electoral Commission and the Office of Local Government, of Councillor Laxale's resignation and that this vacancy had occurred.

Council is now required to conduct a by-election for West Ward, to fill the vacancy, as prescribed by Section 291 of the Local Government Act. Section 292 of the Local Government Act specifies when the by-election is due to be held as follows:-

**292 When is a by-election to be held?**

***A by-election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of a councillor or a mayor elected by the electors of an area is to be held on a Saturday that:-***

***(a) falls not later than 3 months after the vacancy occurs, and***

***(b) is fixed by the general manager (in relation to an election administered by the general manager) or the Electoral Commissioner (in relation to an election administered by the Electoral Commissioner)***

It is proposed that the by-election date be Saturday, 15 October 2022.

Councillors are advised that Section 294 of the Local Government Act, **ATTACHMENT 2**, states that a by-election must take place if the vacancy occurs more than 18 months before the date specified for the next ordinary election.

The next NSW Local Government election is scheduled to occur in September 2024, which is therefore greater than the stated 18 months.

It is also possible to delay a by-election if the Minister for Local Government is of the opinion that it would be impractical or inconvenient, as stated in Section 293 of the Act. In such cases, the by-election must still occur within 28 days of the date the election was due to be held.

Council officers have liaised with the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) regarding their administration of this by-election. The NSWEC has suggested that Saturday, 15 October 2022 is their preferred date, due to school holidays and the availability of dates.

It should be noted that the cost of Council's election in December 2021, which was administered by the Electoral Commissioner, was \$594,385 (excluding GST).



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Due to the short timeframe and Council's past experience with the NSWEC in administering elections, it is recommended that the NSWEC be engaged to manage this by-election for the City of Ryde. Under Section 55(3)(p) of the Local Government Act, Councils are exempt from being required to call public tenders / quotations where it is proposed to engage the Electoral Commissioner to administer an election.

**Financial Implications**

It is estimated that the costs for the NSW Electoral Commission to administer the by-election on Saturday, 15 October 2022, to be approximately \$220,000. It is also estimated that the costs associated with the communications awareness campaign for the by-election will be in the vicinity of \$50,000. Accordingly, it is therefore proposed that Council make an allocation of \$270,000 for the by-election, with these funds to be allocated from Council's Election Reserve, which will be reported to Council as part of a future budget review.

Following completion of the by-election and costs being finalised, it should be noted that any savings achieved will be reimbursed to the Election Reserve.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

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**From:** Jerome Laxale  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 July 2022 3:45 PM  
**To:** General Manager  
**Subject:** Resignation from the City of Ryde

Mr Rylands,

After considerable thought and having sought advice from many, I submit my resignation from the Council of the City of Ryde effective immediately.

I will continue to serve our community through my new role as the Federal Member or Bennelong and look forward to our frequent meetings and continued cooperation.

I'd like to thank all at the City of Ryde for the amazing experiences and opportunities I've had in my nearly 10 years of service to the Council and Community. To serve as Mayor for 5 years is an experience I'll never forget.

Regards,



Councillor Jerome Laxale MP  
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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

**294 Dispensing with by-elections**

- (1) This section applies if a casual vacancy occurs in the office of a councillor, including a mayor elected by the electors of an area, within 18 months before the date specified for the next ordinary election of the councillors for the area.
- (2) If such a casual vacancy occurs in the office of a councillor (but not the office of a mayor elected by the electors), the Minister may, on the application of the Council:-
  - (a) order that the vacancy not be filled, or
  - (b) order the holding on a stated day of a by-election to fill the vacancy and revoke any earlier order made under paragraph (a).
- (3) If such a casual vacancy occurs in the office of a mayor elected by the electors, the casual vacancy is to be filled by the Governor appointing to the vacant office a councillor nominated by the council.
- (4) If the council does not nominate a councillor for the purposes of subsection (3), the Governor may appoint one of the councillors to the vacant office.

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## **5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW 2021-22**

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**Report prepared by:** Economic Development Coordinator  
**File No.:** URB/08/1/39 - BP22/568

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### **REPORT SUMMARY**

Economic development in the City of Ryde is guided by the Economic Development Strategy adopted in 2020.

The City of Ryde has supported its local business community through the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy (EDS) and the related Action Plan. Supporting local businesses respond to the COVID crisis continues to be an ongoing priority.

Council has developed strategic partnerships with all levels of government, private organisations, and the not-for-profit sector, to collaboratively deliver positive social, economic and environmental outcomes.

This report highlights the key projects and initiatives delivered through the 2021-2022 Action Plan. Council engaged consultant, ID Economy to benchmark its economic performance against other business precincts in the Great Sydney Area. The economic analysis confirmed City of Ryde is well placed against our competitors and is on track to deliver its key economic goals.

Attached is the benchmark summary report prepared by ID Economy for your information.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the Economic Development Strategy Update Report (2021-2022).

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Ryde KPI Analysis May 2022

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**Director - City Planning and Environment**

## ITEM 5 (continued)

### Discussion

#### Marketing Pillars

Council's EDS is delivered through three marketing pillars:-

- Place-based marketing: leveraging a place's unique offerings to actively attract businesses, talents, and investors;
- Placemaking: A process which gives a place an identity and a point of difference;
- Capacity building: facilitating individuals and businesses to obtain, improve and retain the skills, tools and other resources needed for business success.

#### Action Plan

The 2020-2021 EDS Action Plan responded to the issues and challenges identified and were informed by the stated marketing pillars. To follow is a snapshot of the projects, programs and initiatives undertaken in the 2020-2021 work program.

EDS Initiatives/Projects	Description/Benefit	Outcomes/Deliverables
Invest Macquarie Park (MP)	Video Production Series ongoing to continue to proactively attract inward investment by promoting MP.	Created a series of Invest MP videos. MP attracted over \$700 million in overseas investment 2021 (Property Council of Australia).
Start-up on Ramp Program Partnership Macquarie University Incubator	Program to support our new businesses (local start-ups) in the LGA. Helps them to scale, access to funding, marketing, establish connections etc.	Over 88 applications, 18 selected to complete program. Six participants now residents at the MP Uni Incubator.
Macquarie Park MedTech Cybersecurity Innovation Summit	This summit was part of the Macquarie Park Marketing Plan (MPMP), profiling the precincts MedTech Eco System.	This was a hybrid event. Over 85, F2F attendees. Connected MP's MedTech Sector with our Cybersecurity Sector, global reach.
Macquarie Park Space Tech Innovation Summit	This summit was part of the MPMP, profiling our niche industry sectors and attracting investment, connections, and media exposure.	This was an online event (due to COVID) with over 100 people attending. Global reach with high profile speakers and innovations in the Space Sector from MP.
Macquarie Park Expo	This event was delivered with our partners Connect MPID (CMPID). This event provided a level of street activation in MP and promotion/positioning of our innovation companies.	This event attracted more than 800 employers, employees, innovation and start up eco system participants.

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<b>EDS Initiatives/Projects</b>	<b>Description/Benefit</b>	<b>Outcomes/Deliverables</b>
Mentor Advisory Panel Program	A program providing MSMEs with a Board of Director style expertise and mentor support.	Over 150 businesses have participated. This program enhanced connections and business skills for participants, leading to resilience and survival through COVID.
Migrant Resource Program	This program delivers enhanced employment pathways for our skilled migrant and refugee demographic.	This program has pivoted to an online webinar event (due to COVID), with over 50 migrants attending the sessions. Improved employment outcomes.
Youth Sector Program	This program supports Youth Week, and our youth sector's employment pathways.	A series of webinars during Youth Week and Chamber networking event to connect business and youth.  Data shows City of Ryde Youth unemployment has decreased significantly over the past few years.
Community of Practice Women in Business Group	This is an ongoing group since 2018, with over 150 members and growing annually.	Avg 45 women meeting each month to network, learn and share knowledge.
Capacity Building Program	This program includes a series of webinars, workshops, and information sessions on a broad range of business-related topics.	Delivered weekly sessions servicing over 500 local business owners and staff.
Small Business Month – Get Connected Event	This event was delivered during Small Business month in partnership with MP/Ryde Business Chamber and partly funded by State Government \$2,500 grant.	This year ran as a hybrid event, attracting over 200 attendees. Connected MSMEs to support services, relevant information and networking opportunity.
Macquarie University Incubator Start-up Scholarship	This initiative provides four local start-ups with a fully subsidised desk to be part of the incubator resident program for 6 months.	This initiative is supporting investment, job creation, innovation and commercialisation for our local start-ups.
Ecosystem Mapping of our Health Sector and Start up sector	These eco system mapping projects provided insights into our sectors that will represent jobs of the future.	The information identified will drive strategy development and future initiatives to support and grow our health and start-up ecosystems.
Northern District Local Business Awards	City of Ryde is a major sponsor of this event which recognises,	This event has over 500 attendees and over 40% of

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<b>EDS Initiatives/Projects</b>	<b>Description/Benefit</b>	<b>Outcomes/Deliverables</b>
	celebrates, and promotes small business and their contributions to the local economy.	winners are from the Ryde LGA.
Back to Business – Post COVID	Subscribed to Grant Guru portal to provide our LGA MSMEs access to funding opportunities.	This portal allows our MSMEs to have easy access to funding opportunities. Over 80 businesses registered and growing in engagement with this portal.
'Shop Local Love your Community' Campaign	This campaign was delivered to help the community to support their local MSMEs during and post COVID.	During the year placed regular adverts/editorials for this campaign alongside street banner program in some of our Town Centres, e.g. West Ryde.
Food Tours Program	This initiative is delivered in partnership with Taste Tours as part of place marketing and COVID recovery activities. Piloted in Eastwood (Korean Cuisine) & Top Ryde (Persian/Iranian cluster).	This initiative has resulted in Eastwood being a Foodie destination location especially for Korean Cuisine. Over 70 people participated in the tours with 113 already booked into tours for the new financial year.



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Small Business Month  
Get Connected Event at Optus



Migrant Resource Program



Shop Local  
Love your Community



Community of Practice  
Women in Business Group



Northern Districts Local  
Business Awards

**ITEM 5 (continued)****Benchmarking Success**

The EDS Action Plan is reported quarterly through Council's Quarterly Reporting process. To benchmark against our competitors, Council engaged consultant ID Economy to benchmark its economic development with other business precincts within Greater Sydney, including: North Sydney, Parramatta, Penrith, Sydney and the Hills Shire.

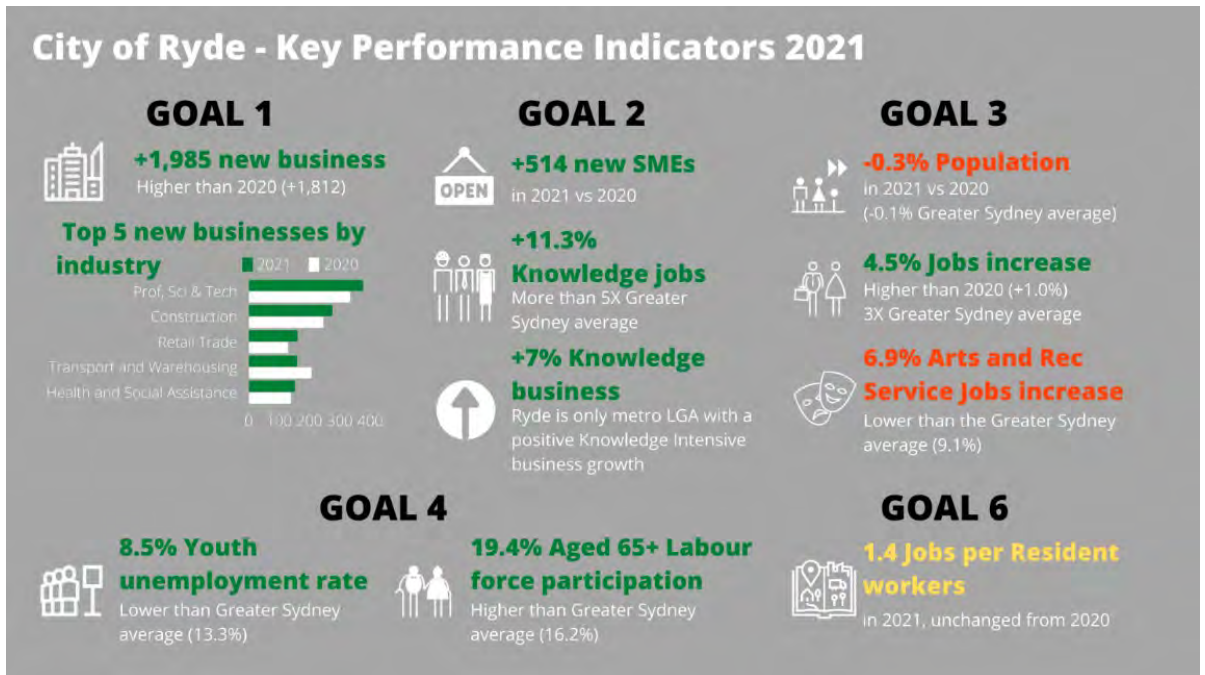
The EDS goals were specifically monitored to confirm if the strategy is successfully responding to the issues and challenges identified.

1. Promote the City of Ryde's capacity to support all types of businesses across a variety of industry sectors with their development, growth, and space requirements.
2. The City of Ryde becomes a desired location for SMEs, high tech start-ups and scale ups, creating investment and future jobs.
3. The City of Ryde is positioned as a smart, innovative and green city at the heart of Sydney which attracts people to invest, live, work, visit and play locally.
4. Implement programs to support youth employment pathways and match local job opportunities for people living in the City of Ryde, promoting it as a city with people who possess skill and talent to service all business needs.
5. Continue to build and nurture strategic partnerships with key stakeholders to implement the Economic Development Strategy.
6. That as an employer of choice, the City of Ryde encourages locals to work for the City.

This analysis demonstrated that City of Ryde has performed well when compared to similar LGAs and has made significant steps towards delivering on its stated economic objectives. Highlights include:-

- In 2021 City of Ryde experienced its highest business growth in 10 years;
- City of Ryde outperformed all other regions in growing knowledge intensive jobs...the smart jobs of the future;
- City of Ryde was the only region with a growth in knowledge intensive jobs in 2021;
- Significant drop in the youth unemployment rate was achieved – now well below the Greater Sydney average.

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The report by ID Economy is attached for your information.

**Financial Implications**

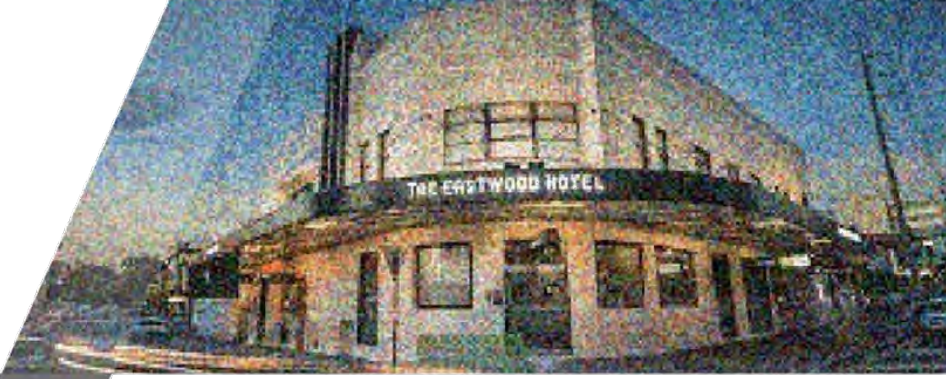
Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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**The City of Ryde  
Economic Development Strategy  
Key Performance Indicators 2021**

May 2022





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**ATTACHMENT 1**



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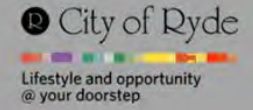
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## Data sources and definitions

- The economic and employment data of the City of Ryde is developed by NIEIR. For more information on NIEIR and their methodology please refer to [the City of Ryde Economy.id website](https://www.cityofryde.nsw.gov.au/economy).
- The following data is used in this report:
  - Australian Business Register, GST Registration (2022)
  - Australian Bureau of Statistics, Business Entries and Exits (2022)
  - Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force Survey (2022)
  - Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth (2022)
  - Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2006, 2011 and 2016 estimates
  - Department of Employment, Small Area Labour Market (2021)
  - NIEIR (National Economics), Small area estimates of employment and economic value (2022)
- Knowledge-based Industries (KBIs) based on the OECD classification:
  - High technology manufacturing - aircraft, office and computing equipment, drugs, and medicine, radio, TV and communications equipment (=ISIC 2423, 30, 32, 33, 353)
  - Medium-high technology manufacturing - professional goods, motor vehicles, electrical machinery excluding communications equipment, chemicals excluding drugs, other transport equipment, non-electrical machinery (=ISIC 24 less 2423, 29, 31, 34, 352, 359)
  - Knowledge-intensive services excl. education, health - posts and telecommunications, finance and insurance, business services (excluding property services) (=ISIC 64, 65-67, 71-74, 80, 85).
- The following terms and acronyms are used in this report:
  - **ABS:** Australian Bureau of Statistics
  - **Greater Sydney:** Geographic area classified as Greater Capital City Statistical Area by the ABS
  - **LGA:** Local Government Area
  - **NSW:** New South Wales



# City of Ryde - Key Performance Indicators 2021



## GOAL 1



**+1,985 new business**  
Higher than 2020 (+1,812)

### Top 5 new businesses by industry



## GOAL 2



**+514 new SMEs**  
in 2021 vs 2020



**+11.3% Knowledge jobs**  
More than 5X Greater Sydney average



**+7% Knowledge business**  
Ryde is only metro LGA with a positive Knowledge Intensive business growth

## GOAL 3



**-0.3% Population**  
in 2021 vs 2020  
(-0.1% Greater Sydney average)



**4.5% Jobs increase**  
Higher than 2020 (+1.0%)  
3X Greater Sydney average



**6.9% Arts and Rec Service Jobs increase**  
Lower than the Greater Sydney average (9.1%)

## GOAL 4



**8.5% Youth unemployment rate**  
Lower than Greater Sydney average (13.3%)



**19.4% Aged 65+ Labour force participation**  
Higher than Greater Sydney average (16.2%)

## GOAL 6



**1.4 Jobs per Resident workers**  
in 2021, unchanged from 2020



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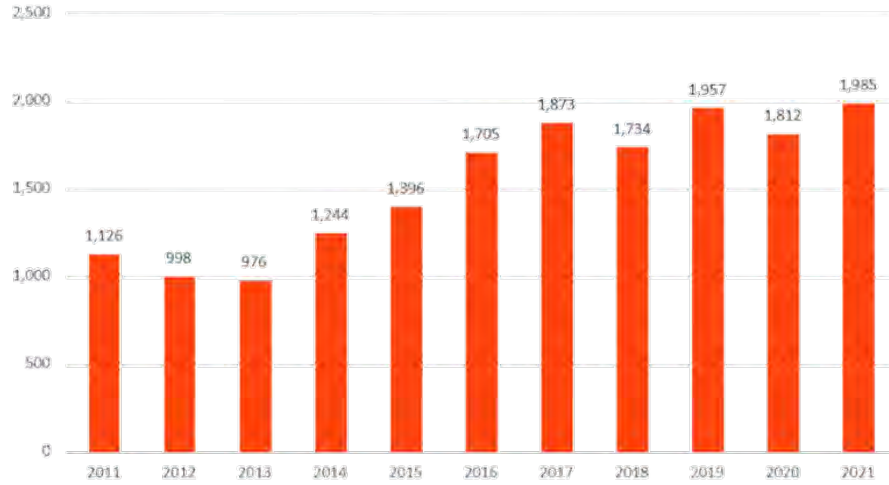
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Goal 1 - Promote the City of Ryde's capacity to support all types of businesses across a variety of industry sectors with their development, growth and space requirements

**KPI - Number and type of new business started**

**New business growth - Ryde**

Number of Businesses



Source: Australian Business Register, 2022

**In 2021, Ryde recorded the highest new business growth in the last ten years**



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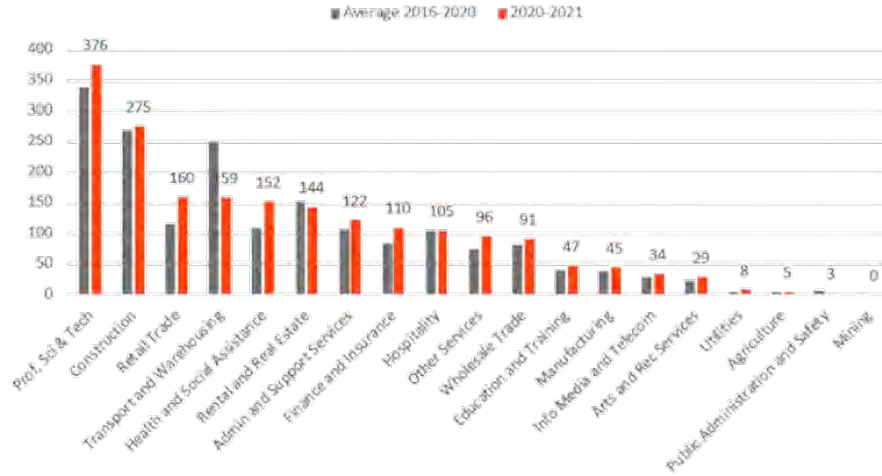
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**KPI - Number and type of new business started**

**New business growth by industry - Ryde**

Number of Businesses



Source: ABS Business Entries and Exits, 2022

**The business growth continues to be driven by Professional service and Construction sectors in 2021**



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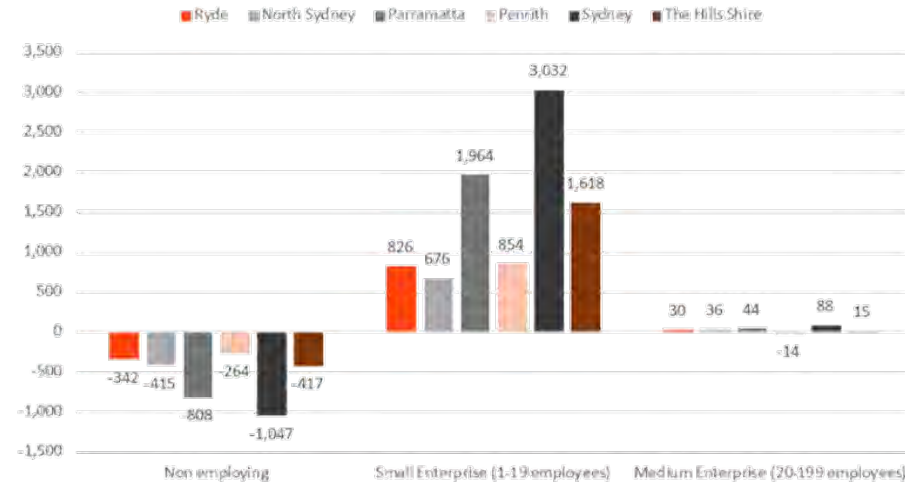
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Goal 2 - The City of Ryde becomes a desired location for SMES, high tech start-ups and scale-ups, creating investment and future jobs

KPI - Number of SMEs compared to other benchmark areas

SMEs business growth - 2020 to 2021

Number of businesses



Source: ABS Business Entries and Exits, 2022

Ryde attracted relatively large share of medium size enterprise compared to other regions



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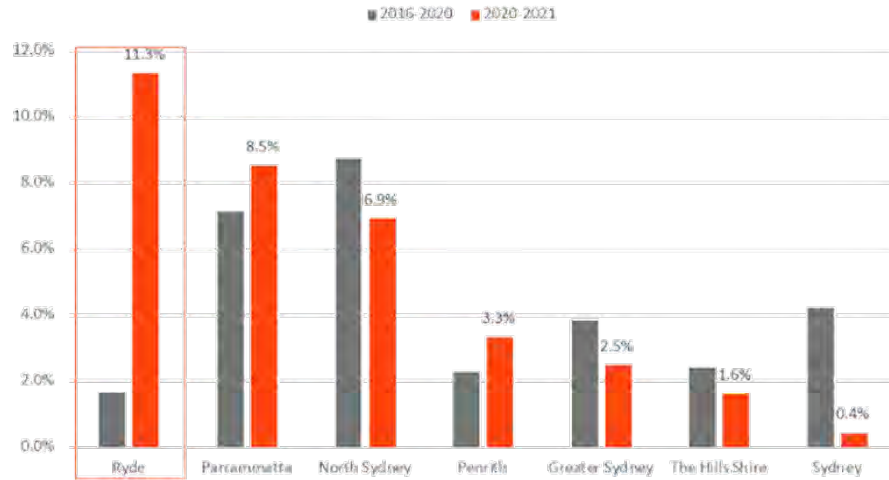
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**KPI - Growth in knowledge intensive jobs compared to other benchmark areas**

Knowledge intensive sector job growth

Average annual growth, %



Source: MIEIR, 2022

**Top jobs growth in knowledge intensive sector compared to other regions**



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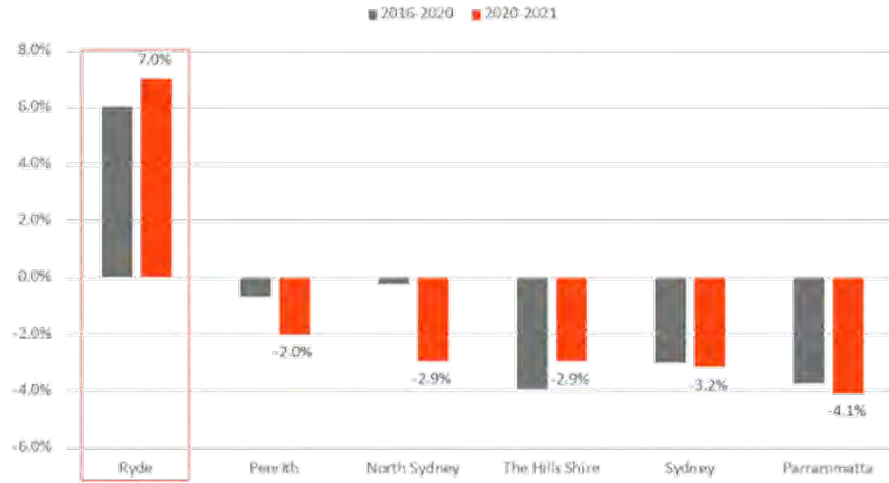
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Knowledge intensive sector business growth

Average annual growth, %



Source: Australian Business Register, 2022

**And Ryde was the only region with a growth in knowledge intensive sector businesses in 2021**



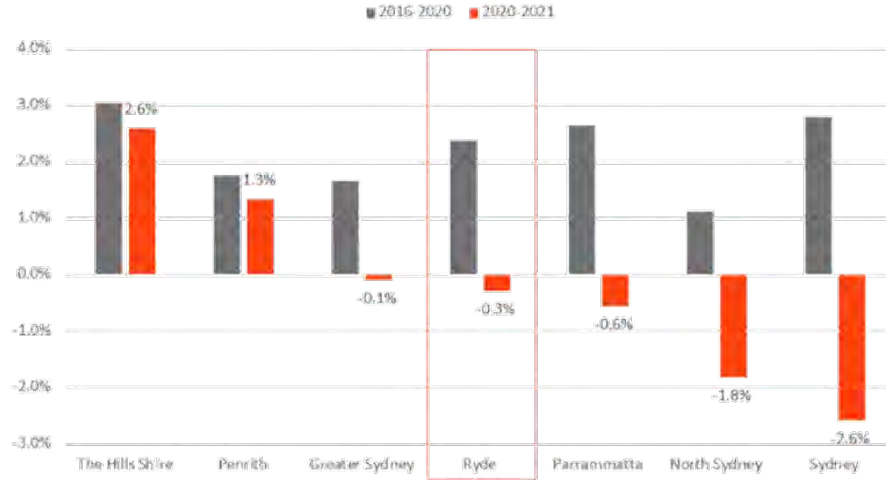
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Goal 3 - The City of Ryde is positioned as a smart, innovative and green city at the heart of Sydney which attracts people to invest, live, work, visit and play locally

**KPI – Growth in population compared to other benchmark areas**

**Population growth**  
Average annual growth, %



Source: ABS Regional Population Growth, 2022

**Population growth hit hard in 2021, well below the 2016-2020 average**



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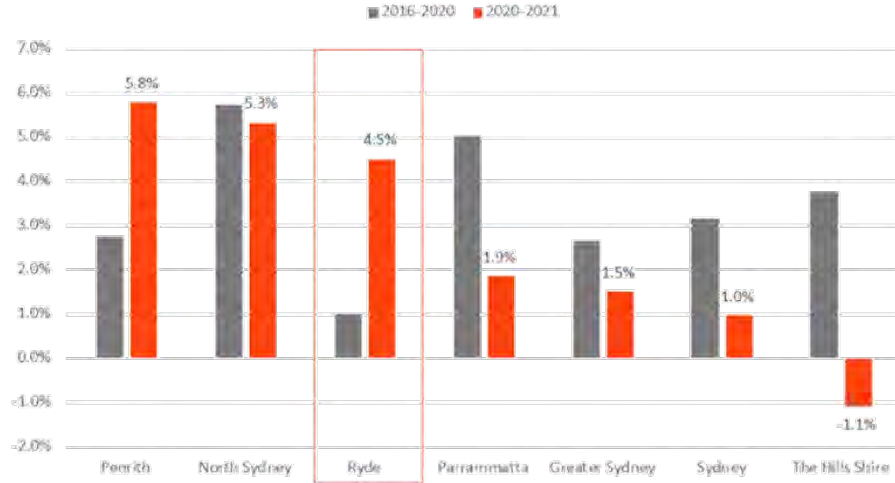
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KPI – Growth in jobs compared to other benchmark areas

Jobs growth

Average annual growth, %



Source: MBSR, 2022

Surge in jobs growth in 2021, three times the Greater Sydney average





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**KPI – Growth in Arts and Recreation Services jobs compared to other benchmark areas**

Arts and Recreation Services jobs growth

Average annual growth, %



Source: MBSR, 2022

**Strong increase in Arts and Recreation Services jobs in 2021, but the growth rate is lower than the 2016-2020 average**



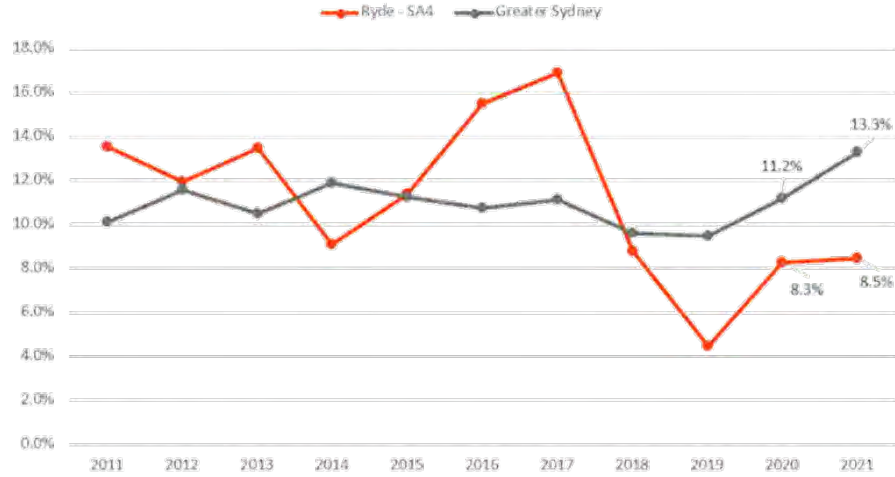
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Goal 4 - Implement programs to support youth employment pathways and match local job opportunities for people living in the City of Ryde, promoting it as a city with the people who possess skill and talent to service all business needs

**KPI – Change in youth unemployment rate compared to other benchmark areas**

Unemployment rate - Aged 15-24 years  
%, 12 Months average



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, 2020

**Youth unemployment rate remained relatively stable and well below the Greater Sydney average in 2021**



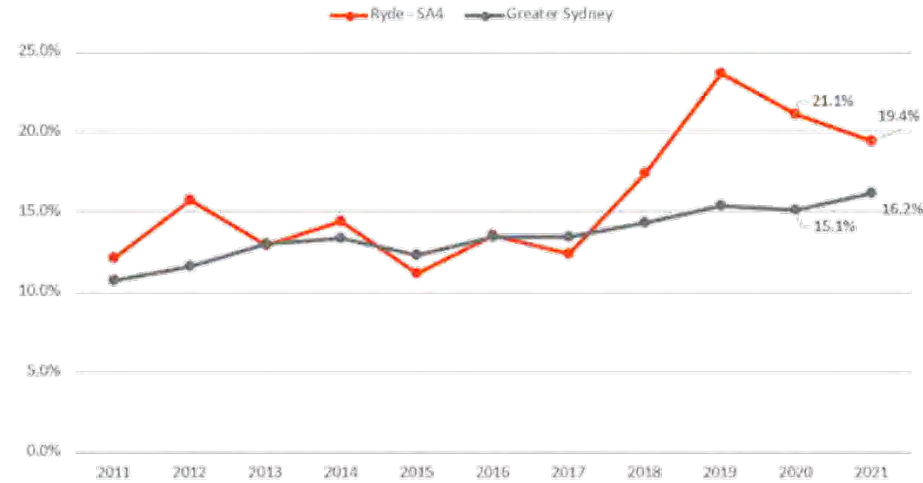
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**KPI – Change in residents aged 65+ labour force participation rate compared to other benchmark areas**

Labour force participation rate - Aged 65 years and over  
%, 12 Months average



Source: ABS Labour Force Survey, 2022

**Aged 65 years and over labour force participation rate is above the Greater Sydney average, but continues to decrease since 2019**



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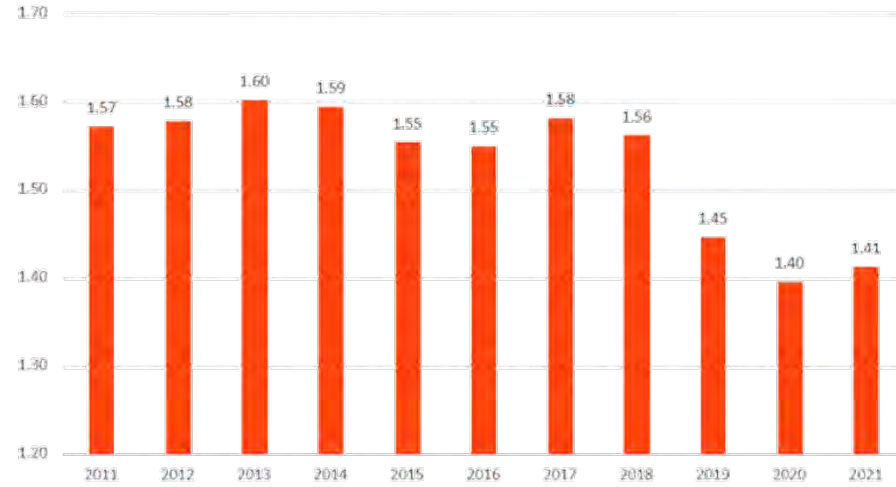
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Goal 6 - That as an employer of choice, the City of Ryde encourages locals to work for our City

**KPI – Change in employment capacity (proxy for number of locals employed locally)**

**Employment capacity - Ryde**

Ratio between local jobs and employed residents



Source: MBSR, 2022

**Decrease in employment capacity appears to have stopped in 2021**



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**ATTACHMENT 1**



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## 6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, SMALL GRANTS 2022, ROUND 2

**Report prepared by:** Team Leader - Community Services

**File No.:** GRP/21/11 - BP22/608

### REPORT SUMMARY

Council's Community Grants Program is a strategic tool aimed at building community capacity and well-being. This is achieved by supporting projects, which address community need in line with the Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan.

The Small Grants Category is specifically designed to respond to changing circumstances and emerging needs between the larger grant rounds. Round 2 of the Small Grants opened on the 2 May 2022 and closed on the 10 June 2022.

Up to \$2,500 per applicant is available in this round. A total of seven eligible applications were received.

An amount of \$10,000 has been allocated from the Community Grants Program budget for this round. Seven applications are recommended for funding totaling \$15,740.

It is recommended that the full \$10,000 be allocated for this Small Grants round and an additional \$5,740 be allocated from the Community Grants Reserve.

### RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for a Small Grant:-

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
1	SG11	Italian Leisure Group	\$2,200	\$2,200	Weekly social support group for Italian seniors.	
2	SG1	The West Ryde Huizhi Chinese School Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	Increase connection between the Chinese teaching service and the Ryde community. Development of a brochure and teaching materials and an end of term exhibition.	
3	SG12	Sydney Cricket Club	\$2,500	\$2,500	Replacement of cricket wicket covers.	
4	SG14	Australian Asian Association of Bennelong Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	AAB Harmony Project- Multicultural Soccer Cup and Concert.	

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5	SG15	Ryde Pickleball in the Park	\$2,500	\$1,040	Safety equipment and nets for players including first aid kits, field nets and playing equipment.	Funding for operational costs including general equipment for existing sport program not eligible.
6	SG2	Australian Association of Cancer Care	\$2,500	\$2,500	Musical entertainment for nursing home residents and support for cancer patients.	
7	SG3	Putney Tennyson Probus Club Inc.	\$2,500	\$2,500	A range of activities for the year including Christmas in July and subsidised outings.	
	<b>Total</b>		\$17,200	\$15,740		

- (b) That funding of \$10,000 is available from the Community Grants Program Small Grants budget to fund the recommended applications outlined in recommendation (a) and an additional \$5,740 be funded from the Community Grants program reserve.
- (c) That the successful and unsuccessful applicants be advised in writing of the outcomes of their applications.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**ITEM 6 (continued)****Discussion**

The Small Grants category is designed to provide funding for projects that are of benefit to the community. The Small Grants provide funding for projects that do not meet the criteria of the other grant categories or fall outside the timing for the larger rounds.

Round 2 of the Small Grants 2022, was promoted via advertisements in local and culturally specific newspapers, social media, Council's website, and emails to previous applicants.

Applications were submitted via SmartyGrants, an online grant management system. Assistance was available for groups that were unable to access the internet or that had English as a second language. Individual meetings with a community grants officer were available if organisations required additional support for their grant application.

All applications were assessed in line with the Community Grants Policy 2020 and the Community Grants Guidelines 2022. Each application was reviewed by a minimum of two Council officers.

A total of seven eligible applications were assessed with seven applications recommended for funding totaling \$15,740.

**Financial Implications**

The amount of funding available for Round 2 of the Small Grants 2022, from the Community Grants Program budget is \$10,000. The total amount of funding recommended in this round is \$15,740. It is recommended that the outstanding amount of \$5,740 is funded from the Community Grants Program Reserve.



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**7 CITY OF RYDE - NET ZERO EMISSIONS PATHWAY - REMODELLING TO 2030 TARGET**

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Sustainability Coordinator Transport

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### REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides updated modelling of the previously submitted Draft Net Zero Emissions Pathway report, provided to Council on 23 November 2021 and outlines the Council's Plan for achieving Net Zero Emissions (NZE) for the City. 'Net zero emissions' are reached when human-generated emissions of greenhouse gases are reduced as far as possible with any remaining emissions balanced by removals (or carbon offsetting).

The Pathway has been prepared in response to both community and regional priority calling for urgent global emissions reductions to limit the long-term impacts of climate change, ecosystem collapse and economic impact. Actions and outcomes within the Pathway have been developed responding to community consultation, assessing emission reduction opportunities operationally by Council and those within the sphere of control, in the community sector.

The initial 2021 draft report modelled several timelines for Ryde to reach NZE both within the Community and Corporate/ Operations space, proposing a Corporate emissions target of Net Zero by 2035 and a supported Net Zero Community emissions target by no later than 2040.

At the November 2021 Council meeting, the following resolution was passed from the Draft Net Zero Emissions Pathway report:-

- (a) *That Council thank staff from across the organisation who have contributed to over 18 months of work to provide the Net Zero pathway report to address the City of Ryde's declaration of a climate emergency.*
- (b) *That Council acknowledges the proposed goals but believe that representing the best interests of the current and future community of Ryde that an earlier target needs to be set for corporate emissions and the targets should be:*
  - *For Corporate emissions City of Ryde commits to Net Zero by 2030.*
  - *For Community emissions City of Ryde supports the community to meet Net Zero no later than 2040 or sooner if possible.*

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- (c) *That Council staff conduct further modelling and investigations as required on meeting the targets and this be presented to the incoming Council and exhibited to the community in conjunction with the build of the 2022/2026 Delivery Program in 2022.*

As Council passed to support the proposed Community emissions target of no later than 2040, this report provides a modelling update only for the newly revised Operational/ Corporate 2030 timeline. The second part of resolution item 'C' was unable to make the Delivery Plan timeline due to the Council staff responsible for developing the initial draft and modelling, resigning from Council and the recruitment process not aligning for delivery date.

The initial Draft Pathway provided key actions and costings modelled to successfully achieve a NZE target by 2035 as confirmed by internal stakeholders. This considered the Delivery Plan alignment for funding, internal stakeholder confirmation of projects and timelines, and emissions reduction market influences including policy.

The further investigations and modelling of the carbon emissions for City of Ryde-corporate (CoR) showed that with current business as usual (BAU) and policies, the annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emission would be reduced by 60% by 2030 and by 62.6% by 2035 as compared to a 2018/19 baseline, respectively. This means the annual GHG emissions by CoR business activities to be 5,398 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e per year by 2030 and 5,051 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e per year by 2035, respectively.

In order to achieve Net Zero emissions by a new 2030 Corporate target, Council will need to consider bringing forward previously identified measures in the initial report from a 2034 delivery date to 2029. This will include delivery of key emission outcome areas and actions such as:-

- the retiring and early replacement of, the existing co-generation and gas boilers at the Aquatic centre. Presently this is scheduled to be replaced at its end of life in 2034 as an asset replacement project. This will include additional funding to meet an estimated replacement cost of \$2M for an energy efficient electric system.
- the transition of Council's fuel consuming vehicles to electric vehicles (estimated to increase \$280k per year until 2030 or \$1.8 million in total) and the purchasing of supplementary carbon offset credits for remaining carbon emissions, or
- procurement of carbon offset credits to offset the above GHG emissions from these activities should Council choose not to deliver the emission reduction activities to transition.

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Remodeling under the newly proposed, expedited target has shown several new considerations for Council should adoption to a 2030 target be selected. The main change in fast tracking to the new target five years earlier, include the cost to bring forward those key identified measures outside of the recently adopted new Council Delivery Plan. These include the replacement of gas co-generation system at RALC (from the 2034 end of life replacement to 2029), gas water hot-water systems and expediting the transition of Council's fleet to electric vehicles (from 2029 to 2026).

These key emission reduction areas are expected to cost around \$3.8M to meet the 2030 net zero target and will require reallocation of existing budgets to achieve this.

Under this scenario (Net Zero Corporate target at 2030), the annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at 2030 is projected to be 4,210 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e, and additional carbon offsetting will be required for the remaining carbon emissions. Cost of carbon offset for 2030 Net Zero emission target is estimated to be around \$75k per year or \$750k for the 10 years (from 2030-2040). (This indicative cost is projected to 2040 to be in line with the community targets of net zero emissions.)

Should Council delay the target 5 years (to a 2035 Corporate target) as initially proposed in November 2021 to achieve Net Zero emissions, this would reduce the upfront financial implication both in total cost overall as well as annual budget allocation required. Delivering the target by 2035 will enable the gas consuming assets to be replaced at their end of life under a business as usual asset renewal. The transition to EV for Council's fleet will also be more aligned with market predictions for cost, tax, policy reform and individual uptake from increased model offerings. The cost of carbon credits for this option (Net Zero Emission by 2035) is estimated to be around \$44k per year (not \$75k) or \$220k for the 5 years (from 2035-2040).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council adopt the proposed Net Zero emission target for Corporate emissions that City of Ryde "commits to Net Zero emissions by no later than 2035 or sooner if possible, with interim emission reduction targets of 60% reduction by 2024/25 and 76% reduction by 2029/30 on 2018/19 emissions"
- (b) That Council resolves to allocate funding to deliver the Plan at a cost of \$739k per year under the new 2022- 2026 Delivery Plan for actions that cannot be delivered through identified internal resourcing, to meet the target adopted by Council and to provide further annual allocation of \$707k from 2027-2035 target.
- (c) That Council approves the public exhibition of the attached Net Zero Emissions Plan for a period of 28 days. Following public exhibition, and subject to the results and response to the adopted target, that the finalised Net Zero Emissions Report be reported back to Council to seek final adoption.

**ITEM 7 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Net Zero Emissions Pathway Draft – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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### History

In response to the need for urgent Climate Action to address the global emergency, the City of Ryde passed a resolution on 28 May 2019 and declared a Climate Emergency “acknowledging that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government; that human induced climate change represents one of the greatest threats to humanity, civilisation and other species; and that it is still possible to prevent the most catastrophic outcomes if societies, including local councils, take emergency action”. A central focus of response to this emergency is the global race to ‘Zero’ emissions to limit irreversible impacts to ecosystems, economy and people from a 1.5<sup>0</sup>C and likely 2<sup>0</sup>C temperature rise.

The NSW Government acknowledges this committing to achieving a Net Zero Emissions (NZE) goal by 2050 (this being translated into the Northern District Plan, Council’s Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020), and the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030). Recently, the Lower House of the Commonwealth Government passed a Climate Bill and commitment to the United Nations that “Australia will reduce its emissions by 43% by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050”.

Table 1: Net Zero or Carbon Neutral targets from other Councils in NSW.

Council	Net Zero emissions community commitment	Emissions or carbon target (council operations)
Blacktown City	Net zero by 2040	Net zero by 2030
Blue Mountains City	Net Zero by 2050	Net Zero by 2025
City of Canada Bay	Net zero by 2050	Net Zero by 2030
Canterbury-Bankstown	Net zero by 2050	NIL
Hawkesbury Council	25% reduction by 2028, 60% reduction 2036	Net zero by 2030
Hornsby Shire	Net zero by 2050	Net zero by 2050
Hunters Hill	N/A	Net zero by 2050
Inner West	75% by 2036, net zero by 2050	Carbon neutral and 100% renewable by 2025
Ku-Ring-Gai Council	Net zero by 2040	50% by 2030, net zero by 2040
Lane Cove	N/A	20% by 2024, 80% by 2036
Mosman Council	Net zero by 2040	Net zero by 2030
Northern Beaches Council	Net zero by 2050	Net Zero by 2045
North Sydney Council	N/A	Carbon neutral by 2030
City of Parramatta	N/A	60% reduction by 2038
Randwick Council	N/A	Net zero by 2030
City of Sydney	Net zero by 2035	N/A
Waverley Council	Net Zero by 2035	Net Zero by 2030
Willoughby Council	N/A	50% by 2028, net zero by 2050
Wollongong City Council	Net Zero by 2050	By 2030 (aspirational)
City of Wagga Wagga	Net Zero by 2050	Net Zero by 2040

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The City of Ryde has already undertaken numerous actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from its own operations, including adopting (and recently achieving) a 100% Renewable Energy Target by 2030, procurement of 100% Renewable Electricity from 1 July 2022 onwards, the initial introduction of electric vehicles to Council's fleet, retrofitting LED streetlighting for residential roads, undertaking various energy efficiency initiatives and installing onsite renewable energy at various sites. These initiatives have assisted Ryde in already reaching a 40% emissions reduction towards a NZE target.

Council commenced initial research, modelling and analysis for the Net Zero Plan in 2020 and in 2021, and developed an updated Community and Council greenhouse gas emissions inventory across all known sources, a business as usual trajectory and analysis of potential emission reduction opportunities for inclusion in the Plan. Council engaged various consultancy services to validate and assist with the emissions modelling process and analysis of opportunities. Each action was provided under an allocated timed delivery with emissions calculation and cost to implement towards proposed target timelines. This occurred for 118 actions in the plan with the initial draft proposing to start works in 2022/2023 pending adoption.

The Draft Plan was presented to Council in November 2021 providing recommendations for both a community and a corporate/ operations target. A blanket, city-wide target was not provided as an option due to the numerous variables and complexity in achieving a single target for the city, many of which are beyond the scope and direct control of Council to implement to reduce. The two selected targets were modelled considering immediate, short- and long-term cost implications to Council and into the community space. It also considered options to support the delivery of the target through external sources (grants/levies), forecasted market trends influencing cost and delivery opportunity. The community proposed target of 'support the community to meet Net Zero no later than 2040 or sooner if possible' target was agreed on at the November meeting, recognising the limited sphere of influence in the community space to definitively 'achieve' NZE and with further modelling for the Corporate/ Operational target to be provided back to Council for determination.

The initial report proposed the Plan delivery to commence from 1 July 2022 with supported funding beginning from 2023. The report proposed specific actions included in the Net Zero Emissions Plan to be included in the next Council's Delivery Plan 2022-2026 and respective Operational Plans. Due to the resolution of Council requesting a new 2030 date be modelled, this timeline has now lapsed pushing action delivery and initial funding timelines. The revised Draft presented, has now remodeled the targets to consider delivery against the shortened timeframe (2024/2025 – 2030/2035).

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The resolved action to provide new modelling to meet the Council Delivery Plan exhibition timing was missed due to the complexity of remodeling of the original data against the new timeline, modified action dates within the Plan and a key staff vacancy whose role provided the initial modelling which resulted in significant delays to recruit the specialist role.

### **Discussion**

#### *Overview of Emissions Modelling Undertaken*

A Greenhouse Gas Inventory data and method has been developed for the City of Ryde based on the guideline of the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol published by the World Resources Institutes and World Business Council for Sustainable Development and Climate Active – an initiative from the Commonwealth Government for carbon neutral certification. This will allow Council to become certified for Carbon Neutral with Climate Active in the future, aligning with the proposed State Government NZE reporting.

Both the Corporate 2030 and 2035 Net Zero Emission targets and interim targets are aligned with scientific guidance regarding the scale of action required to address the Climate Emergency (including guidance from the Climate Targets Panel, Climate Council, One Planet City Challenge, and Science Based Targets initiative) see **ATTACHMENT 1**.

Corporate emissions modelling assessed relevant Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions within Council's corporate reporting boundary and included areas such as operational electricity usage, natural gas usage, transport and fleet emissions, certain services (such as printing/ ICT), staff commute and other sources (such as refrigerants etc.) as provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**. A corporate emissions inventory was developed for 2018/19 and 2019/20 baselines and a BAU projection was then developed out to 2050 with individual emission reduction opportunities modelled against this timeframe to assess the overall impact on emissions and potential pathways towards NZE. The methodologies for calculation of emissions can be found within the appendix of **ATTACHMENT 1**.

#### *Key emission reduction opportunities from Net Zero Emissions Pathway*

The intention of the NZE Plan is to prioritise the reduction of GHG emissions as far as possible by the implementation of reduction opportunities before the purchasing of carbon credits to offset remaining emissions as best practise. This is consistent with global approaches to truly lower emissions from delivering activities over a perceived 'paying to pollute' strategy. There are several key areas of emissions reduction benefits that can be readily achieved with many directly nominated by our community in the initial consultation for the Plan.

## ITEM 7 (continued)

Some of the key Corporate emission reduction activities include:-

- Improving streetlighting energy efficiency and building energy retrofits and implementing adopted Resource Efficiency Targets
- Increasing street tree/ park planting programs.
- Investigating further reductions in embodied emissions from materials through contracts/ tenders and other initiatives (particularly for asphalt/ concrete/steel)
- Integrating and increasing Sustainability considerations into Procurement processes
- Developing and implementing Fleet Low Emission Vehicle Transition Plan/ Plant Emission Transition Plan.
- Developing an employee Workplace Travel Plan
- Further electrification of diesel/ gas plant & stationary equipment
- Investigating a Green Revolving Fund to support energy and water efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction, and carbon reduction projects

Implementation of these measures would reduce further annual GHG emissions to 4,207 by 2030 and 3,120 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e and by 2035, respectively. These remaining annual GHG emissions required carbon offset to achieve the Net Zero emissions.

### *The City of Ryde key emission reduction areas*

In developing the plan, Council utilised emissions data providing that for Council operations, electricity, transport and gas represented the largest emissions-based areas for reduction. From 1 July 2022, the City addressed its electricity emissions by becoming sourced from 100% renewable energy for its council assets. The Draft Plan outlines actions towards reducing the remaining areas within transport and in natural gas consumption.

The nomination of natural gas consumption as a key area for emissions reduction is being seen globally. This is outside of recent global supply chain impacts and pushing domestic demand and pricing up.

Historically, natural gas has been the cheapest source of fuel. Recent gas prices rising steadily and international events causing uncertainty in gas supply and prices around the world and in Australia, are emphasizing a need to shift away from this fossil fuel source. According to the Australian Energy Regulator, the wholesale gas market price in Sydney in 2014/15 was \$3.44 per GJ, by 2021/22 it was \$12.64 per GJ, 3.7x times higher. Average wholesale gas price in Sydney by 30 June 2022 was then recorded at \$41.2 per GJ (12x times higher) (*source: Australian Energy Regulator, Gas Market June quarter report 2022*). Recent Federal Government intervention is likely to see a cap be introduced predicted to be at \$40 per GJ to stabilise domestic market pricing however this is to ensure the fuel source is secured in the short term as the transition to renewable sources and supported battery storage increase. This cap is to be confirmed.



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Prior to the repeal of the recent State Government's 'Design & Place SEPP,' peak bodies within Australia were echoing global sentiments to move from the fossil fuel, having nominated to remove the installation of gas supply from new dwellings. This was supported by the National Construction Code and the Green Building Council of Australia. The Victoria Government is following this lead through its recent "Gas Substitution Roadmap" which focuses on energy security, reliability and emissions reduction through transition. The ACT Government is also following, banning residential gas installations in new homes and support for transition to electric.

Decarbonising the use of natural gas in CoR's facilities will require a roadmap for transition to invest in modern, highly efficient, electric equipment/plant and appliances. A roadmap for transition would complement efforts under a city wide NZE pathway with likely long term savings and could include four key actions:

- No gas installation for the new buildings or building without gas supply,
- Gradually phasing out gas connections to existing buildings (North Ryde Community Centre, West Ryde Community Centre, Eastwood Town Hall and Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre),
- Gradually replace gas consumed equipment/plant such as gas hot-water heaters or boilers with highly efficient electric equipment such as heat pump hot water heaters
- Encourage City of Ryde commercial tenancies to transition to advanced technologies for cooking such as induction cooktops.

### *Projection of carbon emissions by 2030 and 2035 and onwards*

The further investigations and modelling of the carbon emissions for City of Ryde-corporate showed that with current business as usual (BAU) advances and low emissions technology and policies, the annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emission would be reduced by 60% by 2030 and 62.6% by 2035 compared to 2018/19 baseline. This means the annual GHG emissions by CoR business activities to be 5,398 and 5,051 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e per year by 2030 and 2035, respectively.

Natural gas usage, fuel usage for vehicle fleets and plants and information technology (IT) services are the three major contributors to the GHG emission at 2030 and 2035 (account for about 70% of the total GHG emissions) for the City of Ryde as indicated in the Figure 1.

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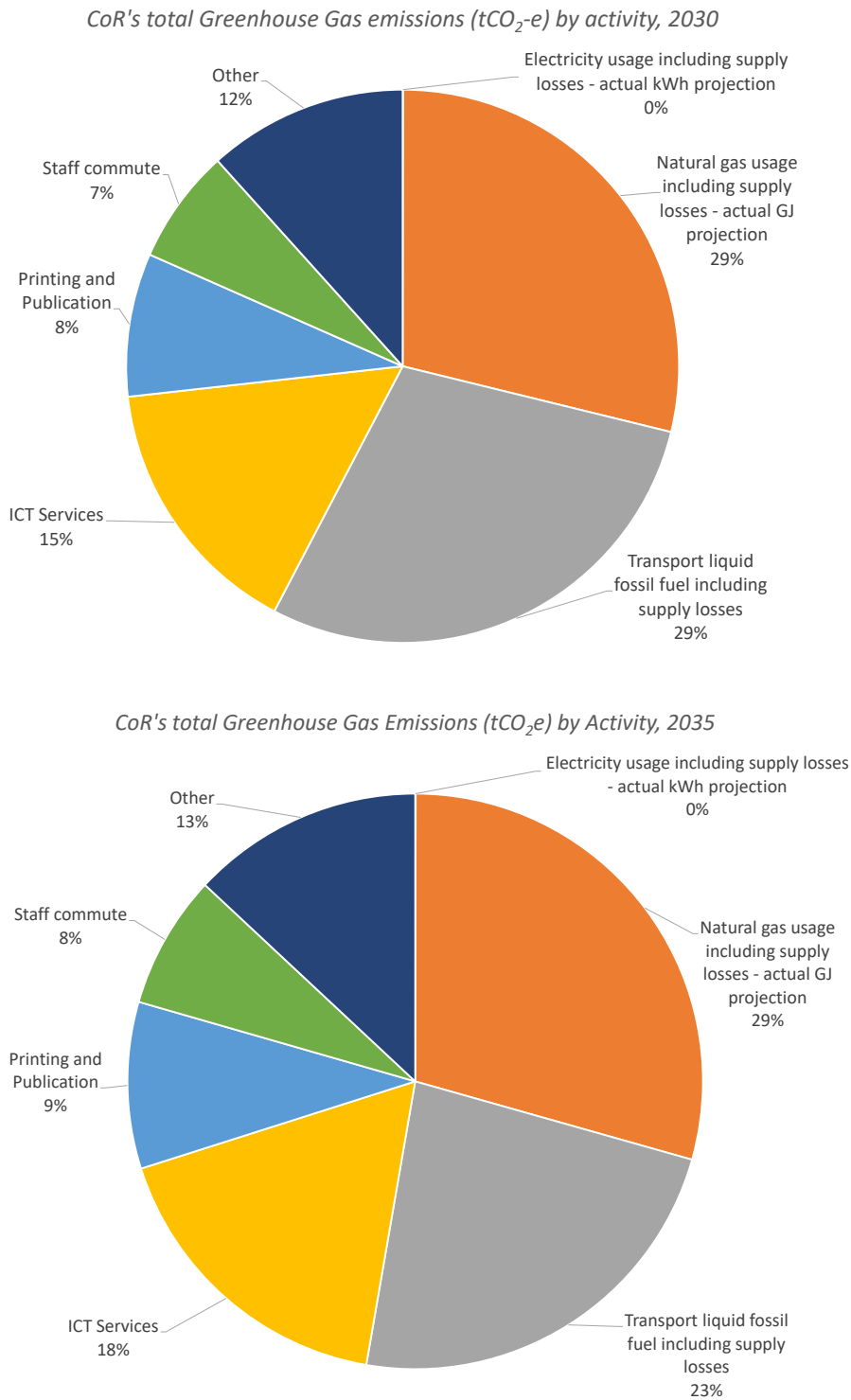


Figure 1: Total annual GHG emissions by activity in 2030 and 2035 (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e)

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Additional GHG emission reduction could be achieved by the implementation of identified measures in the draft Net Zero Emission Pathway. Key measures would include the transition of vehicle fleet to electric vehicles, replacement of natural gas consumed equipment such as co-generator at Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre (RALC), natural gas boilers and water heaters at RALC and at Ryde Central, increasing the use of energy efficient IT equipment including servers, and through the use of recycled construction / road making materials in major projects and development.

### **Financial Implications**

The Report outlines 118 actions for Corporate and Community delivery identifying approximately 67% of actions able to be delivered within existing service delivery. Of the projects outside of existing service delivery, relevant funding sources have been allocated for these initiatives.

Where an appropriate funding source could not be allocated, a funding source will need to be identified through a range of mechanisms including existing budget review and Government grant opportunities. The report approach assessed actions or activities according to tonnes of carbon emissions reduced, (compared to Business as Usual emission projections) priority for delivery and impact long term considering remaining emissions against the target date. The 33% of actions outside existing service delivery include 19 actions for Council works and 20 across the city/ community space.

### **Options**

In order to achieve Net Zero emissions by a new 2030 Corporate target, Council will need to consider the options as below.

**Option 1 (2030 Target):** Implement new high emissions projects identified + offset remaining emissions.

This option will expedite identified measures listed in the initial report and require the purchasing of carbon offset credits for the remaining GHG emissions to meet a 2030 target as follows:-

- bringing forward previously identified heavy emitting measures from the initial report from 2034 to 2029. This include the retiring and early replacement of, the existing co-generation and gas boilers at the Aquatic centre. The estimated cost of this is in the order of \$2M (as based on similar council systems and size installed). Presently this is scheduled to be replaced at its end of useful life in 2036 as an asset replacement project.
- the transition of Council's fuel consuming vehicles to electric vehicles (estimated to increase \$280k per year until 2030 or \$1.8 million in total to meet a 2030 target)

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- the purchasing of carbon offset credits for remaining carbon emissions to meet Net Zero. The cost of these offsets for 2030 Net Zero emissions target is estimated to be around \$75k per year or \$750k for the 10 years (from 2030-2040).”

Other actions within the Pathway have been reviewed for potential delivery however these two outcome areas represent the largest emission areas to rapidly reach Net Zero 2030 under an action-based delivery and by the 8-year timeline.

Under this option, the cost to bring forward the two-high emission, identified measures would be \$3.8M. In addition, it requires the transitioning of all of Council's fleet vehicles to fully electric by 2030, however it is unlikely to fully provide an immediate, positive emissions outcome. This is due to the short period of time (less than 8 years), considers staff appetite or suitability for their needs to want to uptake an EV under current technology options on the market. It also considers current high purchase price points impacting the total cost of ownership and current associated tax implications, requiring further time before council's can readily afford a 100% transition. All of these variables are expected to shift given recent State and Federal policy determinations however the roll out of these incentives has been slow for fleet and the current grant framework for local government do not fit the procurement model of Council to accelerate this area at present.

In this scenario, the annual GHG emission at 2030 is projected to be 4,210 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e, and carbon offsetting is required for the remaining carbon emissions. Offsetting costs are modelled to commence from 2029/2030 after key emissions reductions projects have been exhausted. The cost of carbon offsetting for 2030 Net Zero emissions target is estimated to be around \$75k per year or \$750k for the 10 years (from 2030-2040). Under this scenario, funding towards the fleet transition (outside of general fleet budgets) and for the RALC replacement will be required to be included in the next Council Delivery Plan 2027-2031.

**Option 2 (2030 Target):** Business As Usual delivery + carbon offsetting.

This option will implement identified measures listed in the initial report as current deliverables and also require the purchasing of carbon offset credits for the remaining greenhouse gas emissions. As no heavy emitting actions are to be expedited under a 2030 timeline, the cost will focus solely on the purchasing of offsets to reach the 2030 target outside of BAU project delivery.

In the option 2, the annual GHG emissions are projected to be around 5,000 tonnes of GHG (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e) (Table 2).

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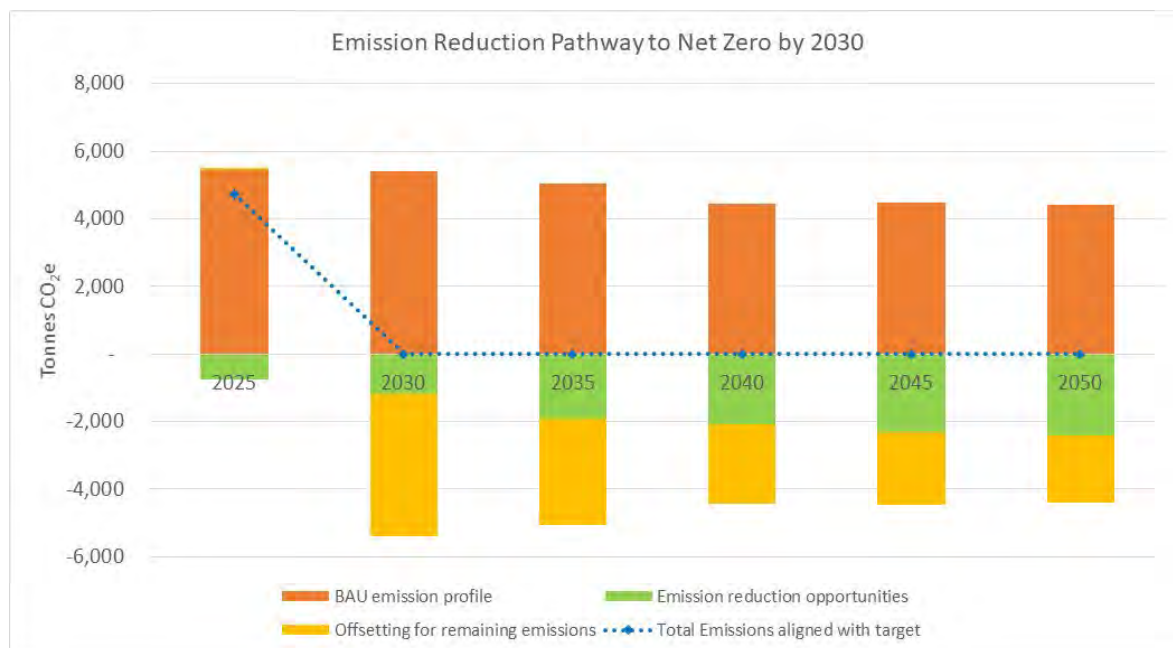
Table 2: Projected annual greenhouse gas emissions (BAU scenario) for 2025 and between 2030-2035 (volume requiring offsets).

	2025	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Total annual GHG emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	5,455	5,398	5,328	5,265	5,211	5,146	5,051

With the projected carbon credit price of about \$20-\$25 per tonne (CO<sub>2</sub>-e) at the time of writing, the annual cost for carbon offsetting is estimated to be around \$110k-\$135k for Option 2 (2025-2035). The total indicative cost for 10 years of carbon offsetting (2030-2040) is between \$1.1M-1.35M. This is provided as an estimate only as the pricing is dependent upon time of purchase and global market price point.

The following graphs present Net Zero Emission Pathways for Corporate associated with this Option.

Figure 2: **Corporate Net Zero Emissions Reduction Pathway to 2030**



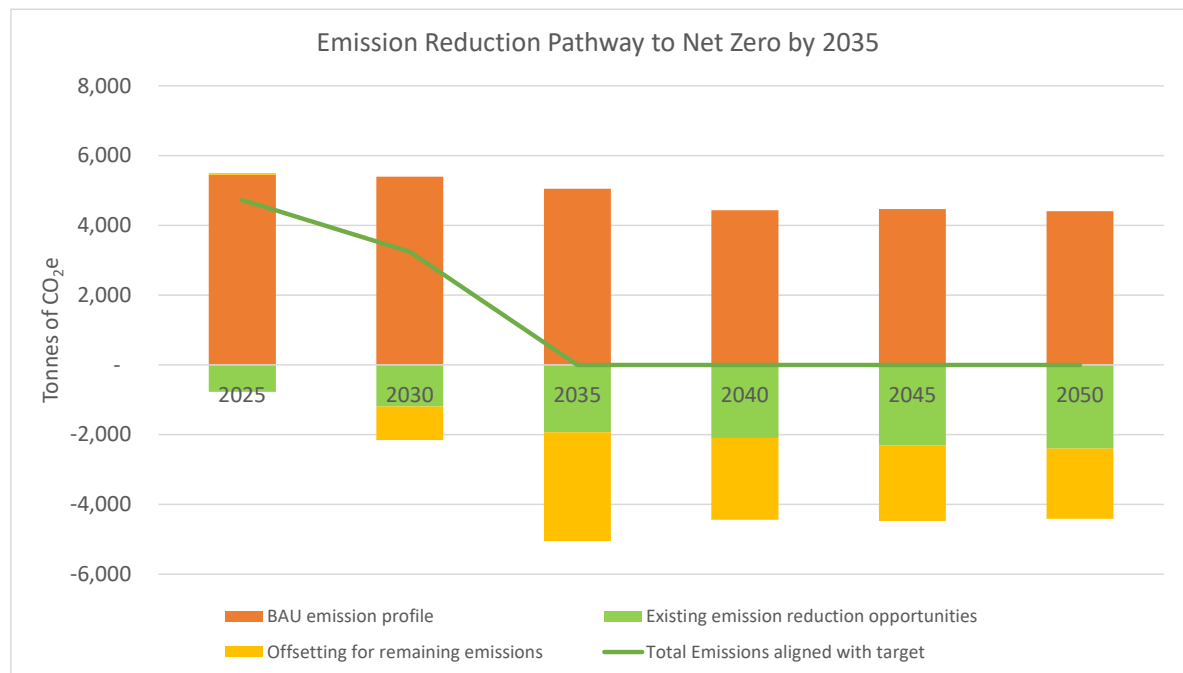
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**Option 3 (2035 Target):** Implementation of Pathway projects + BAU + Carbon offset;

Should Council delay the target 5 years (to a maximum 2035 Corporate target) to achieve Net Zero emissions, this would reduce the financial implication required in a much shorter timeframe. The large gas consuming equipment (RALC cogeneration system) would reach its natural end of life timeline (2034) to be replaced as business as usual, and the transition process to EV to be more aligned with market predictions for cost, tax, policy reform and improved individual uptake from increased model offerings. The cost of carbon credits for this option (Net Zero Emission by 2035) is estimated to be around \$44k per year or \$220k for the 5 years (from 2035-2040) to align with the Community Target.

Under this Option, Council will have additional time to factor in the RALC asset replacement into a future Delivery Plan cycle without disrupting the current, adopted Delivery Plan (2022-2026).

**Figure 3: Corporate Net Zero Emissions Reduction Pathway to 2035**



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Table below provides a summary of indicative cost for each option and scenarios between 2025 to 2034 (Table 3).

Table 3: Indicative annual costs and total cost for 10 years between 2025-2034.

Scenario	Option	Carbon offset average annual cost ('000)	Capital cost between 2025-2029 ('000)	Capital cost between 2030-2034 ('000)	Total cost for 10 years ('000)
2030 target	Option 1 (Fast track projects + carbon offset)	\$75	\$3,800	1,400	<b>\$5,575</b>
2030 target	Option 2 (BAU+ carbon offset)	\$110	\$280	\$3,800	<b>\$4,630</b>
2035 target	Option 3 (Implement NZE action + BAU+ carbon offset)	\$44	\$0	\$3,800	<b>\$3,844</b>

In addition to above capital investment cost and carbon offsetting, additional funding is required (where a funding source could not be identified) to implement identified corporate/community emission reduction opportunities within the 2022-2026 Delivery Plan timeframe would require approximately \$2.2M additional funding (including \$0 for corporate emission offsets). See Table 4 below for further details.

Table 4: Additional general funding (beyond existing service delivery) required for Net Zero Emissions Plan implementation under the 2022 – 2026 Delivery Plan

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Corporate Emission Reduction opportunities	\$626k	\$569k	\$604k
Corporate Emission Offsetting opportunities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Emission Reduction opportunities	\$146k	\$141k	\$130k

The indicative annual average cost (\$739K) of implementing the proposed initiatives for the 2023-2026 Delivery Program represents 0.51% of Council's 2022/23 Operating expenditure. This will need to be incorporated into Council's Long-Term Financial Plan along with the future year projections of the plan.

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The annual average cost (\$707K) of implementing the proposed Plan initiatives for 2027-2035 indicatively represents 0.49% of Council's 2022/23 Operating expenditure.

The annual average cost (\$349K) of implementing the proposed Plan initiatives for the 2036-2040 indicatively represents 0.24% of Council's 2022/23 Operating expenditure. These projections will be reviewed as more accurate costing becomes available and include community activities to meet the 2040 target.

The total indicative cost for all Plan initiatives from 2022/23 until 2039/40 (18yrs) is estimated to be \$10.32M representing an approximate annual spend of \$598k. If all target deliverables are achieved within the specified timeframes of the Plan it is estimated that the annual corporate offsetting costs will be approximately \$44K per annum. The total corporate offsetting costs are incorporated in the future estimates above, as offsetting is only likely to be required for 2034/35 onwards.

### **Option 4 – Do nothing**

It is not possible for Council to “do nothing” given both the Australian and NSW Government's commitment to Net Zero emissions by 2050 (and previously related Net Zero priorities adopted and translated into the Northern District Plan, Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (2020) and the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030). The “Do Nothing” Option would also not align with Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019 or be reflective of community impetus for action in this space.

Doing nothing would potentially impact Council negatively given the global urgency and need for all levels of government to act on urgently reducing emissions and community feedback. Not reducing emissions will contribute towards increasing climate related risks to the Ryde community and will also demonstrate a lack of leadership by Council not acting on climate issues prioritised for action by the community in the 2028 Community Strategic Plan consultation. As such, although a “Do Nothing” option has been presented here for discussion, it has not been put forward as a recommendation in this report.

Furthermore, should council choose not to adopt this August report then it will miss the opportunity for commencing emissions reductions from the 2023/2024 commencement, will require further re-modelling to align with future timing and push cost implications to a future date.



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### **Community Consultation**

To inform the initial Draft NZE Pathway (2021), Council undertook initial community consultation to inform the development of the Plan from 11 November until 9 December 2020, receiving 84 responses. Consultation with community was to inform future emissions targets and priority actions that the community would like to see occur to reduce emissions in the city. Feedback was provided by Council's 'Have Your Say' website and media including social media platforms, print, Council's Smarter, Cleaner, Green e-newsletter and targeted emails sent to Council community databases, University and schools.

Results from the initial consultation provided that over 92% of respondents agreed that Council should set a long-term emissions target for both Community and Council. 75% of respondents would be likely to support a 2040 Community Net Zero emissions target and 78% of respondents likely to support a 2035 Corporate target.

A Councillor workshop on the Plan direction was hosted on the 20 July 2021 and presentations were provided to Council's former Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee and Renewable Energy Advisory Committees on the proposed direction and possible targets. Departments across all of Council, representing over 50 staff responsible for the implementation of specific actions or delivery, have provided technical review and input to process and development.

### **Proposed Public Exhibition**

This report seeks Council approval for the public exhibition of the attached Net Zero Emissions Plan for a period of 28 days. Following public exhibition, and subject to the results of any further investigations or modelling required in response, the Report will be provided back to the next term of Council to seek final adoption.

A public exhibition of the draft Net Zero Plan will further enable Council to engage community for further input regarding the proposed way forward and priorities for action against the targets proposed. This will build on the initial consultation from 2020, demonstrating to community that Council is proactively in responding to the Climate Emergency and as environmental leaders.

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## 8 MEMORIAL PARK AND OLYMPIC PARK DOG OFF-LEASH PARK OUTCOMES

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**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator – Parks Operations  
**File No.:** GRP/22/47 - BP22/621

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### REPORT SUMMARY

In June 2021, Council resolved to extend the trial of Memorial Park dog swimming area for a further 12 months. The consultation period ran from 8 September 2021 to 30 June 2022. During this period Council received 172 responses. Almost 80% of respondents support making the Memorial Park dog swimming area permanent (including those supporting the use with changes). Further details of the community consultation outcomes can be found in the body of this report with a Consultation Report provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

It should be noted that the most significant request for change was to extend and expand the existing fencing – however this is not possible due to surrounding natural areas and extensive underground gas lines in the vicinity.

Therefore, this report recommends that Council continue the use of the dog swimming area at Memorial Park on a permanent basis.

Additionally, this report responds to the Council resolution from 26 October 2021 that asked staff to investigate additional fencing at the Olympic Park, Ryde dog off-leash area. Following investigation, Council consulted with the community about installing a fence between the dog park and the nearby playground. The consultation period was held from 27 April 2022 to 25 May 2022. In total 21 respondents provided 41 submissions. Community feedback was largely in support of the proposal (82% support), with the most significant feedback to fully enclose the area, including the current gap in the fence on Potts Street to provide a safer environment for both dogs and families. Further details on the feedback provided during consultation is detailed in the body of this report with a Consultation Report provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

Therefore, this report recommends that Council extend and expand the fencing at the Olympic Park Dog Off Leash area to facilitate its use as a fully enclosed dog off leash park.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the continued use of the Memorial Park dog swimming area on a permanent basis.
- (b) That Council fully enclose the Olympic Park Dog off-leash area, including the current Potts Street entrance to improve safety for dogs, their owners, and users of the Olympic Park Playground.

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- (c) That Council funds the cost of these works from the Parks Operational Maintenance budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 2022-05 - Consultation Report - Olympic Park Dog Off Leash Fencing Upgrade
- 2 2022-07 - Consultation Report - Memorial Park Dog Off-Leash Trial

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### **History**

#### **Memorial Park**

In May 2020, Council endorsed the Dog Recreation needs Study which recommended the creation of new dog off-leash areas within the City of Ryde to meet the changing needs of our community.

Following these recommendations, Council proposed several new dog off-leash areas to improve the distribution, diversity, and accessibility of dog off-leash sites across the City of Ryde, including a new site at Memorial Park.

From October 2020 to April 2021, Council conducted community consultation on a six month dog-off leash trial in Memorial Park, Meadowbank and asked the community for their feedback on the dog off-leash facilities where there was approximately a 50/50 split between those that supported and those that did not support the dog off-leash area.

Following this feedback, Council resolved at its meeting on 29 June 2021 to extend the trial at the Memorial Park dog swimming site for an additional 12 months to allow for further community comment. The resolution in part stated:-

- (b) That Council extend the Memorial Park trial for a further 12 months and undertake further works to improve its containment.*

#### **Olympic Park**

In February 2017, Council conducted community consultation to fully enclose the dog off-leash area at Olympic Park.

There were 12 respondents with an even 50/50 split of support/objections. The primary concerns were no additional capacity in the local road network to support additional use, currently not enough car parking, pedestrian safety and compartmentalizing open space and excluding it from other use.

The outcome resulting in provision of perimeter fencing (see image below) along Margaret and Potts Street to improve the usability of the park, make it safer for all users and provides basic infrastructure for dog owners utilizing a council identified dog off-leash area.

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On 26 October 2021 Council resolved to investigate improved fencing at the Olympic Park, Ryde dog off-leash area.

*That Council investigate and report back the off leash dog park area at Olympic Park with a view, if required, to erecting a fence that don't allow dogs to get through to the children's play area.*

Following investigation, Council consulted with the community about installing a fence between the dog park and the nearby playground. (see image below).



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### **Discussion**

#### **Memorial Park**

Almost 80% of respondents support making the Memorial Park dog swimming area permanent (including those who want changes). The opportunity for dogs to play on the beach and access the water was the most favorable feature, while the need to improve the fencing to fully contain off-leash dogs was flagged as the key suggested improvement.

Respondents who did not support the off-leash trial becoming permanent raised concerns around the inability of the wider community to use this shared space, popular with children and families and being the only local beach.

#### Benefits

The opportunity for dogs to play on the beach and access the water

#### Risks

Proximity of the area to a high traffic shared user path

The area cannot be fully enclosed due to surrounding natural area and underground gas lines.

#### **Olympic Park**

Community feedback was largely in support of the proposed additional fencing separating the dog off-leash area and the children's playground sections of the park. Some felt the importance of having a dog park that was fully enclosed while others stated the need to separate dogs and children.

Calls to close the current gap in the fence on Potts Street emerged as a key safety concern. Many park users and community members were concerned about dogs escaping the park via this exit and onto oncoming traffic. Of those calling for the gap to be closed, half were in favour of changing it to a gate at this entrance and others preferred the double gates and the rest a closed fence.

#### Benefits

Opportunity to provide a fully enclosed area will ensure the safety of playground users.

Closing the gap on Potts Street will provide less risk of dogs leaving the park and running onto the road

#### Risks

That enclosing the area will increase utilization impacting on an already over capacity parking situation in the area.

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**Financial Implications**

Adoption of the recommendation will have a financial impact of approximately \$10,000 to install the fencing to fully enclose the Olympic Park Dog Off Leash area. These works can be funded from Council's Open Space Operational Maintenance Budget without impacting on service levels provided by Council.



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# Olympic Park

Dog Off-Leash  
Fencing Upgrade

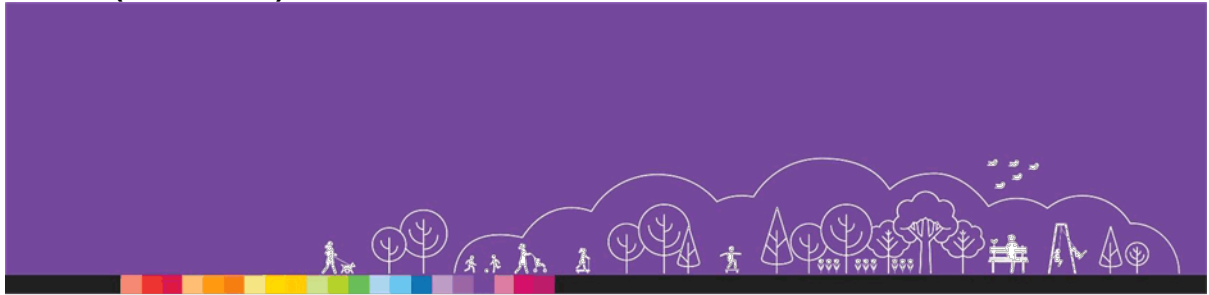


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DOG OFF LEASH FENCING UPGRADE  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT  
MAY 2022**



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The City of Ryde would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Wallumedegal (or Wattamaltagal) clan of the Darug nation. The City of Ryde would also like to pay respect to Elders both past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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**OLYMPIC PARK  
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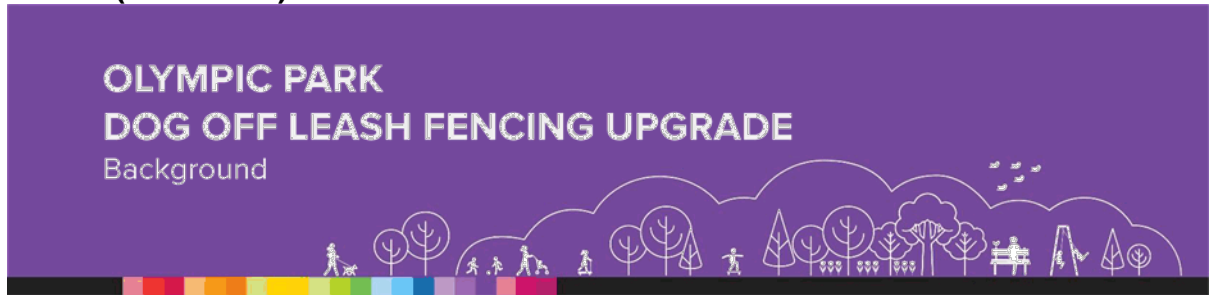


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On 26 October 2021 Council resolved to investigate fencing at the Olympic Park, Ryde dog off-leash area. Following investigation, Council is proposing to install additional fencing to enclose the dog off-leash area to improve safety for dogs, their owners and users of the Olympic Park Playground.

City of Ryde's Community Engagement team conducted the community consultation process to gather feedback from the community on the proposed fencing upgrade.

The Have Your Say period occurred from 27 April 2022 to 25 May 2022 during which the community could provide feedback on the proposed fencing upgrade by online survey, written submission or at the community drop-in session with Council staff. This was promoted through City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, flyers to surrounding residents, signage in the park, an eNewsletter to stakeholders, other Council eNewsletters to the community and advertisement in the local newspaper.

In total 21 respondents provided 41 submissions including 24 comments from the drop-in sessions, 16 survey responses and 1 submission that completed the survey and also emailed.

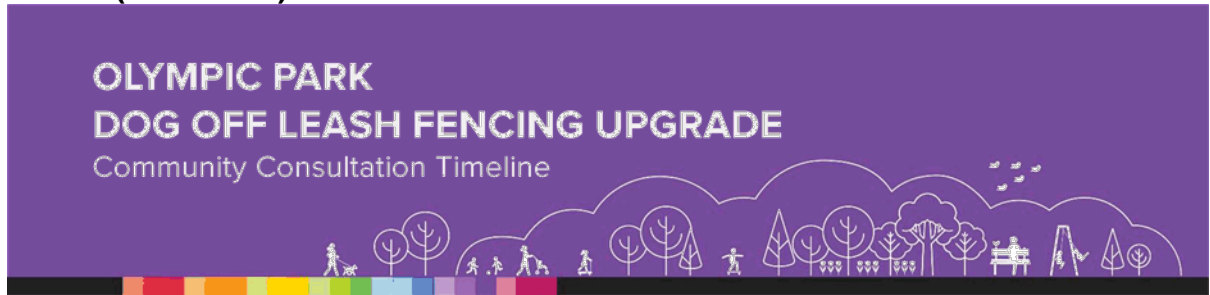
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Other top issues raised included grass maintenance; happy about the dog park as social space; and concerns about parking and traffic in the area.

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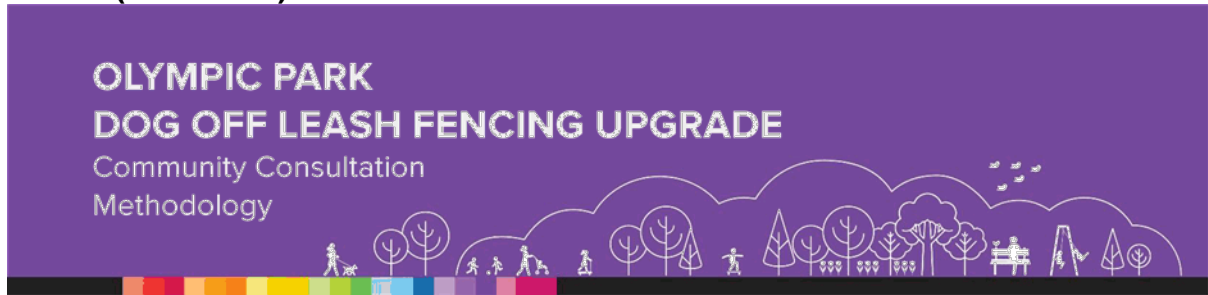
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Community Consultation Timeline



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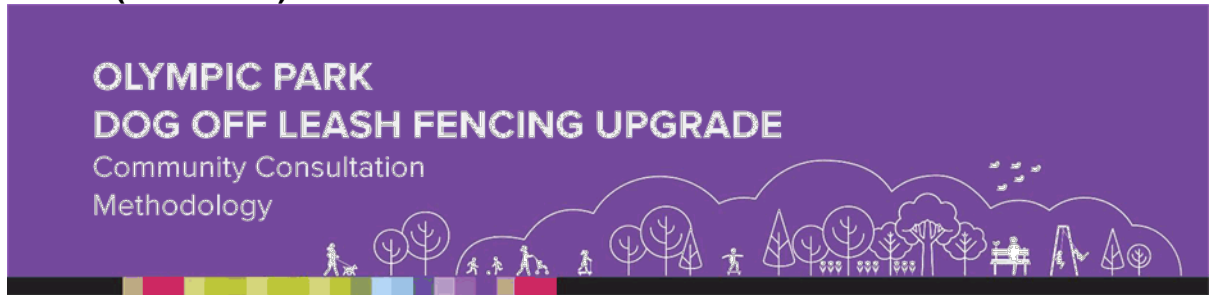


Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 27 Apr 2022 to Wed 25 May 2022	Have Your Say Website	Website users	A project webpage with background information, online survey and project updates.	112 page views and 93 unique visits
Wed 27 Apr 2022 to Wed 25 May 2022	Online Survey	Website users	An online survey where stakeholders could provide feedback on the proposal. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage.	17 online respondents
Wed 27 Apr 2022	A4 Flyer Mail Out	Surrounding residents (250m radius)	An A4 flyer was letterbox dropped to promote the project and feedback opportunities for surrounding local residents.	283 flyers approximately
Wed 27 Apr 2022 to 25 May 2022	Outdoor Corflute Signage	RALC and Olympic Park users	Park signage was placed to promote the project and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.	4 x A2 signs at entry points of the park
Wed 27 Apr, 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2022	Listing in Open Community Consultations Newspaper Ad in The Weekly Times	TWT Newspaper Readers	Listed in weekly open community consultation newspaper advertisement to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	38,000 total print readership
Wed 25 May 2022	Open community consultations listing in Your City News eNewsletter	Your City News Subscribers	Listed in City News open community consultations section to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	1,312 eNewsletters distributed 247 eNewsletters opened



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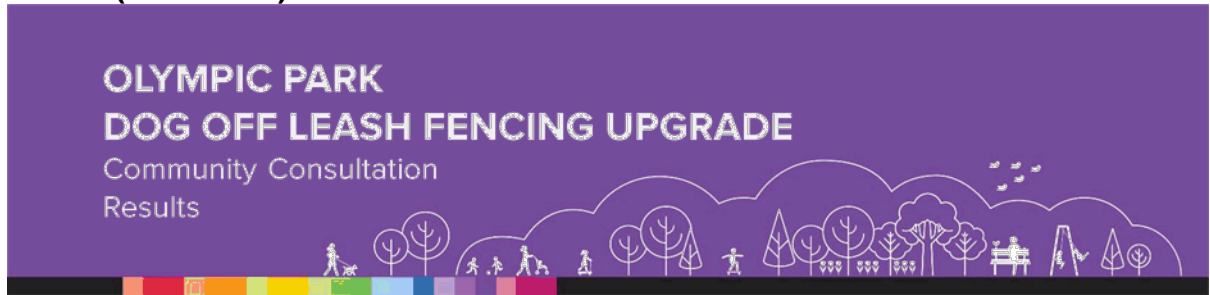


Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Mon 16 April 2022	Community Drop-in Session	All interested stakeholders	One weekday session for stakeholders to ask the project team any questions and provide their comments.	4 attendees 24 comments received
Wed 27 Apr 2022 to Wed 25 May 2022	Information phone line and email	All Stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone and email address was provided for the project and was open for feedback from the community.	1 email submission received



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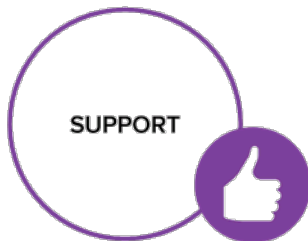


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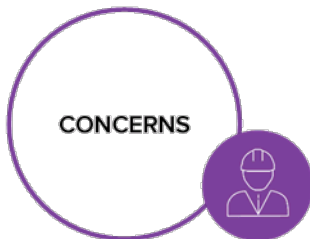
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ONLINE SURVEY & EMAIL SUBMISSION

(Based on 21 respondents)



Community feedback largely supported the proposed additional fencing separating the dog off leash and children's playground sections of the park. Half of these in support of this fence specifically mentioned the need to stop dogs entering the playground whilst half simply indicated the need to have a fully enclosed dog off leash space.



The need to close the gap in the fence on Potts Street emerged as a key safety concern for park users and the local community alike. Of these, half stated the need for a gate to be installed at this current gap; with some mentioning a preference for double gates like at other dog parks. Only a small number of comments preferred this gap in the fence to be closed with no gate; driven by concerns of increased parking and traffic congestion.



Closely aligned to the calls for the Potts Street gap to be closed are specific concerns about dogs escaping the park via this exit and onto oncoming traffic. This safety situation has been witnessed by some community members who have referenced injuries/fatalities.

Other issues raised included a variety of feedback and suggestions such as need for grass maintenance; happy with the park as a social space for dog and owners; and concerns about parking and traffic.

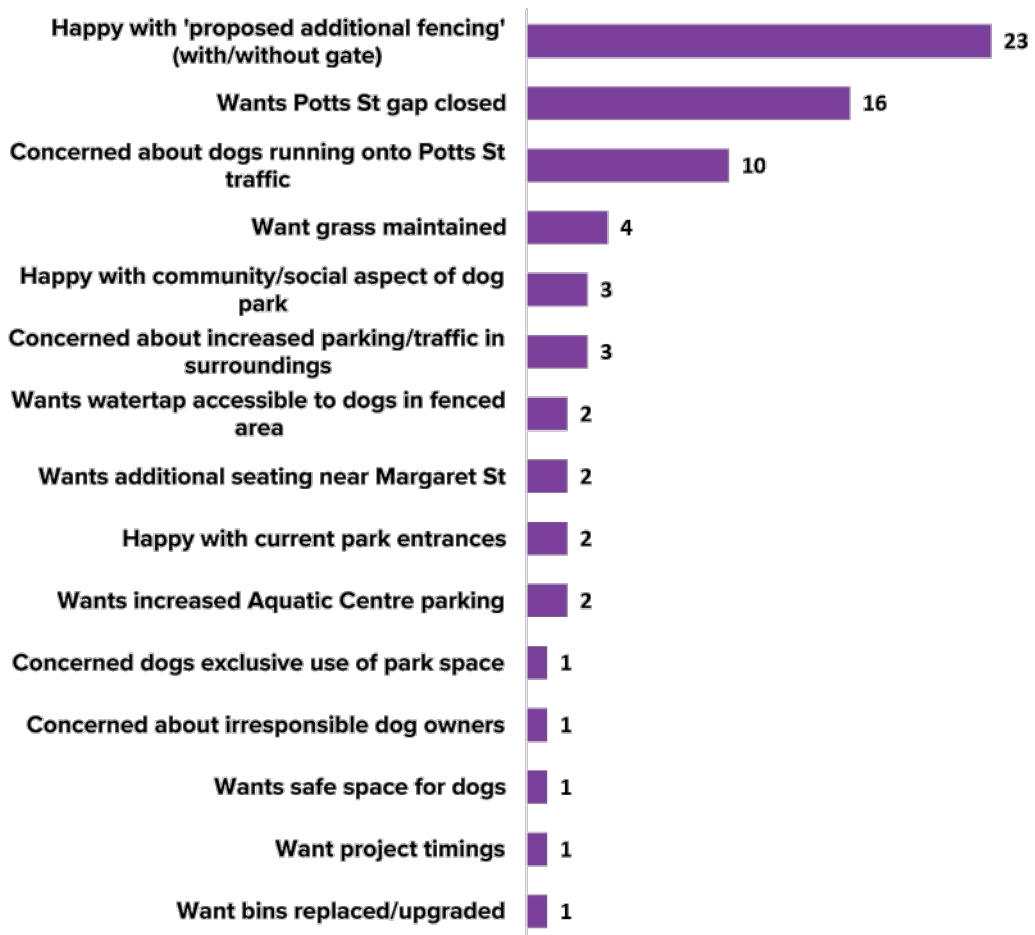
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**FEEDBACK ON OLYMPIC PARK PROPOSED FENCING OF DOG OFF LEASH AREA, OVERALL**

(n = 41 | Based on 21 respondents)



*Note: results are indicative due to the small sample size, interpret results with caution  
Note: Respondents could provide multiple comments, hence total does not add to 41*



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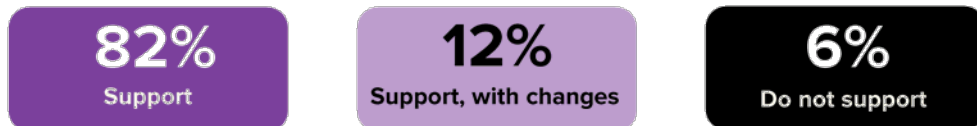
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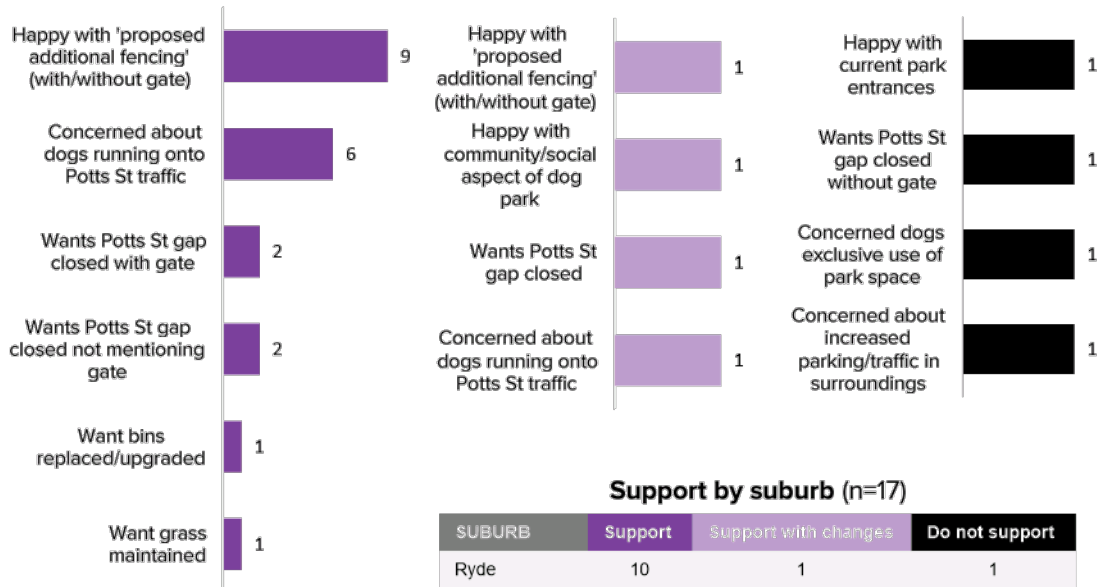
**FEEDBACK ON OLYMPIC PARK PROPOSED FENCING OF DOG OFF LEASH AREA, BY SOURCE**

**Online Survey (based on 17 respondents)**

Please indicate whether you support or do not support the installation of additional fencing to enclose the dog off-leash area at Olympic Park, Ryde? (n=17)



**Open-ended questions asking why or why not support installation of additional fencing and if there are further comments and suggestions (n=12)**



**Support by suburb (n=17)**

SUBURB	Support	Support with changes	Do not support
Ryde	10	1	1
Other CoR*	3		
Not specified	1	1	

*Note: results are indicative due to the small sample size, interpret results with caution  
Note: Respondents could provide multiple comments, hence total does not add to 12*

*\*Other CoR suburbs included Gladesville, Putney and Meadowbank*

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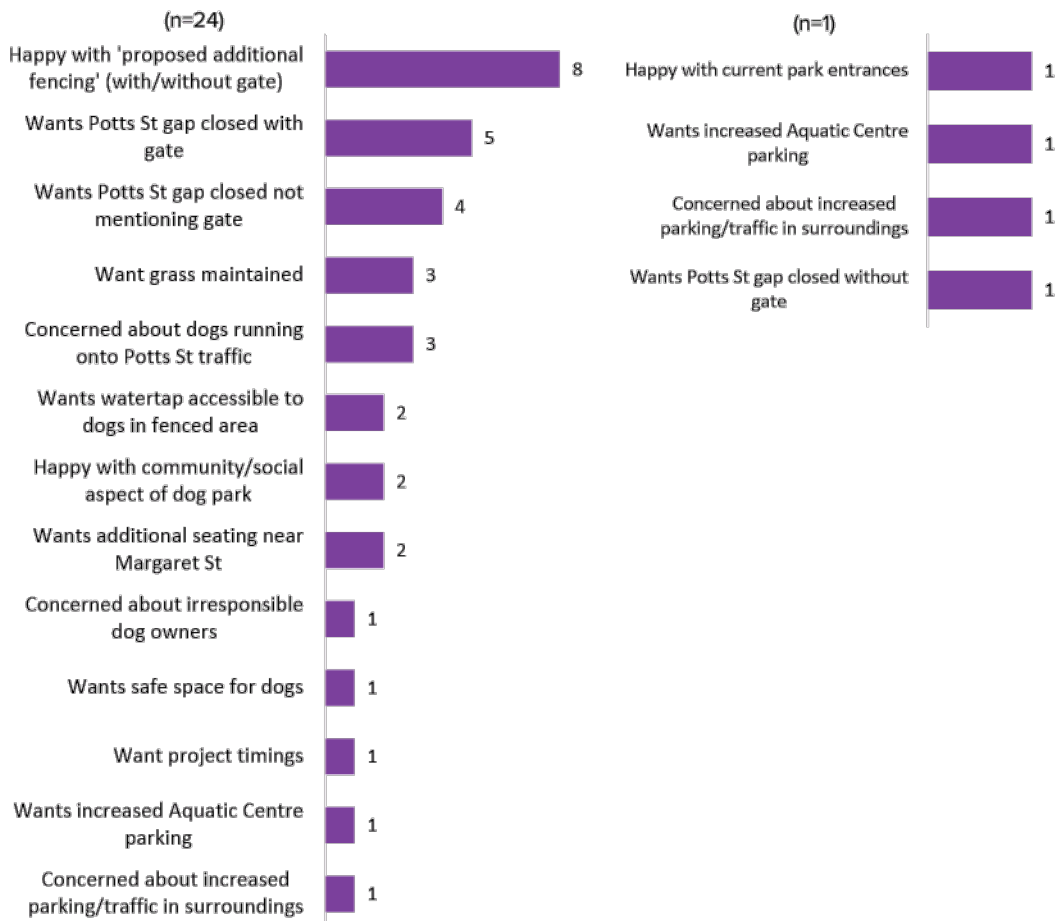
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**FEEDBACK ON OLYMPIC PARK PROPOSED FENCING OF DOG OFF LEASH AREA, BY SOURCE**

**Drop-In Session (based on 4 respondents)**

**Email Submission (based on 1 respondent)**



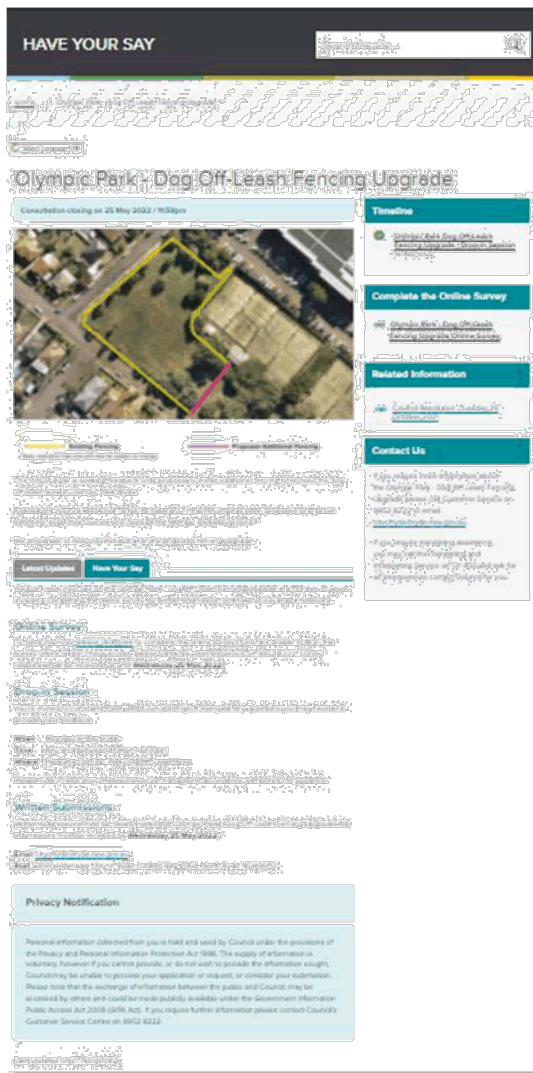
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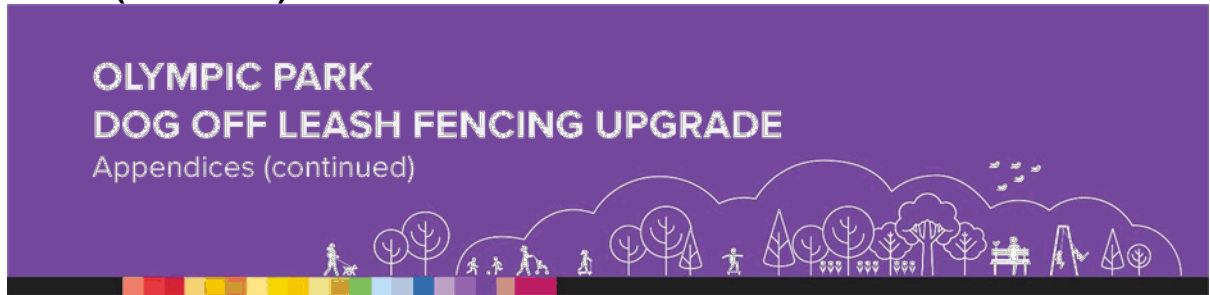


HAVE YOUR SAY WEBSITE



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**A4 FLYER**

**OLYMPIC PARK DOG OFF-LEASH FENCING UPGRADE**

The City of Ryde is seeking feedback on a proposal to install additional fencing to enclose the dog off-leash area at Olympic Park, Ryde. Following a Council Resolution on 26 October 2021, this fencing has been proposed to improve safety for dogs, their owners and users of the Olympic Park Playground.

We would like to hear your feedback on the proposed fencing upgrade.

**How do I give my feedback on the Dog Off-Leash area?**  
You can Have Your Say on the Olympic Park Dog Off-Leash Fencing Upgrade in a number of ways:

**Online** Complete the online survey at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/OLLeashOP](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/OLLeashOP) or scan the QR code below

**Email** [cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

**Post** City of Ryde, Locked bag 2068, North Ryde NSW 1570

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**Existing Fencing**  
**Proposed Additional Fencing**

Note: indicative map only and may be subject to change

**LET'S TALK**  
**Dog Off-Leash Drop-in Session**

We invite you to discuss the proposal with Council's project team, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback.

**When** Monday 16 May 2022  
**Time** Any time between 4.00pm – 6.00pm  
**Where** Near the Olympic Park Dog Off-Leash Area

Please note: These drop-in sessions will be managed in accordance with COVID-19 guidance.

**City of Ryde**

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**To the Resident**  
Surrounding the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre  
Re: Traffic and Parking Matters and Dog Off-Leash Area

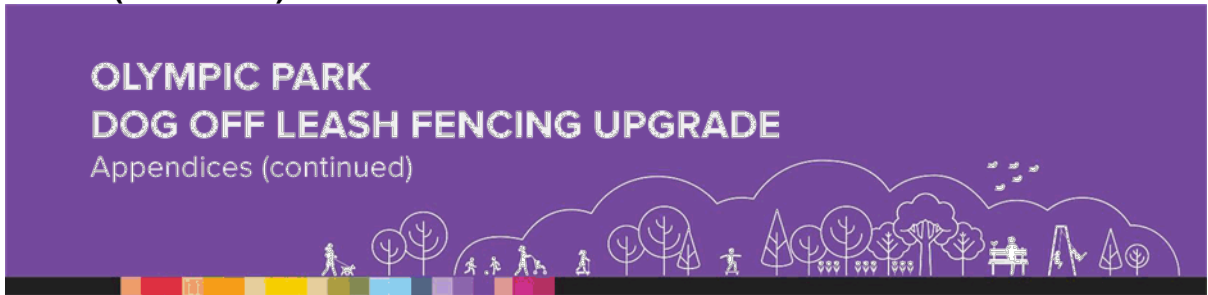
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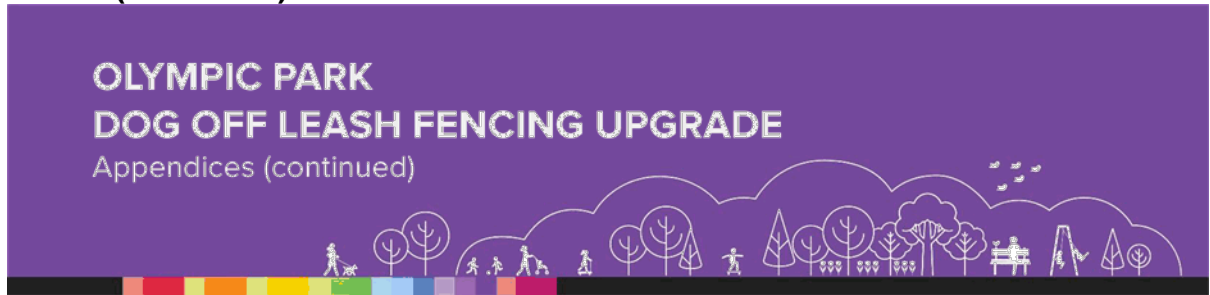
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**Memorial  
Park**

Dog Off-Leash  
Trial



**MEMORIAL PARK  
DOG OFF LEASH TRIAL  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT  
JULY 2022**

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CITY OF RYDE | Memorial Park –Dog Off Trial Community  
Consultation Report  
July 2022 © City of Ryde

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The City of Ryde would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Wallumedegal (or Wattamaltagal) clan of the Darug nation. The City of Ryde would also like to pay respect to Elders both past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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## MEMORIAL PARKDOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL

### Background and Executive Summary



In May 2020, Council endorsed the Dog Recreation Needs Study which recommended the creation of new dog off-leash areas within the City of Ryde to meet the changing needs of our growing community.

Following these recommendations, Council proposed a number of new off-leash areas to improve the distribution, diversity and accessibility of off-leash sites across the City of Ryde, including a new site at Memorial Park.

From October 2020 to April 2021, Council conducted community consultation on a six-month dog off-leash trial in Memorial Park, Meadowbank and asked the community for their feedback on the off-leash facilities where there was approximately a 50/50 split between those that supported and those that did not support the dog off-leash area.

Following this feedback, Council resolved at its meeting on 29 June 2021 to extend the trial at Memorial Park for an additional 12 months to allow for further community comment.

The City of Ryde's internal Community Engagement team conducted the community consultation process to gather feedback from the community on the dog off-leash facilities during the trial period, and any ideas or suggestions for improvement.

The Have Your Say period occurred from 8 September 2022 to 30 June 2022 during which the community could provide feedback on the extended dog off-leash trial by online survey or written submission. This was promoted through City of Ryde's Have Your Say website, flyers to surrounding residents, signage in the park, an eNewsletter to stakeholders, a Facebook advertisement, listing in other Council eNewsletters to the community and listed in the local newspaper.

Almost 80% of respondents support making the Memorial Park dog off-leash permanent (including those who want changes). The opportunity for dogs to play on the beach and access the water was the most favourable feature, while the need to improve the fencing to fully contain off-leash dogs was flagged as the key suggested improvement.

Respondents who did not support the off-leash trial becoming permanent raised concerns around the inability of the wider community to use this shared space, popular with children and families and being the only local beach.

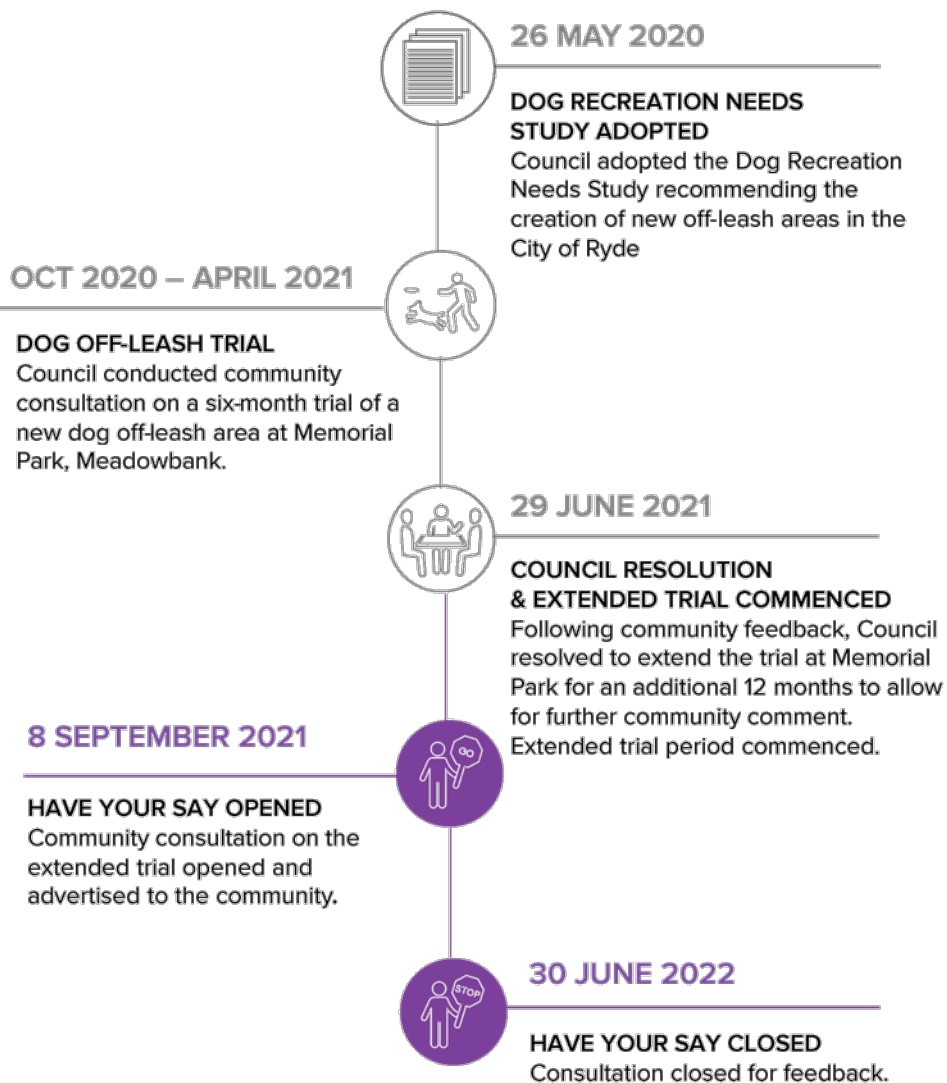
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**MEMORIAL PARK DOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL**

Community Consultation Timeline



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Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 8 Sep 2021 to Thurs 30 June 2022	Have Your Say Website	Website users	A project webpage with background information, online survey and project updates.	528 page views and 515 unique visits
Wed 8 Sep 2021 to Thurs 30 June 2022	Online Survey	Website users	An online survey where stakeholders could provide feedback on the proposal. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage.	171 online respondents
Wed 8 Sep 2021	A4 Flyer Mail Out	Surrounding residents (200m radius)	An A4 flyer was letterbox dropped to promote the project and feedback opportunities for surrounding local residents.	842 flyers approximately
Wed 8 Sep 2021 to Thurs 30 June 2022	Outdoor Corflute Signage	Memorial Park users	Park signage was placed to promote the project and feedback opportunities for park users and interested stakeholders.	1 x A2 signs at entry points of the park
Wed 6 Oct 2022 to Sat 16 Oct 2022	Facebook Ad	Online Facebook Users	Social media advertisement to promote the project and feedback opportunities for all stakeholders	4,453 users reached 380 users engaged
Thurs 9 Sep 2022	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Internal and external stakeholders, community groups and previous submitters	A targeted eNewsletter was sent to relevant community stakeholders to provide an opportunity to give their feedback.	783 eNewsletters distributed 443 eNewsletters opened

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**MEMORIAL PARK DOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL**

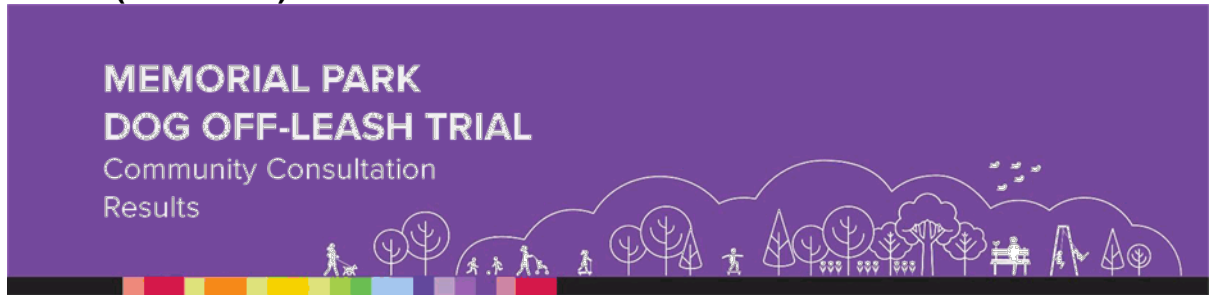
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Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Every Wed from 8 Sep 2021 to 29 Jun 2022	Listing in Open Community Consultations Newspaper Ad in The Weekly Times	TWT Newspaper Readers	Listed in weekly open community consultation newspaper advertisement to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	38,000 total print readership
Every month from Sep 2021 to Jun 2022	Open community consultations listing in Your City News eNewsletter	Your City News Subscribers	Listed in City News open community consultations section to promote the project and consultation opportunities for all stakeholders.	25636 eNewsletters distributed 12120 eNewsletters opened
Wed 8 Sep 2021 to Thurs 30 June 2022	Information phone line and email	All Stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone and email address was provided for the project and was open for feedback from the community.	1 email submission received



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**171**  
SURVEY  
RESPONSES



**1**  
EMAIL  
SUBMISSION

Please indicate whether you support or do not support the trial dog off-leash area at Memorial Park to become permanent? (n=172)



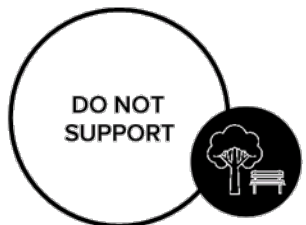
The majority of community consultation respondents were dog owners who owned medium to large sized dogs.



**Almost 80% respondents supports making the Memorial Park dog off-leash permanent (including those who want changes).** The opportunity for dogs to **play on the beach and access the water was the most favourable feature**; others included the safety of the area away from roads and other park visitors; and its proximity for locals.



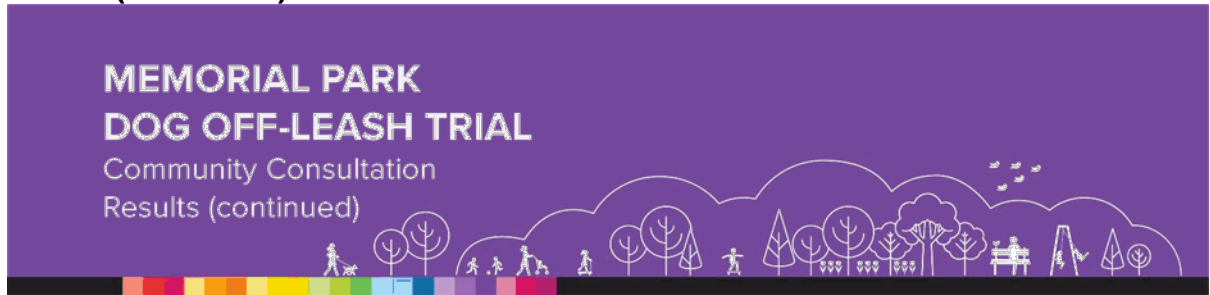
**Supporters have flagged the need to improve the fencing so off-leash dogs are fully contained.** Other suggestions included a need to mitigate dogs injuring themselves from the shells and debris; a desire to enlarge the off-leash area; more bins and poo bags; and dogs drinking taps/showers.



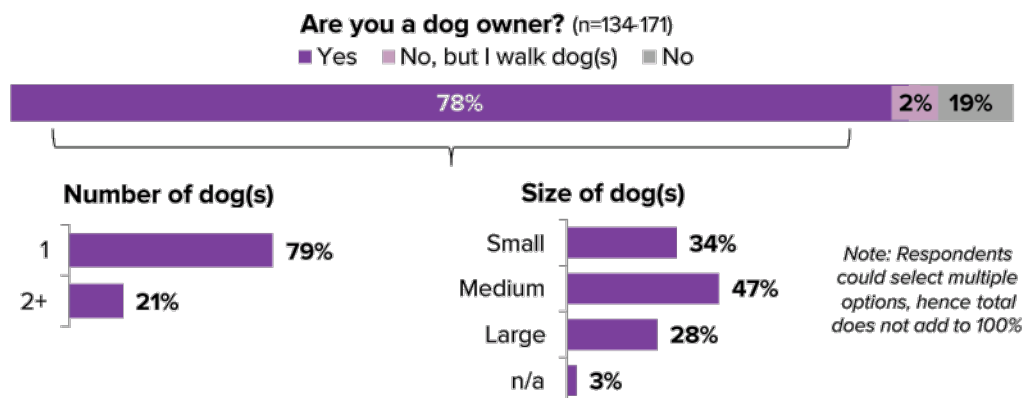
**Concerns around the inability of the wider community using this shared space, popular with children and families and consisting the only local beach** were key reasons for not supporting the permanency of the off-leash area. Other concerns included dissatisfaction with the fencing; protecting natural environment; off-leash trial endangering public; and there being another off-leash area nearby.

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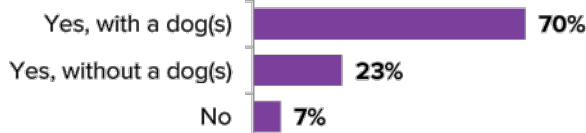
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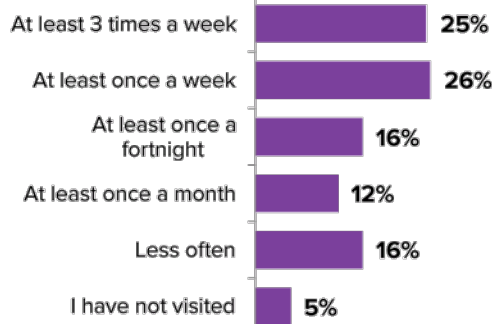
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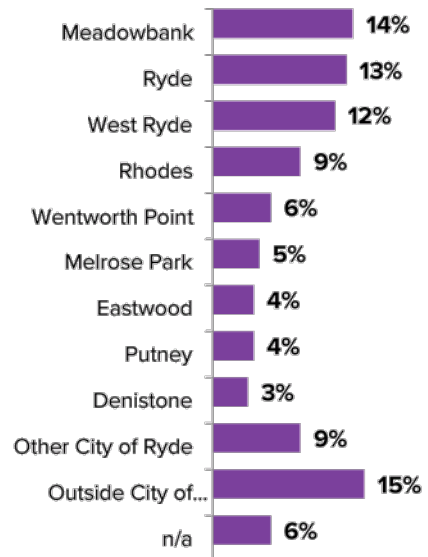
**Have you visited Memorial Park during the trial period (8 September 2021 - 30 June 2022)? (n=171)**



**How often have you typically visited Memorial Park during the trial? (n=171)**



**Suburb (n=172)**



*Note: Other City of Ryde includes respondents who have listed 2114 postcode which include multiple suburbs*

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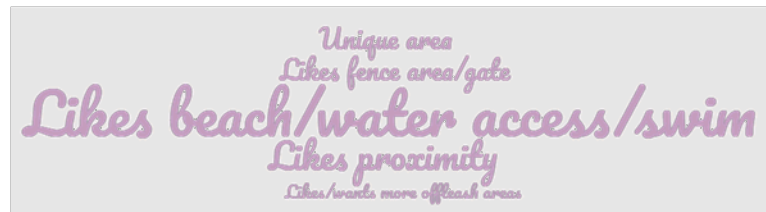


**FEEDBACK BY QUESTION: What do you like most about the trial dog off-leash area at Memorial Park?**

**Supports (n=101)**



**Support with changes (n=21)**



**Don't support (n=25)**



**No preference/  
Unsure/Unspecified (n=3)**

Already another offleash area nearby

Note: only themes with >1 frequencies are included in word clouds



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**FEEDBACK BY QUESTION: Do you have any ideas or suggestions for how the trial dog off-leash area at Memorial Park could be improved?**

**Supports (n=81)**



**Support with changes (n=25)**



**Don't support (n=26)**



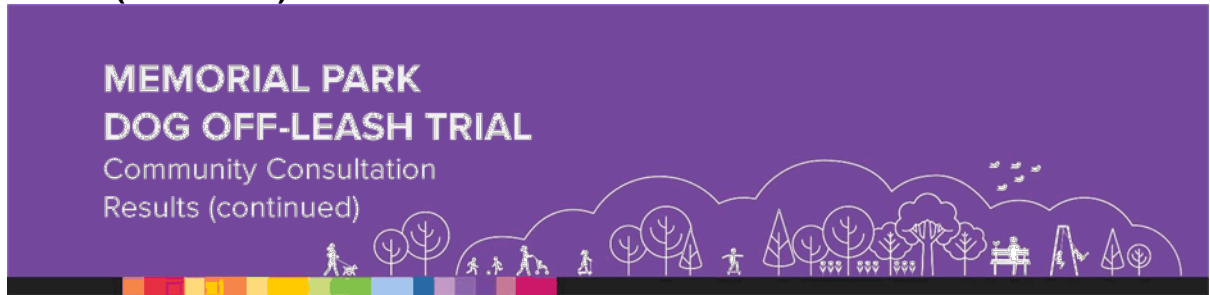
**No preference/  
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**FEEDBACK BY QUESTION: Do you have any further comments or suggestions regarding the trial dog off-leash area at Memorial Park?**

**Supports (n=41)**



**Support with changes (n=14)**



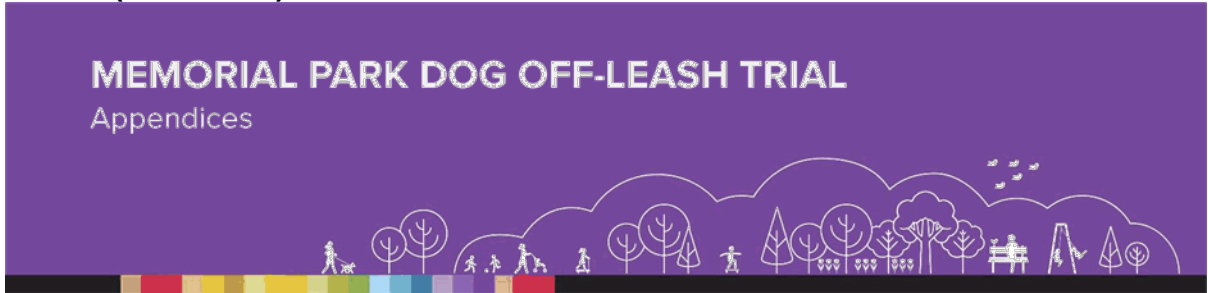
**Don't support (n=28)**



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MEMORIAL PARK DOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL

Appendices

HAVE YOUR SAY WEBSITE

**Memorial Park Dog Off-Leash Trial**

Submissions closed on 30 June 2022, 11:59 PM




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At its meeting on 29 June 2021, Council resolved to extend the trial at Memorial Park for an additional 12 months to allow for further community comment.

During the extended trial, Council would like to hear your thoughts on the dog off-leash facilities, what you like and any ideas or suggestions for improvement.

**MAP OF DOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL AREA - MEMORIAL PARK:**



**Note:** Beach Parks are not patrolled and owners will be required to supervise their dogs at all times.

**Related Information**

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

You can Have Your Say on the Dog Off-Leash Trial in a number of ways including completing the online survey, e-mail or post.

**Online Survey**

To Have Your Say, complete the online survey. If you are unable to fill in this survey online or don't have access, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222. Survey responses will be received up until **Thursday 30 June 2022**.

**The Online Survey is now closed**

**Written Submissions**

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'Memorial Park Dog Off-Leash Trial'. All submissions must be received by **Thursday 30 June 2022**.

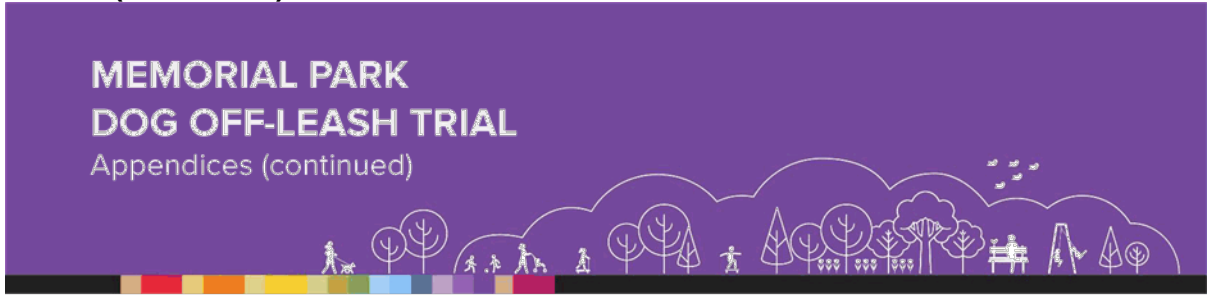
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**MEMORIAL PARK DOG OFF-LEASH TRIAL** City of Ryde

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**HAVE YOUR SAY**

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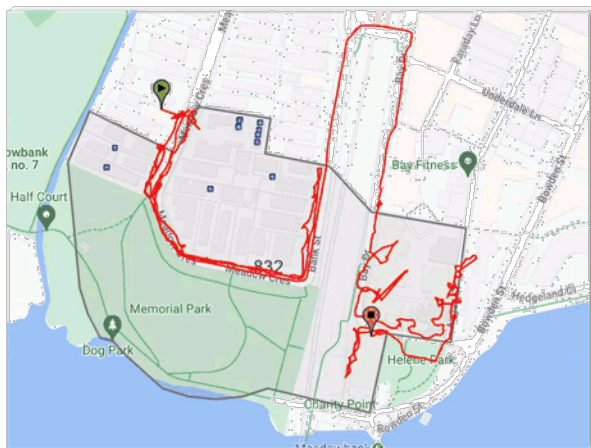
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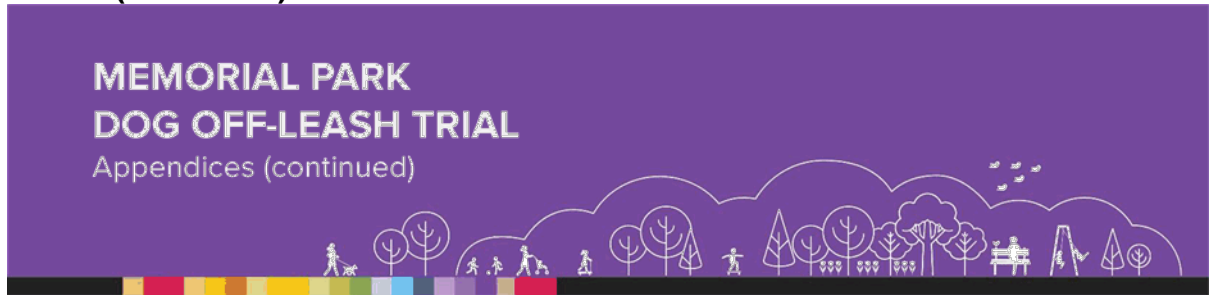
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**Map of dog off-leash trial area – Memorial Park**



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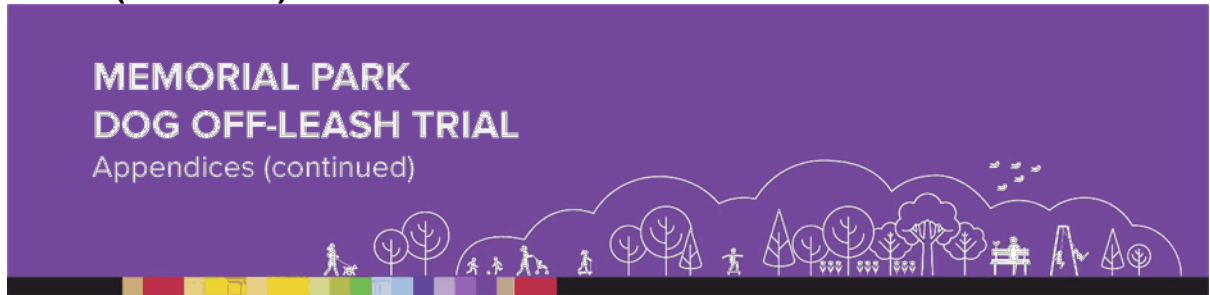
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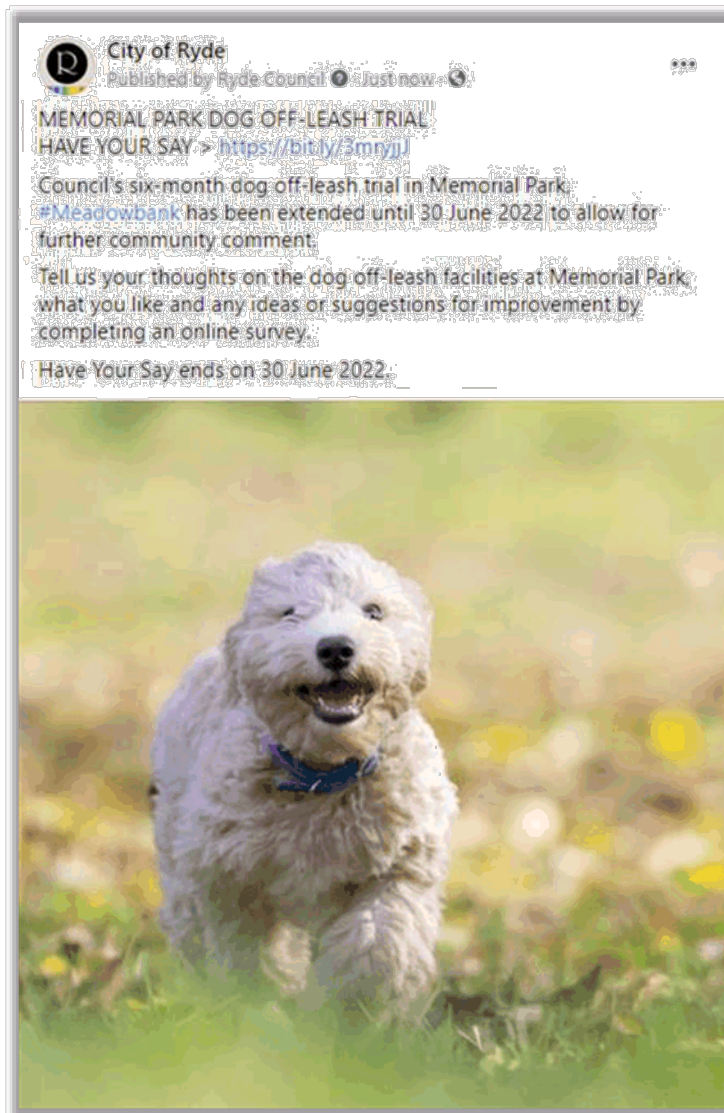
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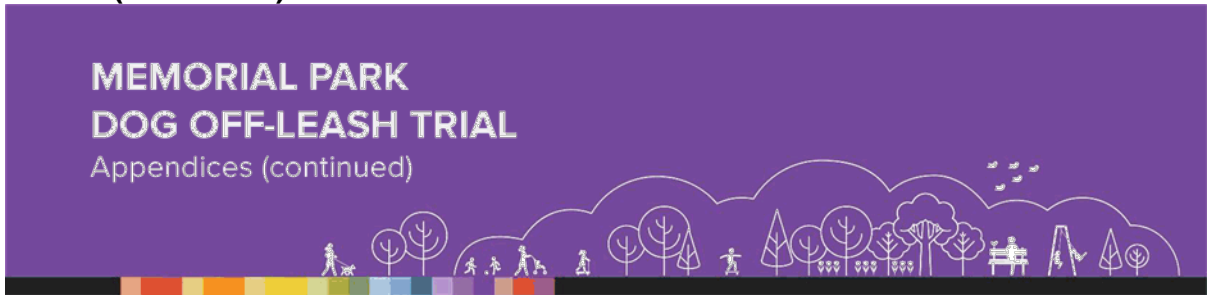


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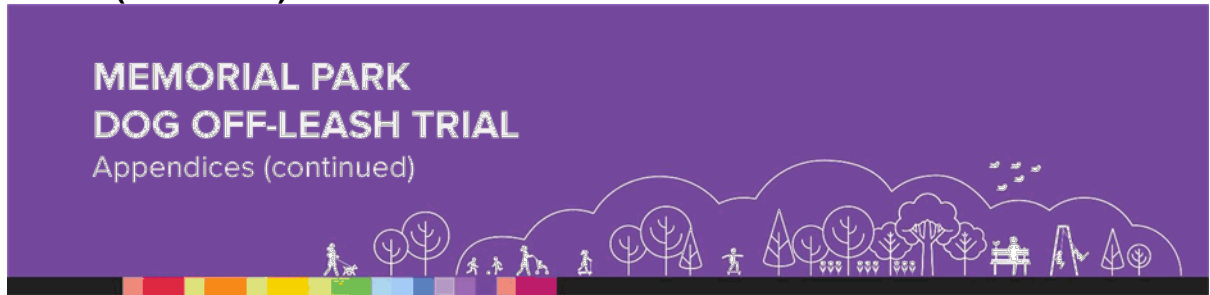
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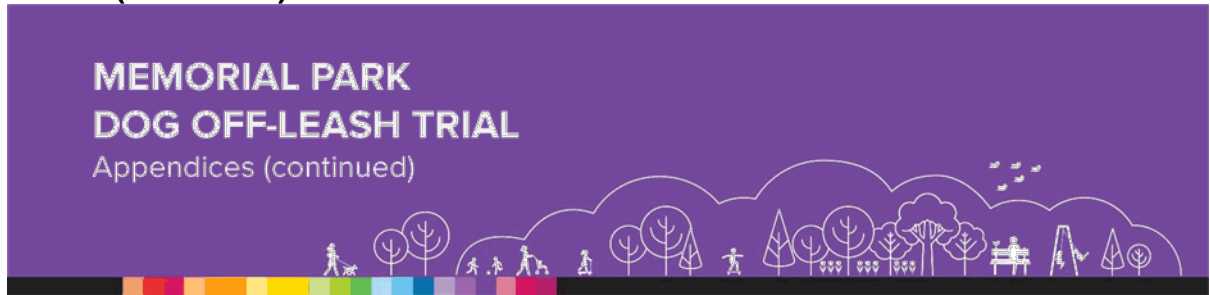
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## **9 PROPERTY POLICY**

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**Report prepared by:** Director - Corporate Services  
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### **REPORT SUMMARY**

Property like every Council asset must be fit for its purpose. These purposes are in the main to provide services and facilities, and to generate income streams to supplement traditional sources to reduce reliance on rates.

This draft Property Policy creates a framework to improve property outcomes by Council by ensuring key decisions are not made in isolation. The Policy also prescribes an approach for Council to leverage and grow its Property Investment Portfolio. This will provide an income stream that will enhance Council's ability to deliver projects earlier and mitigate its increasing costs for services.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Property Policy to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days to allow submissions to be received.
- (b) That at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received, the document be adopted by Council.
- (c) That should any submissions be received during the public exhibition period, a further report is presented to Council outlining these submissions.

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- 1** Draft Property Policy - August 2022

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### **Discussion**

Council had at last count a total of 320 properties of which 220 are classified as Community Land, with the remaining 100 being Operational. Of the 100, 17 comprise Council's current Property Investment Portfolio (PIP). Council also has 30 affordable housing properties.

Council's investment properties are currently valued at around \$185M and are returning less than 1% per annum. This presents an opportunity to increase the return to Council through recycling, enhancing and growing our PIP. A modest rate of property return being achieved by other Council's is around 4.5%. If, for example this rate was achieved across our current Portfolio it would provide an annual return of \$8.75M.

The draft Property Policy at Attachment 1 will provide the necessary framework for a Property Strategy and annual Property Action Plan to guide the collective understanding required to achieve the returns described earlier. The Policy prescribes principles and requirements for decisions that will leverage our available capital for additional income without impacting services and community infrastructure.

Over time the proposed framework will provide dividends to Council to bring forward projects and supplement base income. This will result in less pressure on Council to increase rates to offset the growing costs of delivering services and facilities. A 'Future Fund' will be used to set aside cash generated by the PIP. Each year the Councillors will determine how dividends from the Fund will be used and what will be reinvested for growth. This will take place during the annual Budget process.

Decisions to divest property will be made by Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 1993, and this draft Policy. When these decisions are recommended to Council, they will not be made in isolation of other property movements. Accordingly, the proceeds from any property sale will concurrently be approved by Council to acquire or upgrade other income producing property.

It is important to note that decisions about Operational and Community Land Council properties used to provide services and/or community facilities will only be made to enhance those services and facilities. This Policy will not result in the sale of community facilities to increase the PIP. Only investment properties will be considered for divestment to further PIP objectives in accordance with the Property Strategy. The Policy prescribes that divestment recommendations will only be made when a property is not fit for purpose and repurposing is not financially or site/precinct viable.

The financial return to Council anticipated through the implementation of this draft Policy and the framework it creates will take time. But like all good investments there will be a compounding effect that will provide a significant positive financial legacy for future generations in the City of Ryde.

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The Policy also prescribes as one of its principles: Strategy Alignment. This will ensure broader property related decisions are not viewed and taken in isolation with a view to maximizing value for money. A four-year Property Strategy that maps all planned property decisions will provide the necessary visibility to Council and the Community about opportunity cost decisions that must be made.

**Financial Implications**

There will be no negative impact on the 2022/23 budget from this Policy. Provision has been made to develop a new Property Strategy that will be presented to Council should this Policy be adopted. Projections will be provided in due course about the PIP.

Should Council determine to provide seed funding to accelerate the returns from the PIP, a further report will be provided at that time for consideration and adoption.

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**Context**

The Policy sits above Council's Property Strategy and sets out the framework for the management of all City of Ryde (Council) controlled property.

Property is defined as all council-controlled land (owned or managed) and any permanent developments attached, either natural or constructed. Property includes air and sub strata rights, plus interests created through leases, easements, or other legal mechanisms. These latter interests may also occur on land not owned by council, but council's rights and benefits create entities, which will be reviewed and managed under this Policy.

The Council's property assets serve a number of purposes. Most importantly, they are used to provide valued civic, social, cultural, recreation, environmental, transport, administration and other services for the community. Some of the Council's properties serve as investments which are designed to create financial return to Council, thereby reducing reliance on rate revenue as a source of unrestricted income. New sources of revenue have become critical for all councils as increases in traditional income sources fail to keep pace with the increasing costs of delivering services to the community.

Strategies are developed at the broader portfolio and at the asset specific level, to deliver on different objectives. Strategic outcomes will be proactively sought, where Council's service delivery is not adversely impacted and where robust economic and risk assessments have been completed.

All key Property outcomes will be aligned with Council's mandated Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP & R) and other relevant areas of Council strategy to optimise outcomes. This imperative is reflected in this Policy's requirement for an overarching Property Strategy. It is also important that strategic land use planning in the City of Ryde LGA be examined and referenced when determining desired outcomes.

This Policy drives efficiencies, ongoing reviews, core service delivery, enhanced probity and accountability, financial outcomes, and proactive management by Council.

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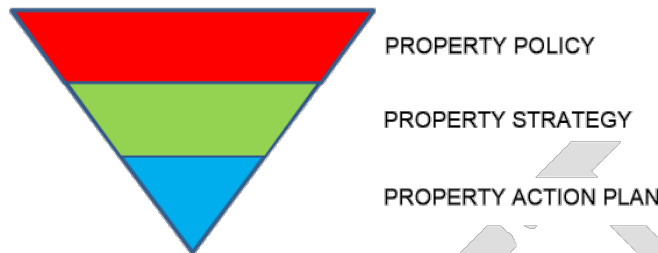
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**1. Framework**

The following framework is created by this Policy for the management of all property outcomes at the City of Ryde Council.



**2. Property Management Principles**

To maximise capital efficiency and land use, Council will manage its property consistent with the following six principles.

1. Holistic Management
2. Fit for Purpose
3. Asset Management
4. Risk management
5. Centralised Control of Income
6. Strategy alignment

**Holistic Management**

All property decisions will achieve the maximum community benefit available at the time. To achieve this, decisions will contemplate concurrent outcomes for the portfolio of all Council owned or controlled properties. To that end:

- Property portfolio management objectives will take precedent over single property outcomes,
- Asset specific recommendations will never compromise long term objectives or portfolio strategies,
- Sub portfolio strategies will be used to manage outcomes for individual land classifications (community, operational, Crown, and others),
- Broader property strategies and related policy will operate in conjunction with the Property Strategy to ensure overall portfolio efficiency and provide an input for decision making,
- Portfolio and asset specific reviews will be conducted at least every year; and
- Advice must be obtained from Council staff responsible for Council property, and management for all leasing, acquisition, or sale decisions across Council.

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**Fit for purpose**

All Council owned or controlled property will be fit for purpose to:

- Deliver Council's operational services and objectives and
- Maximise its financial return to the community.

There will be coordinated activities to realise the full value and ongoing potential of each Council property held to best equip it for its role in the portfolio.

Any property with no current or clear future purpose will be reviewed for potential divestment or re-purposing in accordance with this Policy.

**Asset Management**

General asset management principles will apply including whole of lifecycle management. Asset management will ensure the delivery of a property's purpose. It allows optimal outcomes to occur at asset specific levels, within the context of the portfolio management principles.

All Council properties that have been assessed as fit for purpose, and not identified for action by Council's Property Strategy, will be managed in accordance with Council Policy for asset management. Condition targets will be set and maintained by property asset owners and funded accordingly.

Optimal outcomes will be sought by:

- Whole of life asset management of property assets including maintenance and insurance,
- The inclusion all relevant intangible factors in additional to financial,
- Targeting multiple functions for individual assets wherever practical, and
- A strategy (as simple as possible) for each site, consistent with its portfolio purpose.

**Risk Management**

Property is capital intensive and sub-optimal management of these assets is a risk to sustainable Council service delivery. Property is subject to occupational, physical, obsolescence, contamination, legal, tenant, corruption, and financial risks. Accordingly, property will be managed in accordance with Council's Enterprise Risk Management framework.

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**Centralised Control of Income**

All income from leases, licences, or any other agreements for any owned or managed property assets, (including Crown Land) will be receipted and accounted for as per the Statutory Financial Accounts.

Council's Finance staff will ensure that such funds are quarantined and held within a centralised account in the general ledger. There will be regular review and monitoring of this income and any variations will be reported to Council as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.

**Strategy Alignment**

A four-year Property Strategy will be aligned to Council's four-year delivery plan cycle (IP & R). It will contain objectives and measures for the four-year period and be reported on six monthly. It will be a key input into Council's long-term financial planning.

The Strategy will guide and align property outcomes wherever relevant for Council operations, including:

- All types of operational, administrative, library, community centre, parks, leisure centre and any of their related infrastructure assets,
- Community Land,
- Managed Crown Land,
- The Property Investment Portfolio ("PIP"),
- Affordable Housing,
- Section 7-11, 7-12 and Voluntary Planning Agreements,
- All master-planning impacting Council owned or managed property (actual or potential),
- All property matters reported to Council, and
- Private property identified in planning instruments that create a financial liability for Council.

Any individual Council property related policy or strategy will be referenced when drafting the Strategy to ensure their objectives are being progressed. However, this will in some cases be the subject of opportunity cost decisions endorsed by Council to maximize the overall utility to Council and therefore the community.

Staff engaged in strategic land use planning will ensure their work aligns with this Policy and the Property Strategy wherever relevant.

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**3. Property Acquisition and Divestment**

Property can be a 'cost of business' for Council. Excess or unproductive property traps capital, otherwise available for core business needs or financial returns.

Council will carry the optimal level of property needed, for its immediate and reasonably anticipated future needs rather than excessive holdings, or property with no distinct purpose or function.

Properties and their environments change over time which may impact the most appropriate property use. Where this occurs, timely re-purposing or asset sale and replacement, improves overall portfolio and financial outcomes.

Annual reviews will be conducted for each property owned, where its function and retention in the portfolio will be assessed. This mechanism will allow the portfolio to evolve: freeing excess capital, ensuring optimal property levels are held and that our property assets match ongoing needs.

**3.1 Property Acquisition**

In general property acquisitions will be recommended:

- To fill a gap in the portfolio for the delivery of ongoing services; and/or
- When no foreseeable opportunity exists to provide a property asset through a develop contribution; and/or
- To replace an existing underperforming investment property; and/or
- To deliver on a Property Strategy outcome; and/or
- To enhance the operational/community/financial value of an existing Council property.

Recommended acquisitions should:

- Have satisfied legal, physical, financial, and operational due diligence reviews,
- Be assessed for their ability to deliver multiple outcomes: not just the primary acquisition purpose,
- Be supported by a draft individual property strategy to demonstrate its ongoing merit to deliver on a Council objective,
- Satisfy all requirements for the intended land category – targeting the operational land category wherever possible,
- Identify the funding source, and
- Reference its alignment with the current Property Strategy and annual Property Action Plan.

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These acquisition requirements will apply to any property acquisition. This includes via: a planning approval; VPA; and dedications. They will also be used when Council is exercising its compulsory acquisition powers under section 186 (and others) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**3.2 Property Re-purposing and Divestment**

Annual property reviews will be used to identify property that is no longer fit for purpose.

In general recommendations for re-purposing a property will be made when:

- It is assessed as no longer being able to deliver on its original operational or community needs but its long-term value can be enhanced to contribute to broader portfolio outcomes; and/or
- Its maintenance costs are increasing, and re-purposing is the best option for the property; and/or
- It can no longer provide its expected income within its sub portfolio; and/or
- It is not required to deliver a future Council initiative in its current configuration; and/or
- Alternative service provision exists, or an alternate location can be utilised; and/or
- Its re-purposing delivers an outcome for a Property Strategy objective.

*Where re-purposing is not financially or site/precinct viable, divestment should then be considered.*

In general property divestments will be recommended to Council for its determination where the property is no longer fit for purpose or surplus to operational needs and:

- The property does not satisfy the re-purposing considerations above,
- The indicative sale price is unlikely to increase in the foreseeable future and is supported by an independent market valuation, and
- The sale proceeds will clearly contribute to the achievement of a Property Strategy Objective in keeping with this Policy.

Divestments will be included in the annual Property Action Plan which will form part of Council's annual budgeting cycle. Proceeds from divested property will only be used for property acquisitions to further property objectives.

Divestment may be considered in response to an external event such as an unsolicited proposal to Council in keeping with the requirements of the Policy. Divestment decisions in response to these events should not undermine current Strategy objectives.

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**3.3 Investment Property Reserve**

Council will maintain an internally restricted Investment Property Reserve to:

- Provide a 'Future Fund' for both property objectives and other Council initiatives,
- Provide for the appropriate governance of capital to be re-cycled from asset sales,
- Separate property income from properties with a defined income stream and related outgoings from all other fund movements to ensure transparency, and
- Provide oversight by Finance for funds to be invested in short term compliant products to maximise Council income.

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**4. Property Development**

Council expects to engage in property development because:

- The community infrastructure required to deliver services are not generally developed by the private sector and require construction projects for bespoke facilities,
- It has land to shape the future for communities consistent with its Community Strategic Plan, and
- Small scale development of investment property to increase Council's return on capital can be delivered efficiently by staff.

Notwithstanding this, the following must be considered before commencing any property development:

- Many types of property development are not core council business and staff with relevant skills are not retained placing a heavy reliance on external consultants when making key decisions.
- Councils cannot spread the financial risks associated with development across a portfolio of developments that a private sector developer can mitigate.
- Development can polarise cohorts in the community and create avoidable reputation risk for Councils.
- Councils can become conflicted in trying to optimise financial outcomes for development that require exploring the limits of environmental planning controls.

When considering any property development Council will draft a Preliminary Business Case for Executive and Council endorsement prior to proceeding to a Full Business Case.

Preliminary and Full Business Cases for property development will consider and/or address the following:

- Whether any existing property(s) can be purchased or acquired, which substantially deliver the required outcome with less risk.
- Prefer core community facilities and infrastructure as its standard development exposures and consider all other development exposures as non-standard.
- Ensure every development project is a standalone venture, allowing progress, costs, direct results, and risks to be monitored and controlled during its life.
- Reference other development exposures and diversity if multiple projects occur simultaneously.
- Benchmark in-house expertise against the project requirements and identify gaps and mitigation measures prior to seeking approve to commence.

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Recommendations to Council for non-standard development projects and exposures must be based on a robust business case, that will include appropriate involvement and/or exit points for Council. This includes consideration of the optimal Council position in respect of:

- Early sale of the land owned.
- Sale of the land on securing a DA and appropriate zoning.
- Full development and ownership for income generation.

To maximise property development opportunities Council will:

- Target appropriate mechanisms under Section 358 (and others) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- Consider any exclusive dealing requests or unsolicited proposals received for its properties and make recommendations accordingly.
- Benchmark proposed outcomes against ACCC requirements.

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**5. Principles for Each Land Classification**

Council's land holdings by category will be maintained and updated as change occurs. These categories are: Community Land; Crown Land; Operational Land; Investment Land; Remnant Land; and Environmental Land. This will be done in accordance with the requirements for all Council land under s53 *Local Government Act 1993*.

**5.1 Community Land**

Where an existing Community Land classification renders land not fit for purpose, the land will be reviewed for potential re-classification as Operational Land. Such land should be considered for alternative uses to deliver key outcomes or reduce future acquisition needs.

Community infrastructure and facilities will be developed and operated on Community or Council controlled Crown Land wherever possible to preserve operational land for potential income generation.

When prudent, multiple small properties will be replaced by larger, multi-functional buildings, for economies of scale and to minimise running and maintenance costs. There must not be a net loss of community benefit as a result of any such replacement.

Council will utilise a standard community licence for all Community Land tenants subject to exceptions created through tenders for additional terms.

**5.2 Crown Land**

Council must manage and maintain Crown land and related buildings in accordance with the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. This includes adopted Plans of Management for individual parcels of Crown Land that have Council managed property.

Council will maximise Crown land use of to benefit the City of Ryde community and resist exposure to additional Crown or State Government land, where the land does not provide an opportunity to contribute to the achievement of an objective. This will be subject to an assessment of the lands impact on Council's financial position.

Where Crown land has environmental merit, Biodiversity Offset Agreements will be considered, to offset where feasible Council's administrative burden and costs.

**5.3 Operational Land**

Operational Land as prescribed by legislation does not have the constraints applicable to Community Land and provides for a broad range of Council outcomes.

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Operational land strategies will also have regard to:

- The land's economic highest and best use and whether the current use reflects this.
- The best available zoning for the site.
- The ability of the land to deliver revenue, in addition to its primary purpose.
- Activation of unused portions to maximise land utility, portfolio efficiency, or other portfolio outcomes.

**5.4 Investment Land**

Land to be used for income generating purposes will be Operational Land. This property category provides opportunities for Council to:

- Diversify its revenue and investment exposures,
- Increase operational income and general revenue, and
- Access attractive returns from low risk, passive income generating properties.

**5.5 Remnant Land**

Remnant Land can be Community or Operational Land. Council will conduct investigations to identify Remnant Land parcels at suitable intervals of not less than five years.

Each parcel of Remnant Land will be classified into one of the following three categories.

Remnant Category	
Environmental, Operational, Recreational	Land with a defined and ongoing purpose for council.
Major opportunities	Parcels suitable for sale, leasing and/or development. Of sufficient size or utility to be offered to the wider market.
Minor Opportunities	Small parcels, usually uneconomic as standalone entities. May suit sale or lease to one or more adjoining owners.

Every Remnant Land parcel will have a strategy consistent with its category. Land absorbed as road will have its respective titles cancelled and be removed from Council's property register and portfolio.

**5.6 Environmental Land**

All land in Environmental or Conservation areas in the City of Ryde Local Government Area, usually zoned C1 - National Parks and Nature Reserves or C2 Environmental Conservation - Or Land which otherwise provides or includes walking tracks, associated seating, shelters, board walks, observation decks, bird hides or the like, and associated display structures.

Environmental Land will be managed within its Community Land constraints.

Self-funding or partially offset management outcomes are targeted wherever possible, (such as Bio-diversity Stewardship Agreements) to sustain or enhance environmental outcomes.

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**6. Property Investment Portfolio**

Council will maintain a diversified Property Investment Portfolio (PIP) for the sole purpose of investment that will contribute to Council's long-term financial sustainability.

Council will regularly review and where necessary, restructure its PIP to:

- Enhance income from appropriate "risk adjusted" property alternatives;
- Target at least 90% (by value) of its PIP, to comprise passive income generating properties; and
- Reduce proportionate exposures to its traditional income sources.

To best ensure PIP outcomes, Council will:

- Set a benchmark annual return "hurdle rate" consistent with market returns from passive income generating commercial property.
- Review the hurdle rate when drafting the four year Property Strategy and as necessary in response to market volatility.
- Acquire appropriately diversified assets that meet or exceed the hurdle rate.
- Identify opportunities from Council's full property portfolio, and recommend appropriate strategies where necessary, to deliver additional PIP assets.
- Set reasonable PIP growth targets, reflecting available capital for PIP investment, internal portfolio opportunities available and the premium that the hurdle rate provides, over and above alternative investment opportunities for council.

Council will apply portfolio construction, risk diversification and similar skills to ensure:

- A diversified income stream, with varying lease expiry dates and tenancy exposures;
- Pre-acquisition asset due diligence, with external input and recommendations;
- Associated portfolio due diligence – measuring the diversification and other benefits that each recommended acquisition, will deliver to the macro portfolio; and
- Optimal portfolio weightings and allocations.

Ongoing PIP management and monitoring will:

- Limit combined lease expiries to a fixed % of total PIP income, in any single year.
- Limit single asset and single tenant exposures, to a fixed % of total PIP value.
- Set maximum exposures for individual asset types – such as industrial, core retail, bulky goods.
- Monitor the Weighted Average Lease Expiry "WALE" of the individual assets and the PIP as a whole, plus allocations to each property type.
- Implement a management framework for impending lease expiries.

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**6.1 Investment Property Selection**

The selection of any property for inclusion in the PIP will require a resolution of Council, following confirmation that all the following criteria have been met:

- Projected return on investment for each property will be reviewed periodically and at a minimum every four years.
- The property has been reviewed by Council's appointed Property Investment Advisor for the purpose of providing the appropriate property investment advice.
- Building age and structural condition presents minimal risk to Council based on consideration of current and future capital investment needs.
- Location of site and its relationship to tenant demand over time.
- The weighted average lease expiry (WALE) is consistent with Council requirements and represents an appropriate level of risk.

Reflecting asset specific characteristics, types and risks, the minimum WALE for any property asset type for inclusion in the PIP with a long term view should be:

Asset Type	Minimum WALE
Commercial Offices	7.0 years.
Standard Retail Shops	3.0 years.
Retail – Bulky Goods	5.0 years.
Industrial	6.0 years.
Other – if recommended	Based on independent assessment.

**6.2 Property Investment Advice**

Council's Property Investment Advisor must be suitably qualified by industry standards to provide the necessary advice.

The Advisor must be an independent person who has no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to investment decisions and the strategy being recommended.

Any property identified through an independent source or any a third-party agency, must be subject to a full review by Council's Property Investment Advisor, who must make recommendations accordingly.

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**6.3 Review of Property Investment Portfolio Performance**

The performance of the PIP will be assessed annually to determine the extent to which set hurdle rates have been achieved across the portfolio, and comparatively over time to assess the trend.

A qualitative assessment will be provided at year end about the overall portfolio performance in Council's Annual Report including an assessment of the targeted hurdle rate for the period.

The financial return on investment across the portfolio will be measured against projected cash returns each year and assessed for movement in trend over sequential years.

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**7. Flagship Projects**

Council's Property Strategy and Action Plan will include identifiable line items for Flagship projects. Flagship projects will be identified for major individual or clusters of properties (Precincts), where the outcomes sought by Council have broad community impact and/or involve large capital expenditure.

Detailed Project Plans created from endorsed Business Cases will be used for Flagships, delivered through appropriate governance mechanisms for their control and financial stewardship.

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**Affordable Housing**

Housing that is appropriate for a range of very low, low, and moderate-income households and priced so that these households can also meet other basic living costs such as food, clothing, transport, medical care, and education.

**Bio-diversity Stewardship Agreements**

In-perpetuity agreements whereby land-owners commit to environmental management actions and may generate 'biodiversity credits' which can be sold to offset the impacts of approved developments elsewhere. Landholders receive ongoing annual management payments and a potential profit from credit sales, once sold.

Payments or revenue received may be used to deliver existing management actions or possibly for new environmental initiatives.

**Green Star and Related Building Ratings**

The Australian sustainability rating and certification system setting standards for healthy and resilient buildings and places and certifying outcomes via recognised Star Ratings accordingly. Related building systems include NABERS Energy Ratings, plus Building Sustainability, Health, and others.

**Hurdle Rate**

The required percentage return on asset cost, calculated as the net annual rental, expressed as a percentage of the asset's purchase price.

The hurdle rate represents the minimum return council will accept, when acquiring assets for inclusion in the Property Investment Portfolio and is based on prevailing market conditions.

The hurdle rate is reviewed annually or otherwise as considered necessary, by reference to analysis of comparable sales evidence, for assets which would otherwise meet all required prerequisites for inclusion in the Property Investment Portfolio.

**Passive Income Generating Properties**

Properties delivering income under medium, or long-term leases, which are renewed on expiry, for further income generation. For most of the ownership period, council's involvement as owner is limited to the more passive property management functions, such as maintenance and rent collection.

Property Policy		
Owner: Corporate Services	Accountability:	Endorsed:
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**Property Policy**

Asset development, re-positioning or similar pro-active management strategies are not targeted initiatives, and occur only where necessitated by major lease expiries, tenant requests that financially enhance council's position and lease security, or other significant property changes.

**Portfolio Lease Expiry Profile**

The ranking of all portfolio lease expiries, in date order and also by reference to the proportion of income each tenancy delivers, as a percentage of the total portfolio income.

The combined details provide the proportion of the total portfolio income to expire in the current and every future year.

The portfolio lease expiry profile is a risk management tool for the timely management and actions of future expiries. It is also used to measure overall portfolio diversification, so that significant components of the Property Investment Portfolio do not expire in a single, or a very limited number of years, when likely market conditions for renewal cannot yet be known.

**Property**

All Council controlled land (owned or managed) and any permanent developments attached, either natural or constructed. Property includes air and sub strata rights, plus interests created through leases, easements, or other legal mechanisms.

These latter interests may also occur on land not owned by Council, but Council's rights and benefits create entities, which will be reviewed and managed under its Property Policy.

**Property Development**

The construction, reconstruction, subdivision, or other substantial alteration or improvement, of vacant or occupied land and/or any buildings or directly related infrastructure.

**Property Investment Advisor**

A person reasonably considered by council to have appropriate independence, experience, and expertise, to evaluate and make submissions in respect of proposed recommendations to Council, by council staff or others.

**Remnant land**

Parcels of closed or unformed road, drainage reserves or other holdings, many of which represent residual land areas left over from infrastructure delivery, or other initiatives requiring the use of land.

Property Policy		
Owner: Corporate Services	Accountability:	Endorsed:
CM Reference: D22/105158	Last review date:	Next review date:

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**Property Policy**

**Weighted Average Lease Expiry (WALE)**

A measurement of the average time-period when all leases in each property, and the portfolio as a single entity, will expire.

The WALE reflects the average remaining time-period (or security) by rental dollar received and should generally be kept as high as reasonably possible for each property, but more specifically, for the combined portfolio.

An example of the calculation of the WALE for a hypothetical property follows, where two tenants have differing rental levels and remaining lease terms. The date used for the example is 31 Dec 2022.

A	B	C	D	E	F
Tenant	Net rent paid	Lease expiry	Remaining Term	Proportion of total rent	Weighting (D x E)
Tenant 1	\$120,000	31 Dec 2029	7.0 years	54.55%	3.82
Tenant 2	\$100,000	31 Dec 2027	5.0 years	45.45%	2.27
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>			<b>100.00%</b>	<b>6.09</b>

The weighted average lease expiry for this property is 6.09 years.

The calculation occurs for each individual property, then for the portfolio as a single entity including the total income from each property and its individual WALE. An example follows.

A	B	C	D	E
Property	Net rent pa	Property WALE (years)	Rental weighting (%)	Weighting (C x D)
Property 1	\$350,000	3.5	48.6%	1.70
Property 2	\$80,000	4.2	11.1%	0.47
Property 3	\$125,000	7.7	17.4%	1.34
Property 4	\$165,000	4.9	22.9%	1.12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$720,000</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4.63</b>

The portfolio WALE in this example is 4.63 years.

Property Policy		
Owner: Corporate Services	Accountability:	Endorsed:
CM Reference: D22/105158	Last review date:	Next review date:

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## 10 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY 2022

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**Report prepared by:** Traffic Engineer  
**File No.:** GRP/09/3 - BP22/581

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### REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides recommendations on each traffic/ parking matter separately and details on how Council may proceed with the proposed measures. The July 2022 Traffic Committee was held electronically. Members of the committee are listed below:

City of Ryde (Chair) .....A/Senior Coordinator Transport Services (for Mgr. Transport)  
Transport for New South Wales.....Network & Safety Officer, Central River City  
NSW Police Force .....Ryde Local Area Command  
Member for Ryde (4 items) ..... The Hon. V Dominello MP  
Member for Lane Cove (1 item) ..... The Hon. A Roberts MP

The July 2022 Traffic Committee agenda consisted of five (5) traffic and parking proposals. No objections were received from the voting members regarding all items A to E. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

The proposed traffic and parking matters now require the approval of Council. For ease of review, details of the proposals identified in the recommendations below are provided as **ATTACHMENT 1**.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council endorses the following Ryde Traffic Committee recommendations from the meeting held in July 2022:

#### **(A) PEARSON STREET, GLADESVILLE - ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)**

The following changes be made on Pearson Street, Gladesville:

- a) A 10-metre-long section of 1P parking zone be installed on the eastern side of Pearson Street, Gladesville, between the driveway access of 5-7 Pearson Street and the adjacent perpendicular parking bays.

#### **(B) BRUCE STREET, RYDE - ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)**

The following changes be made on Bruce Street, Ryde:

- a) A 6-metre-long section of 1P parking zone be installed on the southern side of Bruce Street, Ryde, commencing 10 metre from the intersection of Goulding Road (old alignment).

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**(C) PITTWATER ROAD, NORTH RYDE - BUS ZONE (LAYOVER)**

The following changes be made on Pittwater Road, North Ryde:

- a) An 18-metre-long section of Bus Zone Mon-Fri 6am – 9am be installed (in the northern most section of the indented parking area adjacent to North Ryde Oval) on the western side of Pittwater Road to the immediate south of Cressy Road, North Ryde.

**(D) MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION**

The parking control measures outlined in *Table 1* of **ATTACHMENT 1** be installed to reinforce existing controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

**(E) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS**

- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Agenda Ryde Traffic Committee - July 2022

Report Prepared By:

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**Traffic Engineer**

Report Approved By:

**Yafeng Zhu**  
**Acting Manager - Transport**

**Charles Mahfoud**  
**Acting Director - City Works**



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**ITEM (A): PEARSON STREET, GLADESVILLE**

**SUBJECT: ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)**

ELECTORATE: RYDE  
WARD: EAST  
ROAD CLASS: NON-CLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to install a 10-metre-long section of 1P parking zone adjacent to 5-7 Pearson Street, Gladesville.

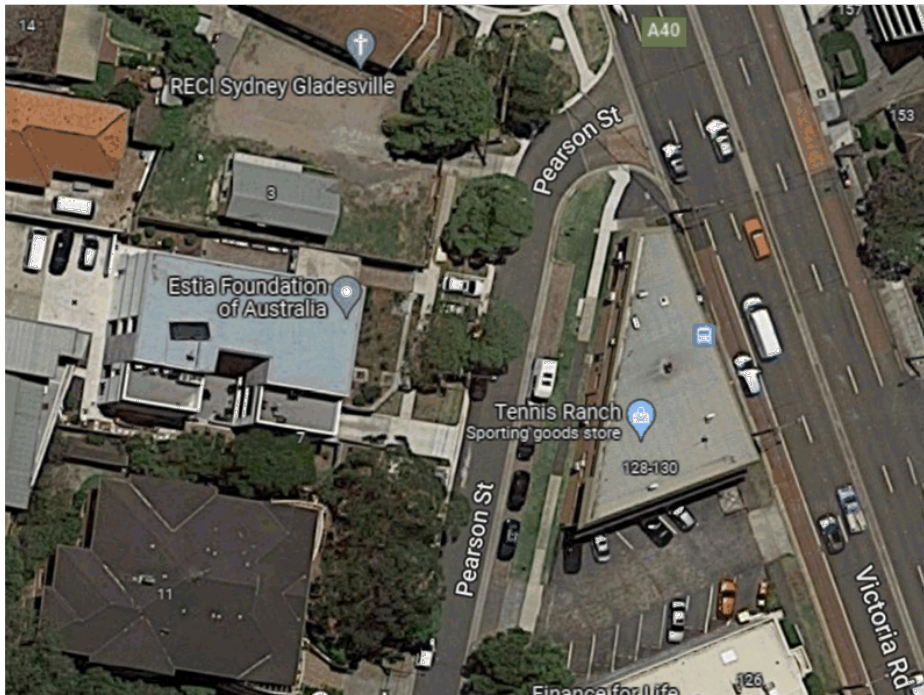


Figure 1: Location map

**DISCUSSION**

The Estia Foundation of Australia, which serves as a group home for people with disabilities, has approached Council for the installation of disabled parking adjacent to the property at 5-7 Pearson Street, Gladesville.



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Due to the geometry and other features of the road (drainage and trees), disabled parking that complies with Australian Standards cannot be installed.

Following discussions with the facility's management, Council recommended that a timed parking restriction be installed at the proposed location to allow residents with valid disabled parking permits to park uninterrupted and discourage other user groups from parking. The proposed changes shown in Figure 2 would improve access to parking while maintaining general use.



*Figure 2: Proposed Signage Change*

**CONSULTATION**

As indicated in Figure 3 over page, Council consulted the surrounding properties regarding the proposed installation of 1P, allowing two weeks for feedback and enquiries. The properties consulted raised no objections to the proposal.

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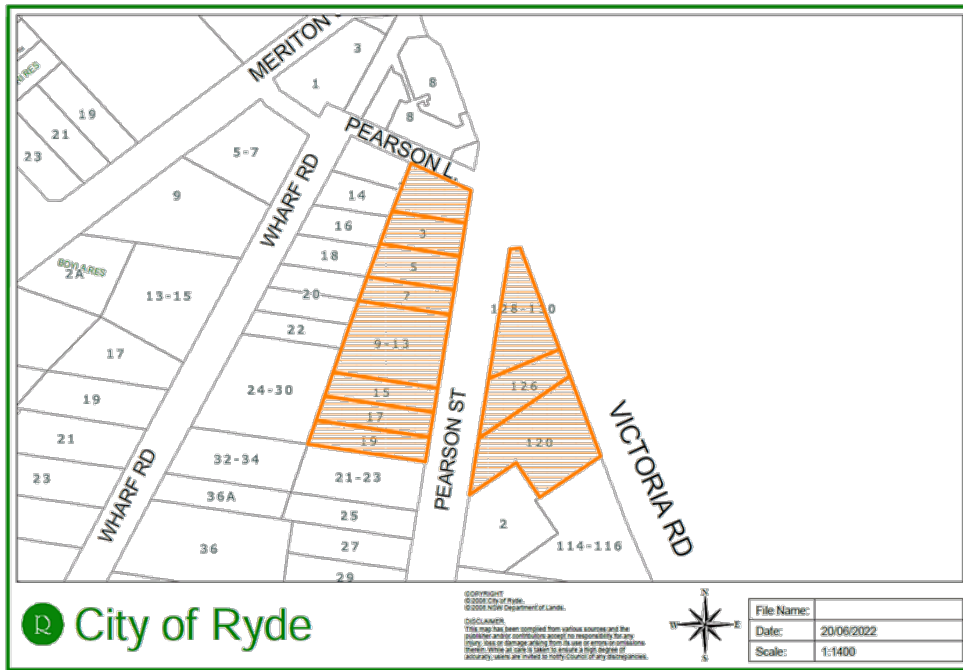


Figure 3: Distribution Map for consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 10-metre-long section of 1P parking zone be installed on the eastern side of Pearson Street, Gladesville, between the driveway access of 5-7 Pearson Street and the adjacent perpendicular parking bays.

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**ITEM (B):** BRUCE STREET, RYDE  
**SUBJECT:** ONE HOUR PARKING (1P)

**ELECTORATE:** RYDE  
**WARD:** EAST  
**ROAD CLASS:** NON-CCLASSIFIED

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to install a 6-metre-long one hour parking (1P) zone adjacent to 11 Goulding road, Ryde.



*Figure 1: Location map.*

**DISCUSSION**

Council have been contacted by a resident of the area with a request to improve access to their property for children with limited mobility. The initial request was for the installation of a disabled parking adjacent to the property.

Due to the physical features of the road (width and grade), it is not possible to install a disabled space that is compliant with Australian Standards.

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Following discussions with the resident, Council recommended that a timed parking restriction (1P) be installed at the proposed location to allow residents with valid disabled parking permits to park uninterrupted and discourage other user groups from parking. The proposed changes shown in Figure 2 would improve access to parking while maintaining general use.



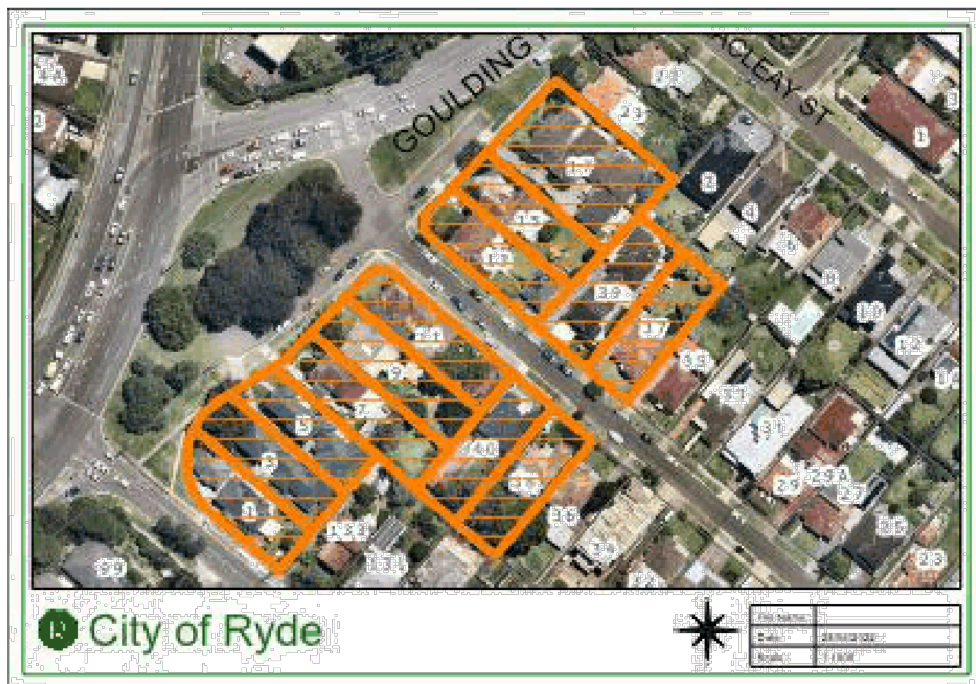
**Figure 2: Proposed signage change**

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**CONSULTATION**

As indicated in Figure 3, Council consulted the surrounding properties regarding the proposed installation of 1P, allowing two weeks for feedback and enquiries. The properties consulted raised no objections to the proposal.



*Figure 3: Distribution Map for consultation.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 6-metre-long section of 1P parking zone be installed on the southern side of Bruce Street, Ryde, commencing 10 metre from the intersection of Goulding Road (old alignment).

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**ITEM (C):** PITTWATER ROAD, NORTH RYDE  
**SUBJECT:** BUS ZONE (LAYOVER)

**ELECTORATE:** RYDE  
**WARD:** EAST  
**ROAD CLASS:** CLASSIFIED REGIONAL ROAD

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the item discussed below.

**PROPOSAL**

Council is proposing to install an 18-metre-long section of Bus Zone Mon-Fri 6am – 9am on Pittwater Road adjacent to North Ryde Oval, to serve as a bus layover area for Busways.



**Figure 1: Location map**



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**DISCUSSION**

The implementation of the Blenheim Park masterplan which was approved at the Council meeting Tuesday 25 August 2020, requires the existing bus layover on Blenheim Road to be relocated to another suitable location to accommodate changes to the park boundaries.

Council has identified the identified parking lane on the western side of Pittwater Road to the immediate south of Cressy Road (as shown in Figure 2 below), as the most appropriate location for the new bus layover area for the following reasons:

- The proposed new location for the bus layovers is on the scheduled bus route and close to amenities which allow scheduled services to begin on time and are important for both driver comfort and reliability of bus services.
- The proposed new location is on Regional Road. The installation of a bus layover will have minimum impact to residential amenity.



Figure 2: Proposed Signage Change



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CONSULTATION

As indicated in Figure 3, Council consulted the surrounding properties regarding the proposed installation of bus layover, allowing two weeks for feedback and enquiries.

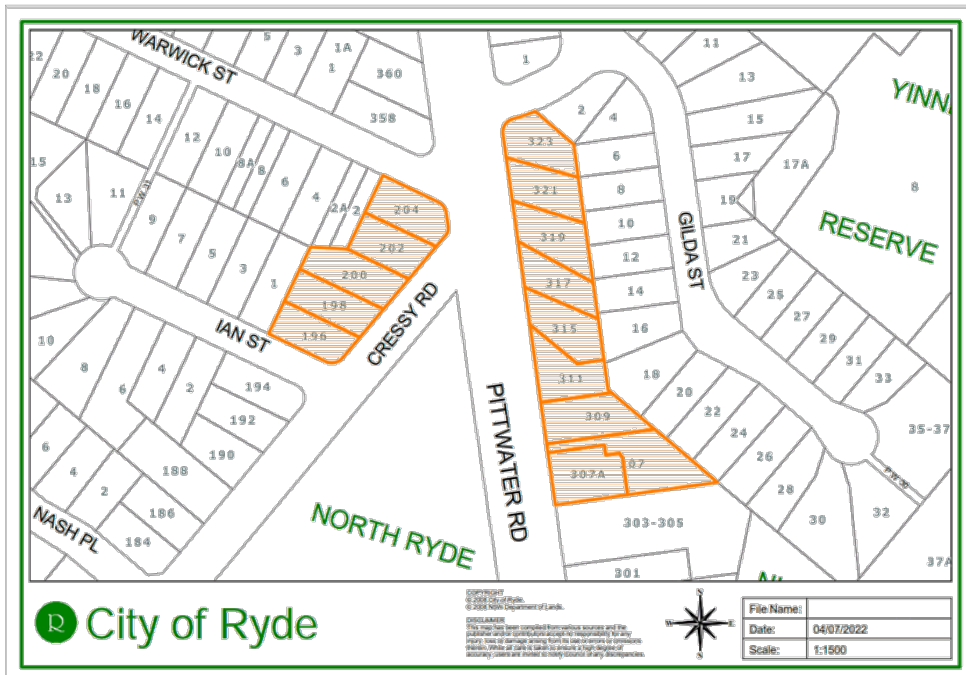


Figure 3: Distribution Map for consultation.

Of the fourteen (14) properties consulted, twelve (12) raised no objections to the proposal. Two (2) responses were received noting concerns regarding the installation of these restrictions.

Council contacted the two (2) residents who raised concerns and discussed potential ways to address their concerns. The outcomes of these discussions are provided below:

**Resident 1** – The resident’s concern was in relation to buses parked within the new layover location on weekends. To address the resident’s concern, Council staff proposed to restrict buses, to being able to park within the new layover area during weekdays (Monday to Friday) only and not on weekends. This is to be controlled through regulatory “BUS ZONE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 6:00AM - 9:00AM” signage as illustrated in Figure 2. The bus operator (Busways) has agreed to this bus parking arrangement.

The resident verbally indicated to Council staff that they are appreciative and supportive of the above outcome.

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**Resident 2** – The resident was concerned with the noise of idle buses parked within the new layover area. To address the resident’s concern, the resident was informed by Council staff based on advice provided by the bus operator (Busways) that it is Busways policy to limit the idling time to two (2) minutes. Council will also be installing advisory signage to further reinforce this requirement.

The resident verbally indicated to Council staff that they are supportive of the abovementioned arrangement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) An 18-metre-long section of Bus Zone Mon-Fri 6am – 9am be installed (in the northernmost section of the indented parking area adjacent to North Ryde Oval) on the western side of Pittwater Road to the immediate south of Cressy Road, North Ryde.

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**ITEM (D)**

**MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION**

The parking control measures outlined in *Table 1* will be installed to reinforce existing parking controls under the [NSW] *Road Rules 2014*.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Parking Control Measure</b>	<b>Existing Road Rules 2014 Control</b>	<b>Installation Date</b>
Driveways at 78 to 90 Charles Street, Putney	6 metre of 'NO PARKING' across each driveway at 78 to 90 Charles Street, Putney	Rule 168 Stopping at or near an intersection	August 2022
Intersection of Fisher Avenue and Boyce Street, Ryde	10 metre "No Stopping" on both sides of Fisher Avenue at its intersection with Boyce Street.	Rule 170 Stopping at or near an intersection	August 2022

*Table 1: Parking control measures installed to reinforce existing controls under Road Rules 2014.*

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**ATTACHMENT 1**



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**ITEM (E): ROAD SAFETY UPDATE**  
**SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS**  
**ELECTORATE: RYDE / LANE COVE**  
**WARD: ALL**

Traffic Committee Members are required to advise whether they have any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest with regards to the items discussed below.

**TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES (TfNSW) FUNDED PROGRAMS**

Look Out Before You Step Out pavement decals have been installed at 30 key crossing points around the Meadowbank Employment and Education Precinct.

Funding for 2022-2023 road safety programs is expected to be confirmed in early July. TfNSW allocates a maximum of \$10,000 of funding per Council to be used as per the Local Government Road Safety Program Guidelines. Council has applied for a continuation of the free child car seat checking program, promotion of senior driver and helping Learner driver workshops, and participation in community engagement with targeted groups.

Councils have been advised that this is likely the final year that the free child car seat checking program will be funded by Transport for NSW as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.

**COUNCIL FUNDED PROGRAMS**

**Senior Pedestrian Safety**

Two talks on pedestrian safety for seniors were presented to the falls prevention program, Stepping On.

A short video on pedestrian safety aimed at seniors is being finalised. This project is part of a joint pedestrian safety program with Northern Beaches and North Sydney Councils.

**Sustainability Festival**

Information on cycling, share user paths and road safety was provided at the recent Sustainability Festival. There was a high level of engagement with festival goers on safe cycling, and safe use of shared user paths. Hi-visibility slap bands and reflectors were distributed to cyclists and pedestrians to as part of the 'Be Safe Be Seen' program. Free bike checks were also provided, and the service was well utilised for the entire festival.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

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- a) The Road Safety report be received and noted.

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## **INFORMATION REPORT**

### **11 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2022**

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**Report prepared by:** Chief Financial Officer  
**File No.:** GRP/21/8 - BP22/636

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#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report details Council's performance of its investment portfolio as at 31 July 2022 and compares it against key benchmarks. The report includes Council's loan liabilities.

Council's rate of return on investments for the reporting period is 2.23%, which is 0.77% above the benchmark figure of 1.46%.

Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$2,312K and as at 31 July 2022 funds of \$392K have been earned.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**Director - Corporate Services**



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### Discussion

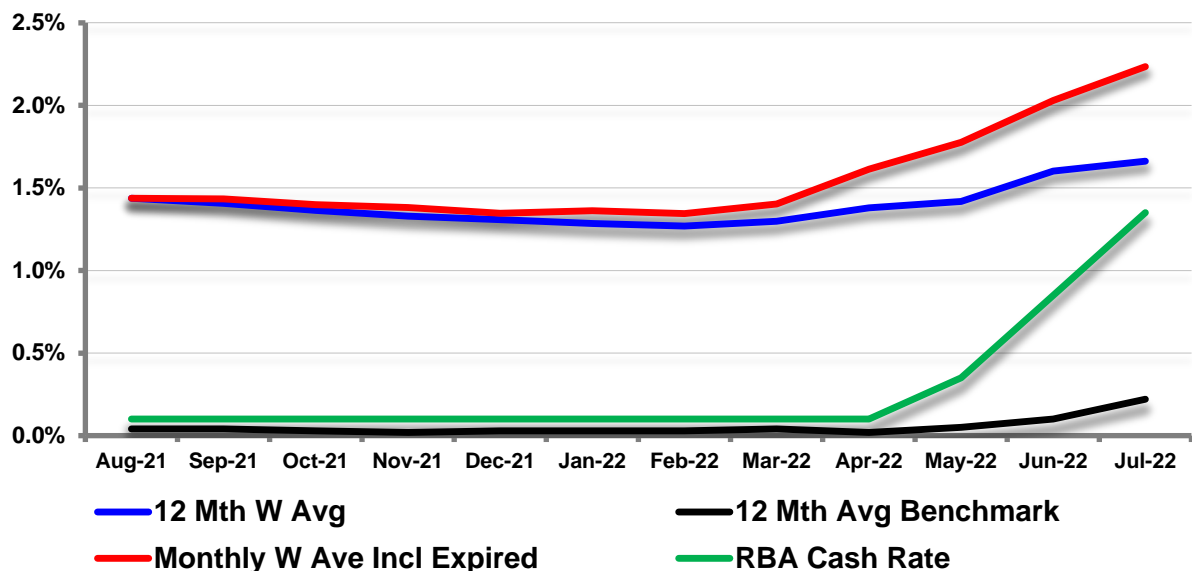
Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report monthly on Council's Investment Portfolio as per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Section 212 and certify that the Investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy and Section 625 of the *Local Government Act* 1993.

### Investment Performance Commentary

Council's performance against the benchmark for returns of its investment portfolio for July 2022 and the past 12 months are as follows:

	Jul	12 Mth	FYTD
<b>Council Return</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>2.23</b>
<b>Benchmark</b>	1.46	<b>0.22</b>	1.46
<b>Variance</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>0.77</b>

### Performance - All Investments



Council's investment portfolio as at 31 July 2022 was as follows:

Cash/Term Deposits	\$95.51M	44.1%
Floating Rate Notes	\$40.49M	18.7%
Fixed Bonds	\$80.57M	37.2%
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$216.56M</b>	

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Council continues to utilise the Federal Government's current guarantee (\$250K) investing in Term Deposits with a range of Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions (ADI's) on short to medium term investments (generally 30 days to 180 days maturity) where more competitive rates are available.

Council's income from investments continues to exceed original budgeted expectations, primarily due to Council's cash reserves balances being higher than anticipated.

**Loan Liability**

Council's loan liability as at 31 July 2022 was \$673K which represents the balance of two loans which were established under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). Council receives a 3% interest subsidy payment from the OLG twice a year.

1. A \$1.5M 10 year loan drawn down 31 January 2014 at 180 day Bank Bill Swap rate (BBSW) of +175 basis points for the Children's Play Implementation Plan, which was approved for an LIRS subsidy in Round 2. The interest rate for this loan is reset every six months.
2. A \$1.5M 10 year loan drawn down 1 September 2014 at 4.95% for Phase 2 of the Children's Play Implementation Plan, which was approved for an LIRS subsidy in Round 3.

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### INVESTMENT SUMMARY AS AT 31 JULY 2022

Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Free	Invested at 31-Jul-22 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2022	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenor
Bank of Queensland	1. Bank of Queensland Floating Rate Note	AAA	N	1,200	2.09	1.32	2.09	0.55	14/05/2025	1826
Bank of Queensland	2. BoQ FRN	AAA	N	2,000	2.09	2.09	2.09	0.92	14/05/2025	1051
National Australia Bank	3. NAB Fixed Bond (Covered)	AAA	N	3,748	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.73	16/03/2023	1826
Suncorp-Metway	4. Suncorp Covered Bond	AAA	Y	3,960	3.56	3.56	3.56	1.83	24/08/2026	1593
Westpac Banking Corporation	5. WBC Covered Bond	AAA	N	3,193	3.94	3.93	3.94	1.47	20/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	6. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,500	3.31	3.16	3.31	0.69	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	3.13	3.14	3.13	1.38	8/02/2024	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	8. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	1.56	1.57	1.56	0.92	29/08/2024	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	9. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,996	1.67	1.67	1.67	0.92	29/08/2024	1805
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	10. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	1,998	1.71	1.68	1.71	0.92	16/01/2025	1827
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	11. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,986	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.38	29/08/2024	1612
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	12. ANZ Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,000	4.09	4.09	4.09	0.92	12/05/2025	1096
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	13. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	1,500	1.97	0.98	1.97	0.69	18/01/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	14. ANZ Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	1.86	1.16	1.86	0.92	9/05/2023	1826
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	15. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	2.45	1.76	2.45	1.85	10/11/2022	2557
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	16. ANZ Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.19	1.74	3.19	1.85	15/12/2022	2557
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	17. CBA Business Online Saver	AA-	N	16,513	1.40	0.30	1.40	7.63		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	18. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,997	3.41	3.41	3.41	1.85	25/04/2023	1916
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	19. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,498	3.28	3.27	3.28	1.62	16/08/2023	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	20. CBA Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,491	3.37	3.24	3.37	1.61	11/01/2024	1826
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	21. CBA Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.80	0.62	0.80	1.85	22/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	22. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,999	3.08	3.08	3.08	1.85	10/02/2023	1918
National Australia Bank	23. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,999	2.95	2.93	2.95	1.38	26/02/2024	1826
National Australia Bank	24. NAB Fixed Bond	AA-	N	3,492	2.98	2.98	2.98	1.61	25/02/2027	1826
National Australia Bank	25. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	4,000	1.91	1.15	1.91	1.85	16/05/2023	1826
National Australia Bank	26. NAB Floating Rate Note	AA-	N	2,000	2.78	1.20	2.78	0.92	19/06/2024	1827
National Australia Bank	27. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.90	0.63	0.90	1.85	24/02/2023	365
National Australia Bank	28. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	1.83	1.83	1.83	0.92	12/10/2022	146
National Australia Bank	29. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.52	0.47	0.52	1.85	11/11/2022	365
National Australia Bank	30. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	0.65	0.57	0.65	1.85	11/01/2023	365
National Australia Bank	31. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.35	3.35	3.35	1.85	18/09/2023	1827
National Australia Bank	32. NAB Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	0.55	0.53	0.55	0.92	2/12/2022	365
Westpac Banking Corporation	33. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,492	3.25	3.25	3.25	1.15	24/04/2024	1917
Westpac Banking Corporation	34. Westpac Fixed Bond	AA-	N	2,597	2.76	2.76	2.76	1.20	17/03/2025	1096
Westpac Banking Corporation	35. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	3.32	3.32	3.32	1.85	9/08/2022	1813
Westpac Banking Corporation	36. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	2,000	3.38	3.38	3.38	0.92	18/08/2022	1815
Westpac Banking Corporation	37. Westpac Term Deposit	AA-	N	4,000	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.85	16/02/2024	729
Macquarie Bank	38. Macquarie Bank Fixed Bond	A+	N	3,999	1.71	1.70	1.71	1.85	12/02/2025	1827
Suncorp-Metway	39. Suncorp-Metway Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,591	2.70	2.60	2.70	1.66	25/01/2027	1826
Suncorp-Metway	40. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	3,836	3.73	3.62	3.73	1.77	25/01/2027	1763
Suncorp-Metway	41. Suncorp Fixed Bond	A+	Y	1,343	5.62	5.50	5.62	0.62	25/01/2027	1683
Suncorp-Metway	42. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note (Covered)	A+	Y	1,000	1.98	1.22	1.98	0.46	16/08/2022	1826
Suncorp-Metway	43. Suncorp-Metway Floating Rate Note	A+	Y	1,200	2.04	1.33	2.04	0.55	24/04/2025	1823
Suncorp-Metway	44. Suncorp FRN	A+	Y	2,560	1.89	1.97	1.89	1.18	25/02/2027	1711
Australian Unity Bank	45. Australian Unity Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	4.14	4.14	4.14	0.92	19/07/2023	398
B&E (T/as Bank of Us)	46. Bank of us Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.43	1.43	1.43	0.92	9/08/2022	61
Bank of Queensland	47. ME Bank At Call Account	BBB+	N	596	0.64	0.50	0.64	0.28		
Bank of Queensland	48. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	3,795	2.14	2.15	2.14	1.75	27/10/2026	1826
Bank of Queensland	49. BoQ Fixed Bond	BBB+	N	1,831	4.06	4.03	4.06	0.85	6/05/2026	1496

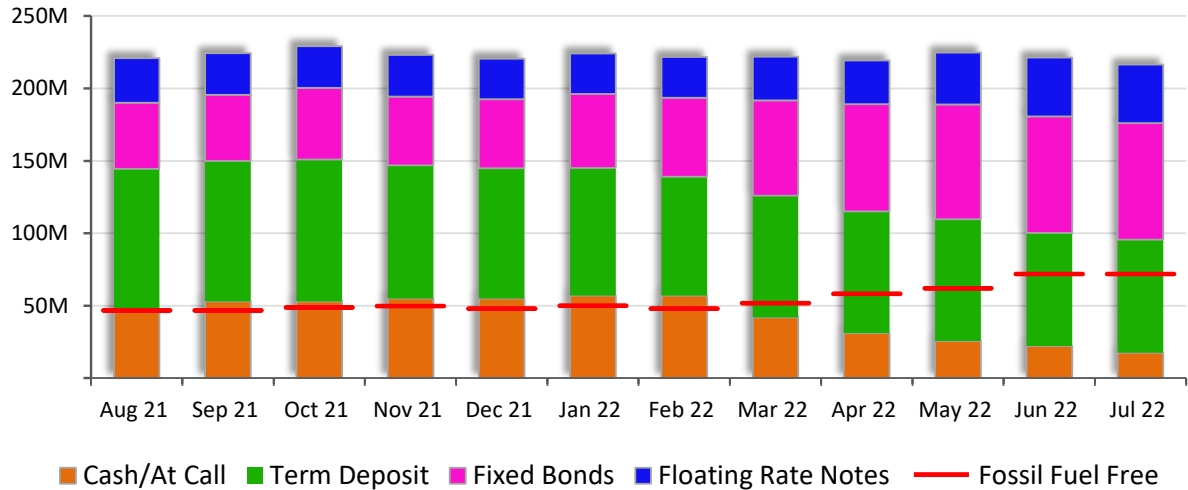
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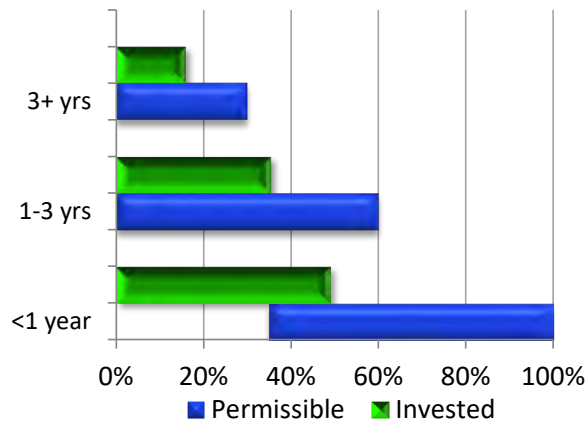
Issuer	Investment Name	Investment Rating	Fossil Fuel Fre	Invested at 31-Jul-22 \$000's	Annualised Period Return (%)	12 Month Average Return on Current Investments	Return since 01 July 2022	% of Total Invested	Maturity	Tenure
Bank of Queensland	50. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	2.55	2.55	2.55	0.92	13/06/2024	1827
Bank of Queensland	51. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	0.43	0.44	0.43	1.85	16/09/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	52. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	2,000	0.70	1.72	0.70	0.92	9/12/2022	365
Bank of Queensland	53. Bank of Queensland Term Deposit	BBB+	N	4,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.85	15/11/2022	1804
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	54. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,000	3.71	3.55	3.71	0.92	25/01/2023	1826
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	55. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	3,743	3.10	3.10	3.10	1.73	17/03/2025	1096
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	56. Bendigo Bank Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	990	3.44	3.44	3.44	0.46	17/03/2025	1088
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	57. Bendigo Fixed Bond	BBB+	Y	2,493	3.26	3.25	3.26	1.15	6/09/2024	882
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	58. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.03	1.31	2.03	0.92	25/01/2023	1532
Heritage Bank	59. Heritage Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.79	1.06	1.79	0.92	12/08/2022	1085
Members Banking Group	60. RACQ FRN	BBB+	Y	2,000	2.33	2.33	2.33	0.92	23/05/2025	1096
MyState Bank	61. MyState FRN	BBB+	Y	1,500	2.41	0.93	2.41	0.69	16/06/2025	1461
MyState Bank	62. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.92	11/10/2023	730
MyState Bank	63. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.92	4/03/2024	732
MyState Bank	64. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.92	29/11/2022	365
MyState Bank	65. MyState Bank Term Deposit	BBB+	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.92	4/11/2022	365
AMP	66. AMP At Call Account	BBB	N	399	0.51	0.50	0.51	0.18		
AMP	67. AMP Term Deposit	BBB	N	1,000	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.46	2/08/2022	368
Auswide Bank	68. Auswide Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,500	2.88	1.34	2.88	0.69	17/03/2023	1095
Auswide Bank	69. Auswide Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.24	1.47	1.24	0.92	5/02/2024	720
Bank Australia	70. Bank Australia Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	2,000	2.14	1.15	2.14	0.92	2/12/2022	1096
Credit Union Australia	71. Great Southern Bank Floating Rate Note	BBB	Y	1,000	2.04	1.33	2.04	0.46	24/10/2024	1827
Credit Union Australia	72. Great Southern Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.92	31/01/2023	365
Defence Bank	73. Defence Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	0.85	0.64	0.85	0.92	8/02/2024	730
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	74. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	2,000	1.89	0.87	1.89	0.92	4/03/2026	1826
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	75. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,236	2.02	1.32	2.02	1.49	4/03/2026	1458
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	76. NPBS FRN	BBB	Y	3,690	1.38	1.37	1.38	1.70	10/02/2027	1720
Police & Nurses Limited	77. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	1,000	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.46	2/11/2023	1821
Police & Nurses Limited	78. P&N Bank Term Deposit	BBB	Y	2,000	1.52	1.52	1.52	0.92	31/01/2024	730
Teachers Mutual Bank	79. Teachers Mutual Bank FRN	BBB	Y	1,100	2.45	0.97	2.45	0.51	16/06/2026	1826
QPCU	80. QBank FRN	BBB-	Y	1,000	2.56	1.02	2.56	0.46	22/03/2024	1096
QPCU	81. QBank Term Deposit	BBB-	Y	1,000	0.65	0.82	0.65	0.46	30/09/2022	364
Warwick Credit Union	82. Warwick CU Term Deposit	NR	NA	1,000	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.46	9/03/2023	728
				<b>216,560</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>100</b>		

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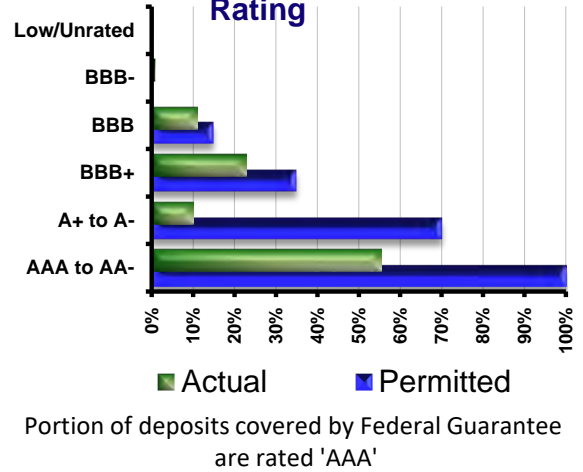
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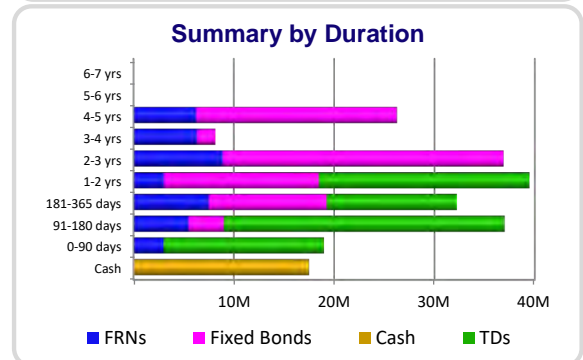
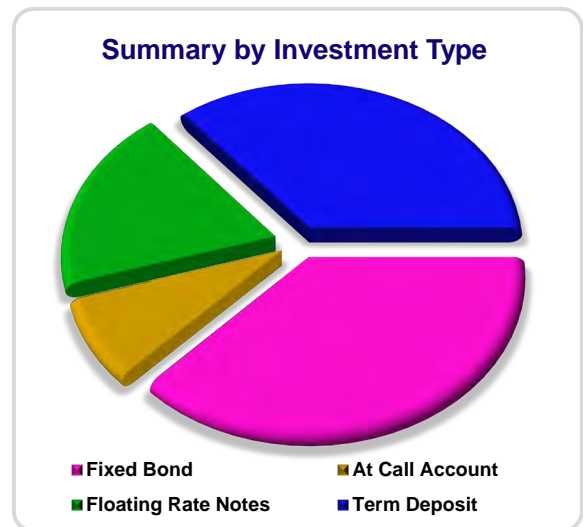
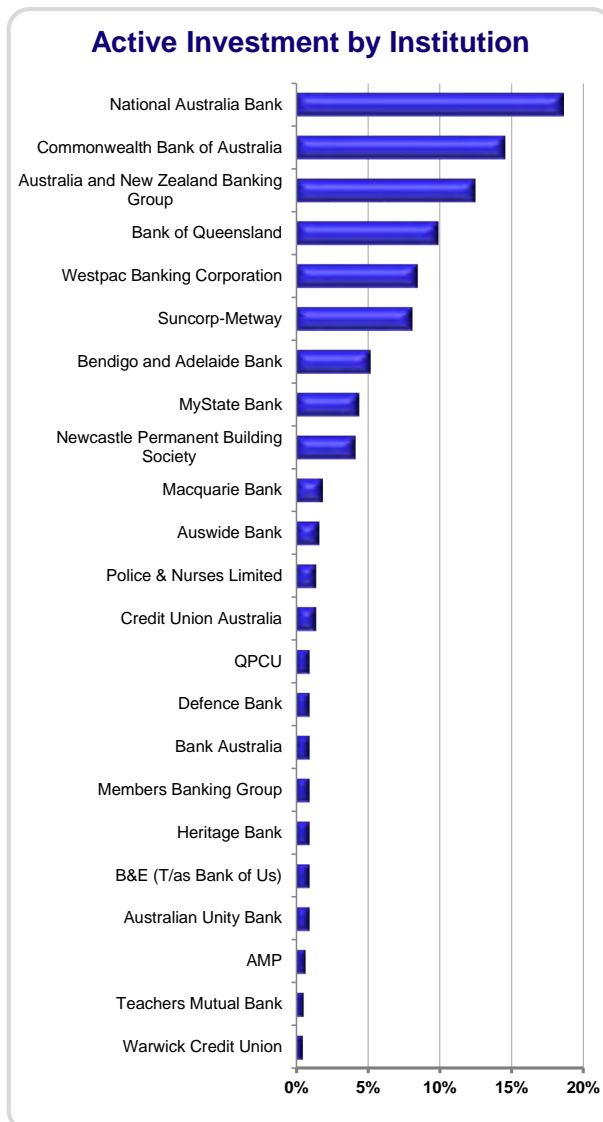
**Policy Limits on Maturities**



**Investment Summary by Rating**



**ITEM 11 (continued)**



	<365 days	>365 days
Cash/TDs	\$74.5M	\$21.0M
FRNs	\$16.0M	\$24.5M
Fixed Bonds	\$15.2M	\$65.3M
	<b>\$105.8M</b>	<b>\$110.8M</b>

**Divestment of Fossil Fuel Aligned Financial Institutions**

Council uses the entity Market Forces to validate its classes of investments into either fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned institutions. The figures below are conservative and do not include any financial institutions that have not declared if they are fossil fuel or non-fossil fuel aligned.

As at 31 July 2022, Council had a total amount of \$71.74M million invested in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, which is 33.1% of its total investment portfolio. This is an increased proportion on previous months, as non-fossil fuel investments have recently offered higher returns that are more in keeping with the broader market.

**ITEM 11 (continued)**

While all efforts are made to increase Council's proportion of non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions, a conflict arises with credit rating requirements. This is because non-fossil fuel investment opportunities are in the main provided by smaller institutions that have lower credit ratings. If more of these were taken up, our overall percentage of lower credit rating institutions would result in a breach of percentages set out in the adopted policy and elsewhere in this report.

**Financial Implications**

Council's return for the reporting period is 2.23%, which is 0.77% above the benchmark figure of 1.46%. Income from interest on investments is budgeted at \$2,312K and as at 31 July 2022 funds of \$392K have been earned.

**Summary**

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well with returns above benchmark and is consistent with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which deals with the investment of surplus funds by Councils.

**Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer (Responsible Accounting Officer)**

I certify that as at the date of this report, the investments listed have been made and are held in compliance with Council's Investment Policy and applicable legislation.

Aneesh Zahra  
Chief Financial Officer



**NOTICES OF MOTION****1 LIVE MUSIC STRATEGY - Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/646**

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That staff develop a “Live Music Strategy” for the City of Ryde within the next 6 months that:-
- i. seeks to deliver a range of practical actions in collaboration with partner agencies and individuals;
  - ii. manages the impacts of live music on residents and the community without compromising the viability of the city’s live music venues;
  - iii. facilitates opportunities for an all age music sector to nurture emerging local talent and provide career pathways in the live music sector;
  - iv. provides safe live music participation opportunities for young audiences;
  - v. activates the City of Ryde’s growth through the delivery of live music performance in a range of indoor and outdoor venues and settings;
  - vi. promotes social cohesion and community well-being;
  - vii. includes an implementation plan for permanent live music venues.
- (b) That following completion of the “Live Music Strategy”, staff investigate whether there are any City of Ryde facilities that could be utilised as live music venues and report back to Council on these possibilities with developing a EOI to conduct permanent live music venues.

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**2     HIRING OF APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES BY COUNCIL - Councillor Roy Maggio**

**File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/648

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**MOTION:**

That staff provide a report to Council within three months, addressing the following:-

- (a) Identify any existing formal strategies, informal practices, or targets already in place promoting hiring of apprentices and trainees by Council.
- (b) If such targets or strategies exist, whether they are currently being met, and if not, reasons why.
- (c) Are there any teams/operations within Council that currently has staff with appropriate trade skills able to train an apprentice in that trade?
- (d) Are there any teams/operations within Council that are currently outsourced, but if brought in house, would then have staff with appropriate trade skills able to train an apprentice in that trade?
- (e) What are the barriers to Council hiring more apprentices/trainees, and how might those barriers be overcome?
- (f) If no targets exist, what would be an achievable target for apprentices hired by Council each year?
- (g) Does Council impose any KPIs on its trade contractors relating to whether those contractors hire apprentices? Would it be feasible for Council to impose such a KPI? What would a reasonable KPI be?
- (h) When requesting tenders from contractors for trade work, does Council ask tenderers to provide any information about whether they hire apprentices? If so, what weight is given to this information? If not, would it be feasible to require this information to be provided by tenderers moving forward?
- (i) Identify any state or federal incentives or grants which Council could apply for to offset the costs of hiring apprentices.

**3 HOP, SKIP AND JUMP IN PUTNEY - Councillor Roy Maggio**

**File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/661

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council staff identify more durable and permanent stencil solutions and replace the temporary hop skip and jump in Putney by ending of September 2022.
- (b) That if the new solution is successful it be considered for other suitable locations such as (and not limited to) Blenheim Rd, Cox's Rd, Boronia Park, and West Ryde Plaza, subject to consultation with local businesses and any affected stakeholders to confirm a suitable location.
- (c) That this program be funded from the existing Neighbourhood Activation Budget up to \$6,000.
- (d) That Council considers the inclusion of a Hop, Skip & Jump in future Park and Town Centre Master Plans.

**4 NEW YEARS' EVE FIREWORKS - Councillor Trenton Brown**

**File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/659

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That the City of Ryde explore opportunities to host New Year's Eve fireworks at suitable locations such as Meadowbank Park, or other locations, so that our residents may enjoy the New Year's Eve festivities without the need to travel into the CBD on New Year's Eve.
- (b) That a report is brought back to Council within 3 months identifying suitable locations and the potential for interaction with the NSW Government and other Local Government Areas to jointly collaborate in hosting fireworks in areas beyond the Sydney CBD.
- (c) That this report should also assess the potential for environmentally-sustainable and non-explosive alternatives, such as drone shows, similar to those conducted overseas or at the Vivid Australia Festival.

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**5 MORNING TEA TO CELEBRATE COMMONWEALTH GAMES SPORTING CHAMPIONS - Councillor Trenton Brown****File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/660

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That the City of Ryde hosts a morning tea with members of the Commonwealth Games team who reside in the City of Ryde.
- (b) That the Mayor invites community members and family to celebrate the achievements of individuals and team members from our community at a suitable date in the future.

**6 BOOST ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY OF RYDE'S EMPLOYMENT CENTRE, MACQUARIE PARK - Councillor Bernard Purcell****File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/664

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**BACKGROUND**

Macquarie Park sits within the City of Ryde. It's significance cannot be overstated.

- 72,000 workers of which approximately 20,000 live in Ryde
- 40,000 students of which approximately 10,000 live in Ryde
- 11,000 residents within Macquarie Park
- Home of 10% of the world's Top 100 companies
- Generates 9.5 bn in economic activity each year
- Number 1 Australian postcode for new Australian IP registrations

A draft NSW Government strategy plans for an additional 20,000 jobs in Macquarie Park. Its future success will require special care and attention if Ryde residents are to benefit from the opportunities this will create.

**MOTION:**

That the Acting General Manager:-

- (a) Commission a comprehensive economic development study to measure the current and planned economic profile and impact of Macquarie Park, to help guide decision-making and strategic investment.
- (b) Investigate the introduction of a dedicated Macquarie Park Economic Development Director.

- (c) Re-establish regular contact points for businesses and interest groups operating within Macquarie Park.
- (d) Investigate real economic development opportunities that the City of Ryde can assist in achieving – encouraging more growth in Macquarie Park through funding and / or incentives.
- (e) Investigate infrastructure and liveability reform for both businesses and residents to optimise the above opportunities.

**7 PROTECTING WILDLIFE FROM RAT POISON AND PHASING OUT OF SECOND GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES (SGARs) IN THE CITY OF RYDE LGA - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

**File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/668

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council notes:-
  - i. the most commonly used rodent poisons are anticoagulant rodenticides (ARs). Newer ARs, called second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs), which are powerful enough that a single feed can be lethal but because of the time lag between taking a bait and feeling the effects, rodents can consume a more than lethal dose and still be wandering around – like walking time bombs.
  - ii. predators that naturally eat rodents, like owls and birds of prey, can then easily consume multiple poisoned rodents, in turn becoming poisoned themselves.
  - iii. SGARs work by causing internal bleeding, but when rats and mice eat baits poisoned with SGARs, they become poisonous themselves, harming and even killing other animals and birds that eat them.
  - iv. studies in Australia have found harmful and often fatal levels of SGARs in dead birds of prey, including Southern Boobooks, Wedge-tailed Eagles and Powerful Owls.
- (b) That Council notes that City of Ryde do not use SGARs.
- (c) That Council staff bring back a strategy report on phasing out community use of SGARs in the City of Ryde LGA that includes:-
  - where City of Ryde pest management is via an external provider, updating Council contracts to include a clause that inhibits the use of SGAR rodent control.

- only permitting application of rodenticides in solid, non-pellet form in locked, tamper-resistant bait stations targeted to rodents only.
- restricting permanent baiting and replace with pulsed baiting in areas where exposure to non-target wildlife is high.
- distributing information about the impacts of second-generation rodenticides on birds and other wildlife to Ryde business and residents.
- investigating conditions that could be included to assist with rat control in demolition licences.
- providing information to tenants of Council buildings to make it a condition of leases that tenants use wildlife-safe pest control.
- running custom training sessions for health inspectors so that they can educate food and beverage licensees.
- providing information as part of the process of demolition permit application and to service providers.
- creating a list of wildlife friendly pest services for community and businesses.
- writing to Birdlife Australia, Wires, Sydney Wildlife Services and the Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society informing them of the resolution.

## **8 MULTICULTURAL DISABILITY ROUND TABLE - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

**File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/669

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### **MOTION:**

- (a) That Council notes that individuals in Ryde from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, who do not speak English may find it difficult to access disability advocacy and information regarding care and services.
- (b) That the City of Ryde host a multicultural disability advocacy round table, inviting people with lived experience along with regional disability advocates, service providers and medical practitioners whose clients are from CALD backgrounds and may not speak English.
- (c) That this be funded from the community services budget and/or the community grants program.

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**9 REPLACING FAST GROWING TURF ON NATURE STRIPS WITH SLOW, LOW GROWING NATIVE SHRUBS - Councillor Penny Pedersen****File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/670

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**MOTION:**

That staff bring back a report on replacing turf on nature strips with slow, low growing native shrubs. With focus on nature strips that are alongside Transport for NSW roads and where nature strips are not managed by adjoining properties like North Ryde Golf Club on Lane Cove Road, Transport for NSW road reserves and the stretch of Lane Cove Road between the Twin Road and Quarry Road intersections.

**10 WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK - 5 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 - Councillor Shweta Deshpande****File Number:** CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/671

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**BACKGROUND:**

Women's Health Week is a nation-wide campaign of events and online activities – all centered on improving women's health and helping the community to make healthier choices. Every September, for one week, Women's Health Week is a reminder to set aside time for health and wellbeing for women. Women's Health week 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September is organised by Jean Hailes for Women's Health.

This year's Women's Health Week daily themes are:-

- Day 1: Check me out – health checks at every age
- Day 2: Menopause matters – menopause and perimenopause
- Day 3: Pelvic power – pelvic floor health and pelvic pain
- Day 4: Mind health – mental wellbeing and brain health
- Day 5: Move and improve – physical activity and your health

**MOTION:**

That Council:-

- (a) Acknowledge Women's Health week dedicated to the health of women, girls and gender-diverse people celebrated during the week 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- (b) Work with a local Health Care Professional to conduct a local event/talk for women in the City of Ryde around Menopause/Perimenopause on a suitable date in September 2022.
- (c) Raise awareness of the importance of Women's Health during the week 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the City of Ryde through the City's digital media channels including a link to Jean Hailes as the national digital gateway for women's health.



**11 INDOOR SPORTING FIELDS IN RYDE - Councillor Shweta Deshpande**

**File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/672**

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**MOTION:**

That Council:-

- (a) In partnership with local schools and clubs to develop a strategy to maximise utilisation and access of indoor sporting facilities to keep up with growing demand.
- (b) That the strategy focuses on but is not limited to:-
  - Badminton
  - Volleyball
  - Basketball
  - Martial Arts
- (c) That the strategy be reported back to Council in 3 months' time.

**12 REVIEW OF PARKING ZONES - Councillor Shweta Deshpande**

**File Number: CLM/22/1/1/6 - BP22/673**

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**MOTION:**

That Council:-

- (a) Review 2-hour parking zones in streets located within Lane Cove, Kent and Epping Road boundaries including but not limited to Milroy, Trevitt, Michael Street in North Ryde to assess whether these restrictions are still required.
- (b) If changes are recommended, these changes are reviewed after 12 months.

**NOTICE OF RESCISSION****1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION: ITEM 5 - ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN - Councillor Penny Pedersen, Councillor Katie O'Reilly, Councillor Bernard Purcell****File Number: CLM/22/1/1/7 - BP22/665**

That Council rescind the previous resolution in relation to Item 5 – ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN, passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 July 2022, namely:-

**COUNCIL REPORT****5 ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN**

- (a) *That Council adopts the Green Links Masterplan as its vision for the three corridors, but excludes the works within the Sydney Water lands between Quarry Road and Blaxland Rd, prepared by McGregor Coxall (June 2022).*
- (b) *That Council write to thank Sydney Water for their input to the City of Ryde Green Links Masterplan and advise them the land between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road is no longer required.*
- (c) *That outside the link referred to in Part (a), Council enters into detailed discussions with the respective land owners to formalise use of lands not owned by Council and delegate authority to the General Manager to do all things necessary to affect the progressive implementation of the Green Links Masterplan on these lands.*
- (d) *That Council advocate for funding to expedite Masterplan implementation.*
- (e) *That the Mayor writes to the relevant Minister to expedite implementation of the remaining projects of the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Masterplan which directly relate to the Green Links Masterplan.*
- (f) *That Council write to thank all participants in the development of the Masterplan and inform them of this resolution.*

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEM****12 PROPERTY MATTER**

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**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: (b) discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer; AND (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**Report prepared by:** Senior Coordinator - Park Planning

**File No.:** GRP/22/47 - BP22/613

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