

Monday 16 December 2019

CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – NOVEMBER MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 26 November 2019. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

Council reveals strong financial performance for 2018/19

The City of Ryde's 2018/19 audited financial statements has revealed a strong financial performance, with Council exceeding all of its financial and infrastructure key performance indicators while it embarks on an ambitious infrastructure program for the community.

The audited financial statements endorsed by Council show a \$54.3 million operating surplus for the 2018/19 period, with net assets of \$1.5 billion and a balance of \$232 million in cash and investments.

The City of Ryde has been able to achieve its strong financial performance as it invested more than \$123 million delivering services for the community in 2018/19 and also increased investment in community facilities and the environment.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Digging deep to help those impacted by bushfires and drought

The City of Ryde will support two fundraisers to help those impacted by the recent bushfires and ongoing drought.

Council will undertake a fundraising campaign for the Salvation Army Bushfire Disaster Appeal and pledged to donate \$5,000 to kick-start the appeal.

Councillors also unanimously agreed to donate \$20,000 to the Country Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid Appeal, to assist NSW residents impacted by the one of the most severe droughts on record.

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Alex Wilkinson recognised

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by the City of Ryde to Sydney FC captain and Australian international representative Alex Wilkinson for his outstanding achievements in football.

Mr Wilkinson grew up playing football in the City of Ryde where he was a student at Ryde East Public School and Epping Boys High School.

He has made 11 appearances for Australia and became the captain of Sydney FC at the start of the current A-League season.

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Meadowbank and Memorial Park Masterplan adopted

The Meadowbank and Memorial Park Masterplan has been adopted by Council. The masterplan seeks to increase the sporting capacity within Meadowbank Park while also implementing a range of environmental and active recreation improvements across both parks.

West Ryde Revitalisation Strategy

The City of Ryde will organise a question and answer session about the [West Ryde Revitalisation Strategy](#) with West Ryde shop owners. The strategy aims to create a plan that will reinvigorate the area.

No smoking trial in Rowe Street East

A six-month no-smoking trial will take place in Rowe Street East, Eastwood. The trial will be in effect between the corner of East Parade and the Rowe Street East car park.

Marsden High School congratulated

Marsden High School in West Ryde was congratulated by the City of Ryde in celebrating 60 years of education.

Lighting for Charity Creek Cascades Playground

The City of Ryde will investigate the feasibility of installing suitable lighting at [Charity Creek Cascades playground](#) in Ryde. Any lighting solution for the playground would be discussed with nearby residents.

Electric vehicle charging stations

An information sheet regarding the installation of electric vehicle charging stations will be produced by the City of Ryde and distributed to residents, local businesses and future development applicants.

Council to seek government funding for playgrounds

Council will apply for funding under the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play program, which provides funding to create inclusive playgrounds.

Projects to be identified for government climate change grants program

Council will work with local community groups to identify projects that would be suitable to apply for the NSW Government's Increasing Resilience to Climate Change grants program. The program allows communities to apply for grants between \$10,000 and \$30,000 to adapt to climate change.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting took place on Thursday 12 December 2019.

[Click here for the minutes from the November Ordinary meeting.](#)

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