

COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES (27 May 2014)

Following is a précis of outcomes of City of Ryde Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 May 2014.

School Facilities and Capital Work Programs in Local Schools

The recently announced funding for schools in north-west Sydney for capital works and infrastructure did not include funding for Ryde LGA. In view of this, Council will establish a working party with representatives from local school communities to work with the Dept of Education to discuss school capacity, demountables and other facilities. The first meeting is to be held in July.

Funding for Libraries

Funding for public libraries is considered at crisis point, with local Councils currently paying 93% of the cost with the State contributing only 7%. Council will support a campaign mounted by NSW Public Library Associations for increased funding by making representations to the local State Members and writing to the Minister for the Arts calling for reforms to funding. Public awareness will also be raised by displaying campaign material throughout our library network.

Bare Foot Bowls Fundraiser

Council will promote a Barefoot Bowls charity afternoon on Friday June 20 at Gladesville Sporties in support of the Touched by Olivia Foundation. The event will be coordinated through the Mayor's Office and advertising prepared for usual media channels, including the Mayor's Message.

Heritage Advisory Committee Items 3 & 4

Council endorsed a range of celebratory activities for the 50 year anniversary of the Ryde Civic Centre.

Council staff will also prepare a report investigating the possible future locations for the various insignia, plaques and laurel wreaths removed from the decommissioned Ryde memorial cenotaph.

Centenary of ANZAC and Commemoration of WWI Committee Funding Options

Council endorsed delivery and funding of five Anzac Centenary/Commemoration of WWI projects over the first two years of the four year commemoration period (2014 to 2018):

- Ryde Remembers – an interactive Honour Board recognising over 2,000 service men and women who served in WWI.
- Street Sign Project – 19 streets have been identified with links to WWI and will receive new identifying signs. Their history will be detailed on Council's website.
- Remembrance Walk – series of commemorative plaques in Anzac Park highlighting the history and involvement of resident of Ryde during WWI.
- Launch of Program – an official launch of the program to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the declaration of War (August 2014).
- Calendar of Events – to be hosted on Council's website with details of significant historical dates with links and commentary for schools. Site to also detail events and activities taking place.

Ryde District Historical Society was recognised for their great efforts relating to the Honour Board as was the valuable contribution of the Ryde Centenary of Anzac and Commemoration of WWI Committee.

Libraries for Ryde

Council endorsed *Libraries for Ryde 2014-24* a 10 year visionary plan. The document detailed plans for the development and sustainability of library services for the City of Ryde and sets out a delivery model and implementation plan that will guide library decision making and activities over the next decade. The document reviews the current status of the libraries, explores issues and looks at alternative approaches to those issues that could impact the future of the network. Staff were congratulated for their commitment to researching and creating the plan.

March 2014 Quarterly Review Report

Council endorsed the March 2014 Quarterly Review and also endorsed the list of projects included for cancellation, deferral or holding. The report also included details of projects flagged for a possible carryover to 2014/2015.

Planning Proposal

Council voted to decline the offer to be the Relevant Planning Authority for the planning proposal for 20 Waterview Street, Putney. Council also voted to decline to be the Relevant Planning Authority for any planning proposal which is the subject of a Pre-Gateway Review determination that is not in accordance with Council's strategic planning position and/or resolutions.

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