

Monday 5 March 2018

CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES

Council held its first Ordinary meeting for 2018 on Tuesday 27 February. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

Safety improvements for Ryde Public School

The City of Ryde will make improvements to pedestrian and vehicle safety outside Ryde Public School after concerns were raised by the school and local residents.

As part of the improvements, additional pedestrian fencing will be installed on Pope Street and line marking will be revised to delineate the pedestrian activated signals on Tucker Street. In addition, an investigation into extending the crossing durations times at the t-section between Pope Street and Smith Street during school drop off and pick-up times will be undertaken.

[For more on this, click here.](#)

City of Ryde to do more to address youth unemployment

The City of Ryde will investigate opportunities to do more to assist young members of the community find more employment opportunities.

The City of Ryde currently undertakes an intern program to support young workers including partnering with University of Technology Sydney for senior student engineers, and at its meeting on Tuesday 27 February Council resolved to investigate opportunities to expand its current intern program to assist local graduates and apprentices gain work experience.

[For more on this, click here.](#)

Dangers posed by movable soccer goals

An inspection of movable soccer goals at parks will be undertaken by the City of Ryde. It is a legal requirement for movable soccer goals that are of a certain weight to be anchored so that they cannot tip over.

Councillors heard from local resident Emma Taylor about the dangers posed by movable soccer goals that are not anchored. Ms Taylor's three-year-old niece was killed in 2003 by a movable soccer goal that fell on her. Her passionate plea has prompted an urgent inspection that will take place within the next two weeks.

Chauvel Street Christmas Lights

The City of Ryde congratulated the residents of Chauvel Street, North Ryde for another successful Christmas light display in 2017.

Due to the growing popularity each festive season of the Christmas light display, Council acknowledged the increased risk for pedestrians and vehicles. As such, Council resolved to investigate the possibility of introducing temporary 'No Stopping' zones in Chauvel Street during peak periods in December.

Council will also consult with residents of other areas which display Christmas lights to establish whether there is a need of similar conditions in those areas.

Westminster Oval to undergo maintenance

Maintenance work will be undertaken at Westminster Oval prior to the 2018 football season.

Sculpture donation

The City of Ryde accepted a donation of a sculpture from local artists David Hashimoto and Gabrielle Bates.

Titled 'Illumina-Trope', the sculpture is a stunning outdoor piece of art that depicts three vines rising and gently twisting around each other in a unified direction.

City of Ryde staff will now compile a list of suitable sites to erect the sculpture which will be considered by Council.

Flag poles at Kissing Point

Council will be installing flag poles to fly the Australian flag and Indigenous flag at a suitable site in Kissing Point, Putney.

Recognition of community groups

Separate commemorative plaques will be presented to the North Ryde Hawks Rugby League Club and the Epping Eastwood Lions Club for 60 years of service. Representatives from both clubs will be invited to a Council meeting in the future to receive their plaques.

Next meeting

Given all items were not addressed at the meeting, Council will reconvene the meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 6 March at City of Ryde Council Chambers.

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