

Thursday 7 March 2019

CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – FEBRUARY MEETING

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

City of Ryde to introduce 10 days of domestic violence leave for staff

The City of Ryde will take steps to implement 10 days of paid domestic violence leave for its staff members up from the current five days.

Council unanimously resolved to support the move, which would build on other initiatives recently adopted by the City of Ryde to assist victims of domestic violence.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Council urges rethink on proposed development for Ivanhoe Estate

Council voiced its opposition to the concept design for Ivanhoe Estate, requesting an urgent meeting with the State Government to ask for a reduction in the development's size, scale and density.

Under the State Government's plans, 858 trees will be removed to make way for approximately 3,500 new dwellings – a 1250% increase on the 259 dwellings that were previously located at Ivanhoe Estate.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Interim Heritage Order placed on Chatham Road houses

An interim heritage order has been placed on two houses on Chatham Road, Denistone, which were to be demolished as part of a development application recently lodged with Council.

The development application lodged in December last year sought to demolish the existing houses at 68 and 70 Chatham Road and construct a mixture of single and two-storey multi-dwelling housing. Council received 50 submissions and one petition with 62 signatures in response to the development application, all of which objected to the proposed development.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Further steps taken to preserve heritage of Denistone house

A planning proposal to include 68 Denistone Road, Denistone on the heritage schedule of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 will be forwarded by Council to the NSW Planning Minister.

The move comes after an interim heritage order was placed on the property by Council last year.

Council pledges to support local sporting clubs impacted by fire

Donations will be made by the City of Ryde to three sporting organisations that were impacted by the recent fire that caused extensive damage to the canteen and storage sheds at ELS Hall Park.

A \$3000 donation will be made to the North Ryde AFL Dockers Club, \$1000 to the North Ryde Hawks Junior Rugby League Club and \$500 to the Northern District Cricket Association.

Senator O'Sullivan asked to apologise for offensive remarks

The City of Ryde, on behalf of the local Chinese community, requested an apology from Senator Barry O'Sullivan over remarks he made during a Senate Estimates hearing on 19 February 2019.

Council pledges to do more to drive night time activity in Macquarie Park

The City of Ryde has resolved to work with local businesses in Macquarie Park as well as the live music industry to promote the area as an entertainment and recreation precinct.

Council will also review its Local Environmental Plan and recommend changes that would encourage further night time economic activity and entertainment.

Australia Day Honour recipients recognised

Four residents from the City of Ryde were recognised for receiving Australia Day Honours.

Rosemary Costar OAM, Professor Peter Schofield AO, Professor John Smolders AM and William Seung OAM were presented with certificates from City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale.

Tree assessment process to be reviewed

A review will be undertaken by Council of the Tree Application Review Process that was adopted in 2012. The review will assess whether the current tree assessment process meets best practice and detail how dangerous trees are dealt with under the process.

Additional consultation to take place for Anzac Park playground upgrade

Additional consultation sessions will be undertaken by Council regarding the playground upgrade at Anzac Park in West Ryde.

Experts to be consulted to help name new skate park

The Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee as well as the Ryde District Historical Society will be tasked with finding a suitable name for the new skate park being built in Meadowbank.

The skate park is due to officially open in April.

Feasibility of new water play park to be investigated

Council will investigate the feasibility of a new water play park playground in the City of Ryde. The investigation will be included as part of the current review of the Children's Play Implementation Plan.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 26 March 2019.

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