

Thursday 5 September 2019

CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – AUGUST MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 27 August 2019. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

City of Ryde first to commit to Zero Litter to River target

The City of Ryde has become the first Council in Australia to adopt a 'Zero Litter to River' target by 2030.

The target was endorsed by Council at its meeting on Tuesday evening and will result in the implementation of a range of initiatives that will reduce litter and the flow of pollution into local waterways.

The adoption of the target means that by 2030, Council will implement initiatives to strive for zero discharge of gross pollutants into any waterway in the City of Ryde during a rainfall event.

[Click here for more information.](#)

New Wildlife Protection Areas to protect native animals

Three bushland corridors in the City of Ryde have been declared as Wildlife Protection Areas. Classified under the Companion Animals Act 1998, Wildlife Protection Areas are public places set aside for the protection of native wildlife.

Field of Mars Reserve has been declared as a Category 1 Wildlife Protection Area, meaning dogs and cats are prohibited from the area. Meanwhile Kittys Creek Corridor and Terrys Creek Corridor have been declared as Category 2 Wildlife Protection Areas, prohibiting cats but permitting dogs that are on a leash.

The endorsement by the City of Ryde follows community consultation which found that there was overwhelming support for the declaration of Wildlife Protection Areas at all three locations.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Science kits to be made available at all City of Ryde libraries

A City of Ryde Library Service program that loans out science kits to young members will be expanded.

The science kits have been available for loan at Ryde and West Ryde libraries and were borrowed 934 times over the past 12 months. Due to this success, the science kits will be able to be loaned at all City of Ryde libraries by December this year.

New pedestrian crossing near Meadowbank Skate Park

A raised pedestrian crossing will be built on Constitution Road West, opposite the Meadowbank Skate Park.

The pedestrian crossing was approved by Council after pedestrian and vehicle counts taken following the opening of the skate park exceeded levels stipulated by RMS guidelines.

The Meadowbank Skate Park opened in April and due to its popularity has seen a significant increase in the number of pedestrians and vehicles in the area.

Plaques to remember two local residents

Two new plaques will be installed to commemorate local residents who recently passed away.

One plaque will be installed on a bench at Santa Rosa Park, Ryde, in memory of Rhonda 'Ronnie' Clapham who passed away in April after a long illness. Ms Clapham was a regular visitor to Santa Rosa Park over a number of years.

Another plaque will be installed at Granny Smith Memorial Park, Eastwood, in memory of Lauren Hew who passed away in July after contracting a rare form of cancer called Ewing's sarcoma.

Meeting sought to address West Ryde parking issues

The City of Ryde will request a meeting with Coles and Wilsons Parking to discuss ways to better utilise the lower level of underground parking in the Coles building at West Ryde.

As part of these discussions, Council will seek approval from Coles and Wilsons Parking to allow for medium to long-term parking to be made available for local workers in the lower level of the car park.

Improvements to ELS Hall Park off-leash area

A range of improvements will be made to the ELS Hall Park off-leash area. These include gate repairs, the planting of additional trees and the installation of new signs. Two disability parking spaces will also be installed near the off-leash area.

Proposal to amend Companion Animals Act

The City of Ryde will write to Local Government Minister, the Hon. Shelley Hancock, proposing a change to the Companion Animals Act 1998. Under the proposed change, a dog owner would not be guilty of an offence under the Act if a dog harasses a person or animal while behind a physical barrier.

Council to seek Federal Government grant

The City of Ryde will lodge an expression of interest to apply for a grant under the Federal Government's Communities Environment Program. The program seeks to support community organisations to address local environmental priorities.

New sign for Ryde Secondary College

A directional sign will be installed at the corner of Buffalo Road and Malvina Street, Ryde, to assist residents and visitors locate Ryde Secondary College.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

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

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