

Friday 20 December 2019

## CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – DECEMBER MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 12 December 2019. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

### **Heritage reforms endorsed by the City of Ryde**

The City of Ryde endorsed reforms that will provide stronger protections for items and areas of heritage significance across the local community.

Under the reforms, more than 300 items will have various forms of heritage protection. This includes three new heritage conservation areas, individual Federation buildings and Inter-War bungalows, public parks and street tree boulevards.

Council also endorsed a one-off budget allocation of \$500,000 to the Heritage Assistance Fund, which is designed to assist owners with the cost involved of repairing, restoring or conserving their residential heritage item.

[Click here for more information.](#)

### **Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement referred to commission**

The [Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement](#), which provides a 20-year vision and direction for land-use planning within the City of Ryde, will be referred to the Greater Sydney Commission.

The referral will allow the Greater Sydney Commission to complete its assurance review on planning in the Ryde local government area

Council endorsed the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement after it was placed on public exhibition earlier in the year. Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, all councils in NSW are required to prepare, exhibit and adopt a Local Strategic Planning Statement.

### **New event to be trialled at Coulter Street**

A new event will be held at Coulter Street in Gladesville each month to activate the area, which has [recently undergone an upgrade](#).

The Coulter Street event will be trialled for three months with the outcomes to be reported back to Council.

### **Women in local government to be recognised**

A plaque will be installed in the City of Ryde to commemorate 100 years of women in local government. The plaque will list the names of the 17 women who have served on Ryde and Eastwood councils between 1919 and 2019.

### **Community to have their say on popularly elected Mayor**

A constitutional referendum will be held at the 2020 local government elections seeking a response to the question as to whether the City of Ryde wants a popularly elected Mayor.

### **New Permit Parking Policy**

The [Draft Permit Parking Policy](#) was adopted by Council. All new parking permits will be assessed against the new policy which has been amended to reflect the Roads and Maritime Services Permit Parking Policy. Existing parking permits will remain valid until 30 June 2021.

### **Ceremony to be held for volunteers and local fire brigades**

A special presentation ceremony to honour the efforts of Rural Fire Service volunteers, State Emergency Service volunteers and members of the local fire brigade will be held at the upcoming City of Ryde Australia Day Concert.

### **Christmas Card Design Competition winners announced**

Denistone East Primary School student, Joshua Park, was announced as the winner of the City of Ryde Mayor's 2019 Christmas Card Design Competition. Putney Public School student Tess James was awarded second place and Denistone East Primary School student Naomi Williams was third.

### **Online Council policy register**

The City of Ryde will investigate options for improved access to Council policies.

### **Annual rate receipt**

A report will be prepared for Council exploring options for a personalised annual rate receipt to be issued to each household.

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

The Harmony Culture Group from West Ryde was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for the successful Korean Senior Festival held in November.

City of Ryde Manager of Corporate Governance, John Schanz, was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in organising the delegation visit from the City of Jongno-gu, South Korea.

### **Next meeting**

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

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

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