

Tuesday 8 May 2018

CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES – APRIL MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 24 April 2018, which was reconvened on 1 May 2018. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

Community Grants Program

The recipients of the 2017/18 City of Ryde Community Grants have been confirmed after Council endorsed the allocation of funding under the program.

More than 60 not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations received grants of up to \$10,000.

Recipients include Ryde Sports Foundation Inc. which received \$3,500 to provide a scholarship for athletes with a disability or from a multicultural community, Royal Rehab which received \$3,500 for its All Abilities Disco and 5 for Ryde which received \$3,500 for its community waste reduction initiative.

Councillor Workshops to be held for each significant Voluntary Planning Agreement

Council resolved to hold Councillor Workshops for any Voluntary Planning Agreements if the value of the development is more than \$30 million.

City of Ryde to investigate purchasing TG Millner fields

The City of Ryde will investigate the viability of purchasing TG Millner fields in Marsfield and secure its use for public open space. The move comes after media reports indicated the current owner of the fields had plans to build housing and a car park at the location.

Draft Community Strategic Plan, Draft Delivery Plan 2018/2022 and One Year Operational Plan 2018/2019 to be put on public exhibition

The Draft Community Strategic Plan – Our Vision for Ryde 2028 was endorsed by Council to be placed on public exhibition. The Draft Community Strategic Plan will be publicly exhibited for 28 days beginning 1 May 2018 inviting public comments prior to formally endorsing the Community Strategic Plan at Council's June meeting.

Similarly, the Draft Delivery Plan 2018/2022 and One Year Operational Plan 2018/2019 were endorsed to be placed on public exhibition, inviting submissions from the community. Council will consider all submissions, prior to formally adopting the Delivery Plan and Operational Plan at the Council meeting on 26 June 2018.

More synthetic sporting fields

Following the success of the new synthetic sporting fields at ELS Hall Park and Christie Park, Council endorsed the construction of synthetic fields at Westminster Park and Meadowbank Park to be included in the four year Delivery Plan. Construction of a synthetic field will be included in 2020/21 for Westminster Park and 2022/23 for Meadowbank Park.

Discussions proposed for new netball complex

The City of Ryde representatives will attempt to arrange a meeting with Federal and State MPs to discuss potential funding and location for a new City of Ryde netball complex, with Councillors in agreement that such a facility was required to meet the community's needs.

Ryde Park Field 3 to be used in the summer

Ryde Park Field 3 will be utilised during the summer for suitable active recreation activities, following a Council resolution. Currently the field is only used during winter for training purposes.

Concerns raised about private certifiers approving developments

The City of Ryde will call on the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to lobby against private certifiers being able to approve sensitive medium housing development. The move follows a number of examples of poor performance by private certifiers being raised. Councillors will also seek a meeting with the NSW Government to agree on a consistent approach on how developments should be certified.

Expanding recycling in the City of Ryde

In a bid to expand its waste recycling options, the City of Ryde will investigate the Smart Centre Micro Factory Technology at UNSW and evaluate whether it would be of any benefit to the local community. The UNSW Micro Factory can transform the components from electronic waste items such as discarded smart phones and laptops into valuable materials for re-use.

It is the world's first electronic waste micro factory and has the potential to reduce the vast amount of electronic waste heading into landfill.

Council opposed to Pauline Hanson's Citizenship Bill

Councillors voiced their objection to Pauline Hanson's new Citizenship Bill. Under the private member's Bill, permanent residents would have to wait eight years before applying to be Australian citizens, up from one year currently. The Bill also wants citizenship applicants to provide evidence of competent English language proficiency before they can become Australian citizens.

The City of Ryde will now write to a number of Federal MPs, including the Minister for Citizenship, the Hon. Alan Tudge, and the Federal Member of Bennelong, the Hon. John Alexander, voicing its objections to the Bill.

Council to explore potential improvements for Kissing Point boat ramp

Council will explore the feasibility of installing a temporary slab to the end of the Kissing Point boat ramp and extend it by two metres to allow enough depth for boats during low tide. The move was agreed to after concerns were raised that the boat ramp is too shallow, causing issues for boat users.

Longer term, Council will look at upgrading the boat ramp and seek funding through the State Government's 'NSW Boating Now' scheme to assist with this upgrade.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Project working group to be established

The City of Ryde will establish a working group for an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Project. The project will aim to develop a detailed inventory of Aboriginal heritage items in the City of Ryde and raise awareness of the local Darug culture.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 29 May.

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