

Friday 7 September 2018

CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES – AUGUST MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 28 August 2018. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

Ryde demands say on future Melrose Park developments

The City of Ryde called on Parramatta City Council and the NSW Government to factor in the views of Melrose Park residents in their future planning decisions after objections raised to the development at the old Putt-Putt complex on Victoria Road were seemingly ignored.

The development at the old Putt-Putt complex, which is located just on the Parramatta side of the boundary between Parramatta and Ryde local government areas, is a four-stage development comprising up to 10,000 new dwellings as well as a new street network.

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Ryde supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart

Council supported the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for a constitutionally enshrined "First Nations Voice". This would see the creation of a new representative body within the Federal Parliament to advise on matters affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, while a Makarrata Commission would lay the foundation for a Treaty between federal and state governments and the First Nations.

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City of Ryde pays tribute to Roy Newsome

Roy Newsome, who retired from Council at the end of August, received a standing ovation as Council paid tribute to him.

Mr Newsome worked at the City of Ryde as Director Corporate Services since 2001, and had more than 40 years' experience in local government having previously worked at Burwood and Liverpool councils.

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Rowe Street house saved from demolition

Councillors unanimously resolved to save a historical house in Eastwood from demolition.

The house on Rowe Street was built in 1907 and has been classified as a site of local historical significance as evidence of the early development of the Eastwood area.

Following receipt of a development application to demolish the house last year, Council moved to preserve the house's heritage which culminated in the decision by Councillors last week to recommend to the NSW Government that the City of Ryde's Local Environment Plan be amended to list the home as an item of local heritage significance.

Improvements for Meadowbank Park

A number of improvements were committed to for Meadowbank Park, including the reconstruction of two netball courts (11 and 26). Council accepted a contribution of \$150,000 from the Eastwood Ryde Netball Association to co-fund this project.

Fencing will also be installed between the new Meadowbank skate park – known as the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space – and Constitution Road. Council staff will also investigate whether there is a need to upgrade the traffic refuge island on Constitution Road and the opportunity for restoration works to the cast iron gate located near the new skate park.

City of Ryde events

Council recognised the outstanding efforts of the City of Ryde events and operations staff in delivering a highly successful Cork and Fork Festival, and thanked the community for their generous donations in raising \$2220 at the event for drought-stricken NSW farmers.

Sesquicentenary of the City of Ryde

A report will be prepared by Council staff on how the City of Ryde's sesquicentenary (150th anniversary) can be celebrated, through both existing and specifically-created events, when it occurs in 2021. The report is due to be presented to Council by March 2019.

Alcohol Free Zones to be re-established

Public consultation will be undertaken on the re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones in the City of Ryde. Council approved the request from Ryde Police Area Command to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zones at Trim Place Gladesville, West Ryde Railway and Bus Interchange, Eastwood CBD as well as Meadowbank's Bowden Street, Bay Drive and Meadowbank Wharf.

New members for the Community Harmony Reference Group and Ryde Youth Advisory Council

Badawe Abboud, Huiting (Lisa) Liu and Tony Tang had their nominations for the Community Harmony Reference Group endorsed by Council. Meanwhile, Matthew Choi's nomination for a position on the Ryde Youth Advisory Council was also endorsed.

Next meeting

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

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