

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 30 April 2013  
**Location:** North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre,  
201 Cox's Road, North Ryde  
**Time:** 7.30pm

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AN OPEN FORUM SESSION TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO  
ADDRESS COUNCIL ON ANY ISSUES.**

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**1 OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ACHIEVEMENTS 2012 / 2013 AND  
PROPOSED INITIATIVES / WORKS 2013-2017 - EAST WARD**

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report provides an overview of Council's key achievements for the 2012 year, an update on key East Ward projects for the current 2012 /2013 financial year and an overview of the key initiatives and projects that are planned for the 2013 – 2017 Delivery Plan.

This Community Council meeting is the first of three meetings that Council will be holding with its community in each Ward of Council's area.

The Acting General Manager will provide a presentation to the meeting that will consist of a short video and powerpoint presentation. All presentation material will be available on Council's website and in hard copy at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Acting General Manager, Danielle Dickson, provide a presentation to the meeting on Council's Achievements for 2012/2013 and proposed initiatives works for the 2013-2017 years, in respect of East Ward.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**Acting General Manager**

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### **Discussion**

#### **Overview of the City of Ryde**

The following detail provides a brief overview of the key features, statistics and areas managed by Council on behalf of its community:-

- The City of Ryde covers an area of approximately 40 square kilometres
- Council has a total of approximately 41,000 ratable properties and a population of approximately 105,000
- 42% of our community are born overseas
- 310km of roads
- 402km of footpaths
- 250km of drainage
- 128 community buildings
- 207 parks & sportsground
- 94 playgrounds
- In excess of 200 hectares of natural areas that includes over 60 hectares of playing fields

#### **Overview of Council's Achievements – 2011/2012**

A video will be shown at the meeting to highlight Council's key achievements for 2012. The following list is provided that gives a more detailed listing of Council's key achievements:-

- Opened the West Ryde Community Centre
- Completed a range of works relating to Council's road, drainage, footpath infrastructure
- Introduced initiatives to remove red tape in the DA approval process and assessed over 640 development applications
- Welcomed over 840,000 visitors to our libraries who borrow over 1 million items
- Substantial growth in our library activities and events that saw a 107% increase in attendance in 2011/12
- Council achieved 3012 tonnes of corporate greenhouse gas savings in 2011/12
- Completed 12,500 tree plantings across our City of Ryde
- 42% reduction in water use by businesses – sustainable businesses in Ryde
- Council's Strategic Waste Action Plan played a key role in reducing waste to landfill and meeting State Government's recycling targets
- Council has serviced 169 waste and recycling bin stations in shopping centres and 282 in local parks
- Introduced the School Banner program that educated parents in both Pedestrian Safety and Ranger Awareness
- Upgraded Agincourt Road Shopping strip
- Upgraded public toilets in Cox's Road

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- Top Ryder Bus Service had 57,434 passengers throughout the year
- Conducted senior celebrations, improved disability awareness and became a White Ribbon Partner
- Supported many community groups through Council's Community Grants program
- Completed Council's Open Space Plan that will play a key role in developing our City's future
- Upgraded the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre's competition and leisure pools
- Established partnerships with our local businesses and the Ryde Business Forum
- Various initiatives in supporting our business community
- Reduced Council's carbon footprint with many initiatives including Council's fleet, buildings, energy and water usage
- Worked extensively with our community to bring back the bush in the River to River Wildlife and Corridors project
- Delivered free community WiFi to our four branch libraries
- Reconstructed 120 metres of seawall adjacent to Meadowbank railway bridge
- Advanced the completion of our Asset Management Plans
- Commenced the construction of Livvi's Place, Yamble Reserve
- Continued to develop and support Ryde Youth Theatre and Ryde Youth Council
- Continued to focus on our customers, with improved services at the Ryde Planning and Business Centre and the introduction of our Customer Feedback system
- Council responded to approximately 63,000 customer requests from residents
- Council received 27,923 customer service enquiries and 23,918 DA enquiries
- City of Ryde was successful in winning various awards across all areas of Council
- Various initiatives taken to improve council's corporate governance framework including the areas of Risk, Audit and Procurement

**Snapshot of Key Highlights for the 2012/2013 Year – East Ward**

The following are a selection of key projects from Council's Operational Plan for 2012/3 that are within Council's East Ward.

Livvi's Place – Yamble Reserve

Whilst on the boundary roads of East and Central Wards, this project has been well received by our community and was completed and officially opened on 3 February 2013. Livvi's Place is the first all inclusive playground for children of all abilities in Northern Sydney and their carers.

Boronia Park Neighbourhood Centre Upgrade – Pittwater Road, Boronia Park

This project aims to improve the quality of the public domain and assist in promoting the prosperity and enjoyment of this centre. Upgrade works include granite paving, street furniture and landscaping. Stage 1(a) is complete and works are progressing towards Woolworths on Pittwater Road.

**ITEM 1 (continued)**Jordan Street Road, Gladesville – resurfacing/kerb renewal

The annual road program ensures that the road infrastructure such as asphalt pavement, kerb and gutter is upgraded as required and maintained to an acceptable level. Selection of roads is on a priority basis using an asset management system. Amongst the projects in the roads portfolio, Jordan Street was resurfaced in February 2013.

Footpaths

Council's footpath program consists of new and replacement footpath construction. Footpaths which have been completed in East Ward since July 2012 to date, are:

- Beaumont Avenue, West Ryde (Shaftsbury Road – Bellevue Avenue)
- Cox's Rd, North Ryde (Conrad Street – Pittwater Road)
- College Street, Gladesville
- Quarry Road, Ryde (Cressy Road – Badajoz Road)
- Shaw St, East Ryde (Cox's Road - Long Avenue)

Pittwater Road, East Ryde – Road construction and Cycleway

A new cycleway (shared user path) was constructed along Pittwater Road, East Ryde between Cox's Road and Bronhill Avenue. This is part of a four year upgrade of Pittwater Road which will run from North Ryde to Gladesville. This stage of the project was completed in November 2012 and included road reconstruction, drainage, guard rails, construction of a breakdown lane and a shared user path on the western nature strip.

North Ryde Library and Gladesville Library

Key achievements during the 2012/13 year have been:-

- Introduced fast, free WiFi for the public at both Gladesville and North Ryde Libraries in June 2012
- New electronic collections were introduced including e-books, e-magazines and e-audio books, which have proved immensely popular with borrowers
- North Ryde Library's frontage has recently been refreshed, with new paint and directional signs making the library more visible to visitors
- Gladesville library street front improved with new landscaping, retaining wall and step to improve pedestrian access

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Key statistics for the 2012/13 financial year to March 2013 are:-

	<b>Gladesville</b>	<b>North Ryde</b>	<b>Total</b>
WiFi logins	4 331	2 977	7 308
Customer visits	53 187	68 463	121 650
Items borrowed	70 582	77 295	147 877

### Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC)

The RALC is one of the City of Ryde's key facilities and offers a full range of services to our community. Some key statistics/information about the Centre is detailed below:-

- Attendance numbers for this financial year as at 31 December 2013 are 378,021 which is more than 7% higher than last year
- Swim school enrolments are 200 more than same time last year
- Since July 2009, enough rainwater has been harvested to fill the Olympic pool more than two times over
- Since 2007 the pool water recycling plant has returned enough water to the pools to fill the Olympic pool 18 times over
- The Centre operates at a very small surplus, therefore operates at no cost to the ratepayer

### Community Services

Whilst a number of initiatives with our community and community groups are delivered across our whole City area, the following information is provided:-

- In 2012/13 Council, through its Community Grants program funded East ward organisations to the value of \$19,500 towards community and cultural projects. The organisations funded include Lupus Association, 2RRR, Kent Rd Public School P&C, Putney School P&C, Cornucopia Art Group, Communities for Communities, Alzheimer's Australia.
- Specific funding has also been provided by Council for North Ryde Community Aid (\$24,000) and Hunters Hill / Ryde Community Services (\$24,000).
- Youth Engagement BBQs have been held in Putney Park (12 sessions) in partnership with a number of youth based organisations.
- Christmas in the Bush celebrations with a focus on indigenous communities was held in Putney Park in December 2012.
- Jointly with Hunters Hill Council, City of Ryde supports accommodation for Gladesville Occasional Care and Gladesville Early Childhood Health Centre.

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Council has been successful in continuing to increase construction recycling and reducing construction and demolition waste from being taken to landfill. In addition to the environmental benefits, this has resulted in reduced costs of Council's construction works together with offering this service to other neighbouring Councils.

As at the 31 December 2012, a total of 19,500 tonnes of Council construction and demolition waste had been reused.

**2013 / 2017 Projects and Initiatives – East Ward**

Whilst Council is still in the process of finalising its 2013-2017 Delivery Plan and 2013/14 Operational Plan, the following works and initiatives are planned to be delivered across East Ward during the 2013/2017 period.

Community consultation for many of the projects indicated for later years in the Plan, is yet to be undertaken, noting that all feedback received from the consultation process will influence the design, management and delivery of these projects.

Footpath Construction Renewal Program

- Replace poor condition sections of existing footpath in East Ward - \$80,000 pa. The specific works are determined on footpath condition including risk issues such as trip hazards.

Footpath Construction Expansion Program - \$791K

- 2013/2014 - \$161,500
  - Berryman Street - Morshead Street to Edmondson Street
  - Fairyland Avenue - River Avenue to Quebec Road
  - Jeanette Street - No.18 Jeanette Street to Cox's Road
  - Spencer Street - Cul de sac to Bremner Park pathway
  - Teemer Street - Tennyson Road to Cul de sac
- 2014/2015 - \$255,500
  - Amelia Street - Marilyn Street to Lorna Avenue
  - Collins Street - Ryrie Street to Wicks Road
  - Nerang Street - Twin Road to Badajoz Road
  - Plassey Road - Cemetery gate to Bend in Road at caravan park
  - Robinson Street - Cressy Road to Footbridge

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- 2015/2016 - \$232,500
  - Bayview Street - Teemer Street to Beach Street
  - Ida Street - Mitchel Street to Walker Street
  - Jetty Road - Phillip Road to Pelliser Road
  - Julius Avenue - No.6 to Delhi Road
  - Larkard Street - No.11 to Cam Street
  - Punt Road - Ashburn Place to Banjo Patterson Park
  - Tobruk Street - Cutler Parade to Edmondson Street
  
- 2016/2017 - \$141,000
  - Bayview Street - Teemer Street to Beach Street
  - Cressy Road - Cox's Road to Kitty's Creek
  - Jopling Street - Cox's Road to Blenheim Road

**Bus Shelters**

- 2013/2014
  - Badajoz Road - North of Twin Road opposite Nursing Home

**Car Parks Renewal - \$170,000**

- 2016/17 Coulter Street

**Bridges / Footbridges – \$60,000**

- 2013/14 & 2014/15 Cressy Road footbridge over Kitty's Creek

**Road Resurfacing and Kerb Renewal - \$5.93 million**

Road Resurfacing - \$3.9 million

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| 2013/14 | Morrison Road (Kemp Street - Bass Street)<br>Forrest Road (Aitchander Road – Malvina Street)<br>Moncrieff Drive (Bluett Avenue – Cressy Road)<br>Ross Street (Morrison Road - Blair Street)<br>Collins Street (Ryrie Street - Wicks Road)     |
| 2014/15 | Frederick Street (Henry Street – Arnold Street)<br>Champion Road (Deeble Street – Tennyson Road)<br>Waterview Street (Osborne Avenue - Cul de sac)<br>Cox's Road (Conrad Street - Shaw Street)<br>Cox's Road (Pittwater Road - Conrad Street) |



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- 2015/16    Boyce Street (Twin Road - Fisher Avenue)  
              Boyce Street (Fisher Avenue - Keppel Road)  
              Frederick Street (Arnold Street – Potts Street)  
              Suttor Avenue (Belmore Street - Church Street)  
              Twin Road (Lane Cove Road - Goulding Road)  
              Twin Road (Wicks Road - Badajoz Road)  
              Twin Road (Badajoz Road - Cressy Road)
- 2016/17    Bronhill Avenue (Pittwater Road - Cul de sac)  
              Meriton Street (Victoria Road – Morrison Road)  
              Wicks Road (Epping Road - Waterloo Road)  
              Wicks Road (Barr Street - Epping Road)  
              Bayview Street (Beach Street - Cul de sac)  
              Bayview Street (Teemer Street - Beach Street)  
              Forrest Road (Malvina Street – Cul de sac)  
              Quarry Road (Badajoz Road - Pidding Road)  
              Wicks Road (Pittwater Road - End)
- Road Kerb Renewal - \$2.03 million
- 2013/14    Pittwater Road (No. 214 - Field of Mars)  
              Douglas Street (Phillip Road – Waterview Street)
- 2014/15    Quarry Road (Pidding Road - Niara Street)  
              Pittwater Road (No. 214 - Field of Mars)  
              Blenheim Road (Pittwater Road – Morshead Street)  
              Goulding Road (Fisher Avenue - Twin Road)  
              Morrison Road (Church Street - Belmore Street)
- 2016/17    Pidding Road (Quarry Road - Cressy Road)

**Public Domain Upgrades****- Boronia Park Public Domain Upgrade**

As detailed earlier in this report, this project entails upgrades to the public domain in Boronia Park. The works include the installation of new granite paving and the planning of street trees. The first stage of works has been completed and the second and final stage of works is underway. All works have been undertaken in close consultation with local businesses and stakeholders to ensure the design provides value and the construction impacts are minimised.

**ITEM 1 (continued)****- Sager Place Public Domain Upgrade**

Preparation has begun for upgrades to Sager Place. A Community Consultation meeting was held in February 2013 to receive input on what works the local community would like to see undertaken and to outline the opportunities for improvements to the paving and the planting of street trees. Concept designs are being drafted and further consultation with the community will be held upon their completion. Construction of the works is scheduled for 2013/14.

**- Quarry Road Neighbourhood Centre Renewal**

This project aims to enhance the character and quality of the public domain around the Quarry Road shops. A Community Consultation meeting was held in February 2013 and preparations for the development of a concept design are underway. The design will explore options to improve the paving, street furnishings (including benches and bike racks), tree planning, and waste receptacles. Further community consultation and costing will be undertaken when a concept design has been completed. It is hoped that the design can be completed in 2013 with a view to begin construction in 2014.

Library Services

Key projects over the next four years will be:-

- The library is currently producing a business planning document, Libraries for Ryde, in consultation with our community and other stakeholders, including a Councillor reference group. This plan will inform the Library's direction for the next five years.
- All library public computers will be replaced in the 2013/14 financial year, allowing customers faster access to the internet and new media.
- As part of the Community Buildings Renewal Project, North Ryde's interior will undergo a minor refreshment in the 2013/14 financial year, with a focus on replacing an ageing ceiling.
- Our collection of e-books and hard copy items will be progressively enhanced over 4 years, meaning customers at North Ryde and Gladesville libraries will continue to have access to the latest popular titles and up to date information.
- The renewal of the City of Ryde and Hunters' Hill Council's joint funding agreement regarding Gladesville Library is currently under negotiation.

**ITEM 1 (continued)**Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC)

Key projects to highlight for the RALC over the next four years will be:-

- Installation of a cogeneration plant that will reduce the Centre's reliance on electricity supply from the main grid, will provide further economic savings, and reduce the carbon emissions of the Centre.
- Installation of a stand up surf attraction Wave rider machine. This project is currently in its initial planning phase.

Review of Ryde 2021 Community Strategic Plan

Council undertook a comprehensive process in developing and adopting the Ryde 2021 Community Strategic Plan. Council commenced this process in late 2008, following Council's resolution on 5 December 2008 to undertake the development of the Plan.

At Council's meeting 28 June 2011, Council adopted the Ryde 2021 Community Strategic Plan following extensive consultation with our community.

Following this Council's election in September 2012, Council at its meeting of 26 March 2013 resolved to undertake a review of the 2021 Community Strategic Plan in a three phase approach:-

Phase 1

The draft 2025 Community Strategic Plan will be placed on public exhibition in conjunction with the public exhibition of the 2013-2017 Draft Delivery Plan. This plan will be Council's current plan with a few minor changes. Following exhibition a report will be provided back to Council prior to 30 June 2013, recommending to formally adopt the Ryde 2025 Community Strategic Plan.

Phase 2

This phase of the project will focus on the engagement plan where Council will be undertaking a comprehensive and broad engagement with the community and key stakeholders. The engagement plan will have a number of stages including the pre engagement, engagement, post engagement and analysis of data collected in preparing the report back to Council.

Phase 3

This phase will complete the analysis of the data and revise the Draft Ryde 2025 Community Strategic Plan for Council's consideration before placing the Plan back on public exhibition.

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The timeframe proposed to undertake and complete phases two and three is between July 2013 to February 2014.

**Financial Implications**

Council is due to consider its 2013-2017 Draft Delivery Plan and 2013/2013 Operational Plan at its meeting on 14 May 2013. If endorsed by Council, Council's draft plans will be on exhibition from 22 May 2013 and will be reported back to Council for adoption on 25 June 2013.

Council in finalising its 2013-2017 Draft Delivery Plan and its 2013/2014 Operational Plan, is also planning to consider how it will address its long term financial position, especially in respect of its estimated \$120 million backlog of infrastructure works. This will be done in conjunction with Council reviewing its Resourcing Strategy and Community Strategic Plan.

Currently, Council is under funding its infrastructure renewal program by an estimated \$8 - \$10 million, which is continuing to grow each year in line with the growth of Council's infrastructure assets. City of Ryde's current value of infrastructure is \$1.3 billion.

Council is projecting a Working Capital surplus for the 2013/14 year of \$3 million.