

Works and Community Committee AGENDA NO. 3/15

Meeting Date:Tuesday 17 March 2015Location:Committee Room 1, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, RydeTime:5.00pm

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Meeting held on 3 March 2015

Report prepared by: Section Manager - Governance File No.: CLM/15/1/2/2 - BP15/236

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a motion or discussion with respect to such minutes shall not be in order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee 2/15, held on 3 March 2015, be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Minutes - Works and Community Committee - 3 March 2015



ATTACHMENT 1

Works and Community Committee **MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 2/15**

Meeting Date:Tuesday 3 March 2015Location:Committee Room 1, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, RydeTime:5.00pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Maggio (Chairperson), Li and Pendleton.

Apologies: Councillor Etmekdjian.

Leave of Absence: Councillor Perram.

Staff Present: Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager – Public Works, Service Unit Manager – Project Development, Section Manager – Program Delivery, Section Manager – Asset Systems, Section Manager – Program Delivery, Traffic Engineers and Executive Assistant to Mayor and Councillors.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Meeting held on 3 February 2015

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Pendleton)

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee 1/15, held on 3 February 2015, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

2 PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2015 - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UNIT

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Li)

That Council receive and note this report.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

3 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS PRESENTED TO RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held on 29 January 2015

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Li)

- (a) That Council implement 'No Parking' along the frontage of No.43-51 Constitution Road, Meadowbank.
- (b) That Council install "1P; 7am-5pm; Mon-Fri" signage along the frontage of 64 Bowden Street, Meadowbank.
- (c) That Council maintain the current configuration of the Midway Roundabout.
- (d) That Council:
 - (i) Approve the installation of 'No Parking' signage for 120m along the Faraday Lane frontage of 3-13 Angas Street, between the statutory 'No Stopping' zone (10m from the intersection of Underdale Lane) to the end of the cul-de-sac.
 - (ii) Approve the implementation of 'Give Way' line marking and signage on Faraday Lane at the intersection of Underdale Lane.
- (e) That Council adjust the Bus Zone and 'No Stopping' restrictions outside No.37 Balaclava Road, Eastwood, as follows:
 - (i) Bus Zone: relocated 8 metres west of the newly constructed bus shelter.
 - (ii) 'No Stopping' zone: 5 metres east of the newly constructed bus shelter.
 - (iii) Should the removal/relocation of the splitter island be deemed feasible in future the 'J' steam is to be relocated directly outside the newly constructed bus shelter.
- (f) That Council extend the RPS Zone 8 to include the existing '2P; 8am-9pm; Mon-Fri' on both sides of Angas Street, Meadowbank, from See Street through to the Angas Street Bridge.
- (g) That Council adjust the parking restrictions along No.18-20A Buffalo Road, Gladesville, from '1/2P; 8:30am-3:30pm; Mon-Fri' to '1/4P 6:30am-3:30pm; Mon-Fri'.
- (h) That Council install a No Parking Zone for the length of 5.4m at the frontage of No.72 Balaclava Road, Eastwood.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

LATE ITEM

4 DEMOLITION OF THE RYDE PONY CLUB BUILDING AT MARSFIELD PARK

<u>Note</u>: A Memorandum from the Acting Group Manager – Community Life dated 3 March 2015, together with attachments were tabled in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE and attached to these Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pendleton)

- (a) That Council allocate \$27,500 for the demolition and associated works of the building previously occupied by the Ryde Pony Club and return the site to the park, as reported in the December Quarterly Review report.
- (b) That any future use of the site be a subject of a Council report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **10 MARCH 2015** as it is outside the Committee's delegations.

The meeting closed at 5.16pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2015.

Chairperson



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Lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep

To: Chair of Works and Community Committee, CIr Maggio and Councillors

From: Tatjana Domazet A/Group Manager – Community Life

Date: 3 March 2015

Subject: Demolition of the Ryde Pony Club Building at Marsfield Park

Dear Councillors,

Council, at its meeting on 24 February 2015 resolved, in part, the following:

(h) That a report regarding the proposed demolition of the Pony Club Building in Marsfield Park be provided to the next Works and Community Committee Meeting.

Due to time constraints in order to meet Council reports deadline, I have prepared this Memo for your consideration together with supporting documentation.

Background

The site licenced to the Ryde Pony Club (RPC) is located on the Crown Reserve known as Marsfield Park and has been used by the RPC since 1964. The most recent 5 year licence commenced on 1 January 2009. The annual licence fee for 2013 was \$2,273.00, inclusive of GST.

The Riding for the Disabled Association Inc. (RDA) commenced on the site in May 2009 under a similar licence arrangement.

An MOU between the RPC and the RDA was completed in 2009, at the time when the RDA took up occupancy of the site, with respect of shared use of the grounds and facilities.

In October 2013, Council received representations from a Committee member of the RPC indicating that due to the loss of a membership, the club would not be in a position to continue to operate in 2014 and as a result, they would not renew their five year licence (expired on 31 December 2013). Council officers met with two remaining representatives of the Club in late 2013 where it was confirmed that the RPC would not be renewing their licence and would vacate the site. Under the terms of the licence, the licensee was required to return the premises in good repair. It should be noted that under the licence condition, Council was responsible for repairs and maintenance of a structural nature and external building fabric.



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The Pony Club Building

The building has been vacant since December 2013. Following concerns raised by Council staff, a building inspection report was commissioned. This report indicated that the structure was manifestly unsafe in its current condition and as such, the building has been fenced off to ensure public safety and no unauthorised access to the structure (refer attached photo).

Condition of the Building

A Building Inspection Report was done by a qualified and licenced tradesperson (circulated). The report provided the following recommendation:

'The structure is in very poor and unsafe condition when compared to buildings of a similar age. The structure has been significantly damaged by termites in the past. The termite activity is still active. In my opinion the structure cannot be adequately or feasibly repaired and should be demolished. The structure is unsafe in its current condition. The slab however can be utilised after demolition has taken place'.

Council has obtained quotes for the demolition of the building which was costed at approximately \$20,000. An additional allowance has been made for cost of the temporary fencing and removal of the concrete slab, should that be required.

Options

Should Council decide to replace the building with a similar structure, the cost of replacement is estimated at \$108,000. Any upgrades to this area would also require an improvement to the vehicle and pedestrian access and additional lighting. This is not a recommended option.

Financial consideration

Based on the quote for demolition of the existing structure and removal of concrete slab as well as provision of temporary safety fencing, \$27,500 is required to meet the cost of these works.

Conclusion

Given the unsafe condition of the building, Council's risks in keeping the building fenced off to ensure public safety and prevent public access to this site, it is recommended that Council proceeds with the immediate removal of the building.

Recommendation

- (a) That Council allocate \$27,500 for the demolition and associated works of the building previously occupied by the Ryde Pony Club and return the site to the park, as reported in the December Quarterly Review report.
- (b) That any future use of the site be a subject of a Council report.

Attachments

- 1. Map of the relevant area of the Park
- 2. Current photo of the site



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Marsfield Park

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2 VEGETATION MAPPING INFORMATION USED BY CITY OF RYDE

Report prepared by: Section Manager - Natural Areas and Urban Forest Report approved by: Acting Service Unit Manager - Open Space; Acting Group Manager - Community Life File No.: GRP/09/4/14 - BP14/1359

REPORT SUMMARY

Council is required, under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,* as a local control authority, to make an informed decision regarding the potential impacts on threatened species and communities when considering development applications. The vegetation mapping information is used as a reference tool to identify potential locations of threatened Ecological Communities when advice is given on applicable rules for development and planning controls. Current information used by Council (known as "Oculus") was developed and adopted in 1998 and has not been updated since. Typically, this information should be reviewed every five years and should Council accept the recommendation of this report, it will negate the need to undertake new mapping at Council's expense.

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has in 2013, obtained and adopted new vegetation data for the Sydney Metropolitan area. It is recommended that this information replaces City of Ryde's existing data ("Oculus") as the main reference tool to determine the presence of significant vegetation communities within Ryde Local Government Area.

The vegetation data obtained by the OEH is the most current information available and provides the opportunity to utilise information that has been obtained in a consistent manner across a wider area of metropolitan Sydney.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Office of Environment and Heritage's Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Vegetation Mapping 2013 as the primary reference for the presence of vegetation in Ryde.

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1 The Native Vegetation of the Sydney Metropolitan Area v2.0



Report Prepared By:

Nicola Booth Section Manager - Natural Areas and Urban Forest

Report Approved By:

Simon James Acting Service Unit Manager - Open Space

Tatjana Domazet Acting Group Manager - Community Life

Discussion

Previously, Council engaged consultants to prepare and develop vegetation mapping. Vegetation mapping is data that is used as a reference tool by staff to determine the location of potential threatened ecological communities. Like a plan, the adoption of this material means that this will be the main reference material upon which Council makes environmental and planning decisions.

It is a requirement under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* that Council, as a local control authority, makes an informed decision regarding the potential impacts on threatened species and communities. This includes the issuing of 149 Certificates by Council which are a legal document that confirms the zoning and applicable rules for development of land within the City of Ryde. Additionally, Council must assess whether or not a development is suitable for the local environment. The vegetation data also assists Council to identify where high value natural assets are and in turn, allows staff to make an informed decision regarding where investment should be made to protect these assets. This mapping uses geospatial information that shows the presence of vegetation based on soil type, topography and plant species composition within a particular location.

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) have recently updated vegetation mapping information for the Sydney metropolitan area. This information is modelled on abiotic factors, such as soil type, slope, topography and rainfall that indicate the presence of particular vegetation types. Some of these vegetation types are threatened ecological communities (TECs) listed under the NSW *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and/or Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. This two volume report with the findings is available to obtain for all 39 metropolitan Councils, including the City of Ryde.

By producing the vegetation mapping information, the OEH is providing the opportunity for consistent information to be utilised in Sydney. The OEH have formally adopted this as the main reference tool for vegetation in the metropolitan area and it is intended that it is utilised by the local government agencies that have been covered by this study. In light of this, it is now proposed that City of Ryde also adopts this new information as the primary reference tool for vegetation communities in Ryde.

Current information used by Council was developed and adopted in 1998 and has not been updated since. Typically, this information should be reviewed every five years and should Council accept the recommendation of this report, it will negate the need to undertake new mapping at Council's expense. The OEH vegetation mapping is comprehensive and is in accordance with the new classification of vegetation types across Sydney metropolitan area. The availability of this information allows Council to update vegetation mapping data at no cost.

Agenda of the Works and Community Committee Report No. 3/15, dated Tuesday 17 March 2015.



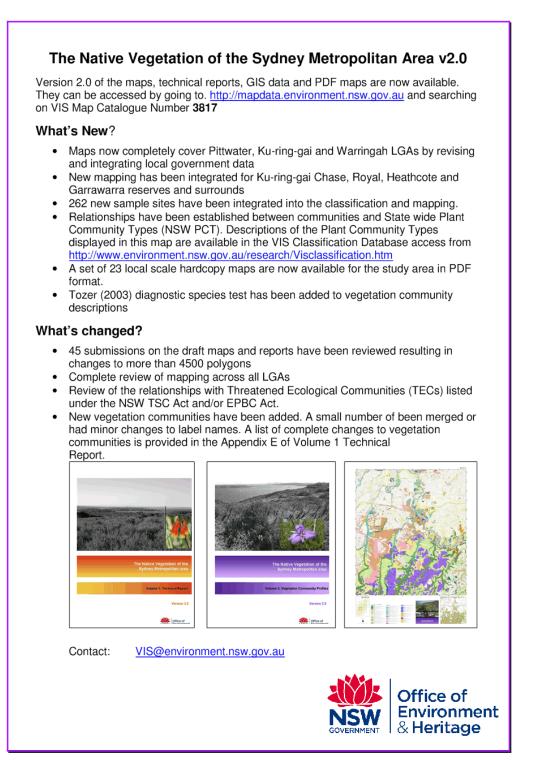
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Should Council approve the recommendation of this report, City of Ryde's website will be updated to provide information advising that the Sydney metropolitan vegetation mapping data has been adopted as its main reference tool for the presence of vegetation communities in Ryde.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

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3 ANNUAL WASTE STATUS REPORT 2014

Report prepared by: Section Manager – Waste Report approved by: Service Unit Manager - Business Infrastructure; Group Manager - Public Works File No.: GRP/09/3/12 - BP15/195

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to update Council on the status of the waste collection and disposal services after being in operation for nearly nine (9) years. It also provides information on the Collection, Processing and Disposal tendering processes undertaken during the year, as well as listing the varied and expanded levels of service our Council offers the residents of Ryde to minimise disposal at landfill and maximise recycling.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the Waste Status Report.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Jude Colechin Section Manager - Waste

Report Approved By:

Joe So Service Unit Manager - Business Infrastructure

George Dedes Group Manager - Public Works

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Discussion

WSN Environmental Solutions commenced providing waste and recycling collection and disposal services with the City of Ryde on 1 May 2006. WSN has since been bought out by SITA Australia in February 2011 with all contract obligations carrying over to the new owner. The contract was for a seven (7) year period due to expire on 30 April 2013, however this contract was extended by a further two (2) years to 30 April 2015 to enable Council to participate in the Joint Regional Waste Disposal Tender with NSROC. This provided Council with the opportunity to explore and develop new methods of disposal through a regional partnership which assists in maximising waste diversion rates, minimising environmental footprints and look at economically viable regional solutions for waste disposal, including alternate waste processing technologies.

In February 2014, consent was given for Council to participate in the NSROC Regional Waste Disposal Tender process with full participation consent given in May 2014. The Request for Tender was completed and released and advertised on 28 October, 2014 through Local Government Procurement (LGP), with a closing date being 26 February, 2015. The Tender Evaluation Panel members include an LGP representative to act as Chairperson, Chairperson of the Northern Sydney Council Alliance (NSCA), John McKee and two (2) Waste Manager nominees, Jude Colechin, City of Ryde and Kristian Wynn, Willoughby Council from NSROC participating Councils.

In March 2014 Council adopted a new Waste Management Strategy which aims to meet the long term needs of Council, the Community and the goals of the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy. The strategy and its actions guided the services and outcomes required for the New Waste Collection Tender.

To ensure that Council received a competitive tender from the waste collection and processing industry, Council sought Contractor(s) for three (3) separate waste service components through the RFT for Waste Collection, Processing of Recyclables and Processing of Garden Organics. When reviewing the tender documentation, consideration was made to introduce an 'At Call' Household Clean up service to give residents a more convenient service as well as assist in reducing illegal dumping. The introduction of an 80L bin was also considered along with the use of a smaller rear load truck to enable entry to basements for collection which would improve street amenity and reduce noise.

Tenders were advertised on 22 July 2014 and closed on 23 September 2014. The Tender Evaluation Panel, along with two technical advisors assessed the submissions with determination made in a report to Council on 9 December 2014. Council recommended and adopted that Sita Environmental Solutions be awarded the Waste, Recycling, Garden Organics and Household Clean Up Collection Contract, while Visy were awarded the Processing of Recyclable Material and Sita



Environmental the Processing of Garden Organics. The new contracts will represent a saving to Council over the current contract for the increased service levels and are due to commence on 1 May, 2015. A new branding and communication program is being developed to ensure residents are fully aware of the changes.

Along with the above, the Waste Section have had many other achievements over the past year, as outlined in the table below:

Service	Program Description	Outcomes
Service Domestic Collection Service	 Program Description Council provides a standard service of: 140L waste bin serviced weekly 240L recycling bin serviced fortnightly 240L greenwaste serviced fortnightly 5 scheduled household kerbside collections (every 10 weeks) Multi-unit developments utilise 240L and 1100L waste bins on a shared basis based on the above. A number of households have an additional greenwaste and/or recycling bin which are offered at a reduced rate to encourage waste diversion. 	As at 1 February 2015 there are 40,915 domestic rateable properties, which is an increase of 1,233 rateable properties receiving a waste service from the previous year. There are 221 single dwelling properties which have additional recycle bins and 358 single dwelling properties which have additional greenwaste bins. Approximately 150 requests for additional bins were received over the past year. Missed services for waste improved substantially from last year, however there were a couple of months where the number of missed services exceeded KPI's, SITA are kept aware of these situations which generally occur when casuals are employed and during the holiday period when residents forget to put their bins out.

Service	Program Description	Outco	mes		
Disposal	Council have committed to reduce	Tonna	Tonnages Collected		
Statistics	waste going to landfill in accordance		2013	<u>2014</u>	
	with EPA guidelines.	Waste	21,523	22,086	
		Cleanup	3,219	3,080	
	Council updates its waste reduction	Recycle	11,049	10,262	
	and education programs to ensure Council meet these commitments.	G/Waste	9,571	8,908	
	The total amount of waste disposed per capita has dropped by 1kg per	Kilograms per Capita		pita	
	resident. Drier weather conditions	Waste	224.1	223.6	
	have meant green waste tonnes dropped significantly and combined with a decrease in paper usage (e.g. newspapers) we have seen a reduction in recycling tonnages.	Recycle	187	175	
	Council will measure waste reduction based on the amount of waste disposed per capita				
Household Computer Collection	Council offers an at call household computer collection service from the kerbside which assists in eliminating e-waste from landfill.	A total of approximately 106.5 tonnes was collected during 2013-2014 via the at call service, the drop-off service and through the			
	A free drop-off service is also available at the Ryde Resource Recovery Centre in North Ryde. This service is provided as part of the National TV and Computer Strategy.	E-Waste challenge provided through schools. This is an increase of 64 tonnes from the previous year.			

Service	Program Description	Outcomes
Commercial Waste Service	Council provides a	 Approx 807 customers 61,970L waste lifts 33,832 240L recycle and greenwaste lifts 2,415 Bulk waste lifts 2110 Bulk recycle lifts Main increases were seen around the bulk bin collections with a 12% increase in bulk bin waste collection and 6% for bulk bin recycling and an overall increase in waste by approx 5% to all services. The annual Income was \$1,077,976 which is up by \$101,017 from last year. Next year's estimated income budget is >\$1.1m.
Second Hand Saturday	Council encourages residents to reduce their clean up collection by holding a Second Hand Saturday/garage sale. Council promotes the locations in the local paper and the council website, as well as supplying posters for residents to use for advertising.	Council advertised 139 Second Hand Saturday locations. The numbers have risen over 50% which is dramatic increase since last year.
Parks Recycling Stations	Council encourages public place recycling with recycling stations placed in parks and sports fields. The design of the stations with the limiters on the red and yellow lids ensures that contamination is low, to date these stations have been very effective in reducing waste to landfill.	Total Number of Parks 88 Total Number of Stations 294

Service	Program Description	Outcomes
Household Chemical Collection	The Household Chemical Collection service is funded by the EPA through the Waste Levy, supported by Council and operated by Toxfree, a hazardous waste processor. The City of Ryde held a clean out on 18 May 2014 at Meadowbank Netball Courts Carpark. Notification was provided to residents via a flyer in the Rates Notice, City View advertising and Council webpage updates.	1297 cars visited the site with 48.86 tonnes of hazardous chemical collected an increase of 4.2 tonnes from the previous year. 63% of the total tonnages collected was paint with oil, gas cylinders and lead acid batteries being the next most common items disposed. The majority of people heard about the collection through the internet & Council flyer.
Chipping and Mulching Service	The success of the Chipping and Mulching Service has meant that it is now in its 9 th year of service. Residents can phone Customer Service to book in up to 2 trailer loads of material for chipping. The material is then left for the residents to use on the gardens. This not only reduces waste, but also assists with the Water Wise program.	An average of 23 bookings per week were chipped during the financial year. During growth periods, services increase up to the limited 25 bookings per week over the 2 day service. This equates to approx 85 tonnes of material chipped and reused.
Medical Waste Collection	Council supports the safe disposal of sharps and dialysis tubing by providing a Medical Waste Collection at 13 chemists within the Ryde Council Area. This service is provided by Sampson Hygiene. Council now provides plastic sharps containers free of charge which are available from Customer Service	A total of 956 kg was collected for the financial year, which is up by 84 kg on last financial year.
Mobile Muster	Council encourages residents to recycle their mobile phones by supplying collection containers	Seven (7) containers are available and can be found at the Civic Centre foyer and each of the libraries. A total of 72.6 kilos of mobile phones were collected and recycled

Service Program Description Outcomes					
CFL and Battery Recycling	Council has established a collection service for CFL light globes and batteries to reduce toxins entering landfill	Containers are located in the foyer of the Civic Centre – approximately 468kg of light globes and tubes and 300kg of batteries were collected which is an increase of approx 20% on the volume from the previous year.			
Clothing Bins	Council, in partnership with the Smith Family, have rolled out a textiles diversion program	39 bins in the Ryde LGA in various parks and car parks. 149.09 tonnes collected which is 1tonnes more than the previous year.			
Shopping Centre/ Street Waste and Recycling Stations Butt Bins	Stainless Steel Waste and Recycling bin stations are located in town centres, premier parks, the Civic Centre, and along well frequented streets and bus stops to assist the community in improving recycle. Council also provides free standing stainless steel Butt Bins in high use areas, such as bus stops, Council community halls and other locations where the waste and recycling bins are not located to reduce the incident of cigarette butt litter.	Locations:Boronia Park1Denistone2East Ryde3Eastwood38Five Ways3Gladesville12Macquarie Park19Meadowbank12Midway4North Ryde15Putney7Ryde10Top Ryde21West Ryde32This is an increase of 4new stations over the pastyear.			

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Service	Program Description	Outcomes
In-house	Council provides 240L recycling bins and under desk boxes in all Council offices for the recycling of paper and other recyclable material, smaller recycling bins are also provided in all staff kitchens to encourage employees to further reduce waste. Council also recycles all its Fluorescent Tubes from within the Council Buildings. The RALC has 20 new smaller waste and recycling stations within the pool area to assist patrons to recycle.	
	The RALC has 20 new smaller waste and recycling stations within the pool	

The Waste Section liaises closely with the Planning and Development Teams to ensure that all waste and recycling collection measures are met and that there is clear access for the waste collection vehicles to service the bins without impeding on traffic flow. There has been a steady increase in the number of development applications that require waste input, especially on the larger scale buildings whereby we are encouraging all bins to be serviced within the building basement. A total of 36 development applications were assessed which included varying components of Prelodgement, RFI and Development Assessment.

To present a more accurate figure on waste reduction and the effects of our education campaigns, Council is now reporting on the amount of waste disposed per capita as well as that diverted from landfill.

Veer	Population	Total Waste	Waste Kilo's Per	Total Recycling	Recycling Kilo's Per
Year	as per ABS	Tonnes	Capita	Tonnes	Capita
2011/12	109,186	24,830	227	22,701	208
2012/13	110,390	24,742	224	20,620	187
2013/14	112,545	25,167	223.6	19,707	175

Average Weight Per Capita



The Waste Section provides comprehensive education programs which include the distribution of the Annual Waste Collection Calendar, Waste Tours, Compost & Worm Farming Workshops, Community and School programs, education programs on recycling right in Ryde and reducing Illegal Dumping in Multi Unit developments as well as media releases and developing educational resources. Although a heavy education campaign is conducted, there was still a drop in waste diverted from landfill. This was mainly attributed to the drier weather conditions, which affected the greenwaste tonnages, dropping by 663 tonnes and the reduction in paper and bottles by 787 tonnes due to changes in the electronic media. However it should be noted, as per above that although the percentage of waste diverted from landfill has decreased, the actual waste per capita has reduced by 0.5 of a kilo.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact as all programs and services are funded by the Domestic Waste Management charge on the annual rates.