

Meeting Date: Monday 31 January 2022
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 7.05pm

Councillors Present in the Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Laxale, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song.

Councillors Present online via audio-visual: Councillor Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: General Manager, Acting Director – Customer and Community Services, Director – Corporate Services, Director – City Planning and Environment, Director – City Works, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – People and Culture, Manager – Operations, Manager – Parks, Manager – Community and Ranger Services, Manager – Library Services, Manager – Project Development, Team Leader – Community Grants and Direct Services, IT Applications Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Councillor Maggio was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that he knows some of the applicants through activities in the community during the years.

Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that he has had Council Business and social interactions with the Generous and the Grateful, AASHA, Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde Inc.

Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that many of those who run these organisations are known to him.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that she has relationships with members of the community who work with the Northern Centre, Side by Side Advocacy, Generous and the Grateful, Cass Core, Neighbourhood Watch and Easy Care Gardening.

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that she is distantly related to one of the applicants and also knows a few of the groups who have applied for grants.

Councillor Song disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that he was the Executive Committee Member of the Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that he knows some of the applicants but was not aware of their submissions.

Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021 for the reason that she is an Executive Member of the Neighbourhood Watch – Ryde District.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled the written submission by Laurence Heffernan in relation to Notice of Motion 2 – Meadowbank Skate Park and a copy is ON FILE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Laurence Heffernan	Notice of Motion 2 – Meadowbank Skate Park
Maria Dalmon	Notice of Motion 7 – Safety and access in Putney park and on Ryde Riverwalk Infrastructure
Mark Swayne	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Dolores Bragg (representing Marsden High School)	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Maree Joseph	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct

Name	Topic
Lesley Slender (representing Marsden High School P&C)	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Amal Gittany	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Danielle De Paoli-Michaels	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Meadowbank Community	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Tasmin Slender	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons made a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Julie Hill	Consider making the Gladesville to Ryde River walk (commencing at Bill Mitchell Park) wheelchair accessible
Graham Marshall	Shops and the building at 144-148 Coxs Road. The upstairs of the building has been empty and open to the elements for ten years, and at street level, the shops have been vacating the space one by one. The building is probably the worst eyesore in the City of Ryde. Streetscape works recently completed may lead to improvement in the atmosphere and surrounds of Coxs Road, an important local hub. However, I am concerned that the streetscape improvement will be a waste of money, given the presence of an eyesore in a central part of Coxs Road

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Pedersen)

That any speakers in the gallery be allowed to address the Council Meeting, the time being 7.16pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Han, Laxale, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Motion: Councillors Deshpande, Lara-Watson and Yedelian OAM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons then addressed the Council:-

Name	Topic
Mark Swayne	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Dolores Bragg (representing Marsden High School)	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Lesley Slender (representing Marsden High School P&C)	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Tasmin Slender	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
Maree Joseph	Notice of Motion 8 – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Yedelian OAM)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 7.41pm:-

- **Notice of Motion 8** – Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct
- **Item 1** – Items put without Debate

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICE OF MOTION

8 MEADOWBANK EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT - Councillor Jerome Laxale

Note: Mark Swayne, Dolores Bragg (representing Marsden High School), Maree Joseph, Lesley Slender (representing the P&C Marsden High school), Amal Gittany, Danielle De Paoli-Michaels, the Meadowbank Community and Tasmin Slender made a written submission on this Item and copies are ON FILE.

Note: Mark Swayne, Dolores Bragg, Lesley Slender and Tasmin Slender addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Purcell)

- (a) That within 14 days, the General Manager arrange and hold an urgent meeting and invite Schools Infrastructure NSW, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, relevant Council staff, representatives from Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High P&Cs, and interested local residents and interested Councillors to discuss the communities long list of concerns regarding the construction of Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct.
- (b) That Council acknowledge the distress this project and its construction has caused to local residents, and that the Mayor request in writing within 7 days that construction hours be amended in the final months of construction to provide respite to local residents.
- (c) That Council acknowledge the lack of local community consultation about traffic and parking issues around the site and request in writing within 7 days an urgent review of:-
 - (i) the new No Stopping signs in Bowden Street; and
 - (ii) the new bus stops outside 91 Bowden Street and McPherson Street.

which were proposed and determined by the State Government without adequate levels of community consultation.

- (d) That a status report and commentary on all action items above be reported back through the Councillor Information Bulletin by 15 February.
- (e) That the General Manager continue to provide support to residents in their attempts to engage with Schools Infrastructure NSW and the State Government on issues of traffic non-compliant and other related matters.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Deshpande)

- (a) That Council affirms its support for new schools and education investment in the City of Ryde.
- (b) That Council, as soon as practicable, organise a workshop for new Councillors to familiarise themselves with the Meadowbank Education Precinct project, and identify opportunities for the City of Ryde to work constructively with Schools Infrastructure on the delivery of new education facilities and surrounding local amenity, including to limit any construction-related inconveniences.
- (c) That Council, write to the former Mayor of Ryde, Councillor Jerome Laxale, and all continuing Councillors, requesting copies of all correspondence related to this matter in advance of the abovementioned workshop, for the information of new Councillors and Council staff.

- (d) That Council arrange for individual meetings with the Mayor and Council staff with relevant stakeholders, namely Schools Infrastructure NSW, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, interested residents and representatives from Meadowbank Public School and Marsden High School P&Cs, to identify immediate priorities, and make appropriate representations as identified in the meetings.
- (e) That copies of this correspondence be tabled at the subsequent General Meeting of Council as a Precis of Correspondence.
- (f) That at the meeting a point of discussion is to request any utilisation of facilities and open space opportunities for the community to use through council's adopted processes.
- (g) That Council include all the speakers that addressed Council as well as the written submissions tonight to be included in the consultation process.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) For and five (5) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record for the Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 1/22, Mayoral Minute 2/22, Item 3, Item 6, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 3 and Notice of Motion 6 on the Council Agenda as per the recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM1/22 MORNING TEA FOR AUSTRALIA DAY HONOUR RECIPIENTS – The Mayor, Councillor Lane

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (a) That Council congratulate Ms Karen Waud OAM and Mr Mervyn Whiting OAM on their 2022 Australia Day Honours.

- (b) That Council arrange a celebratory morning tea and certificate presentation for the award recipients, their guests, local media and interested Councillors.
- (c) That Council allocate requisite funding for the event from the Mayoral budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM2/22 GREENER NEIGHBOURHOODS PROGRAM – The Mayor, Councillor Lane

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (a) That Council note that applications for the \$1.65 million Greener Neighbourhoods Grant Program close on 22 February 2022.
- (b) That Council apply for a grant under the program of up to \$50,000 which is designed to fund important environmental initiatives, such as strategic urban forest planning.
- (c) That Council delegate staff to identify suitable project(s) that most efficiently and effectively benefit our local environment within the parameters of the program, and report back to Council once funding decisions have been made.
- (d) That Council endorses a letter sent from the Mayor to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, the Hon. Anthony Roberts MP, expressing the Council's willingness to work constructively on future grant and funding programs and thanking him for the opportunity to apply.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 January 2022

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 1/22, held on 11 January 2022 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 30 YEARS OF RYDE BEING PROCLAIMED A CITY (1992-2022) - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (a) That Council organise an outdoor morning tea at Banjo Patterson celebrating 30 years (1992-2022) of Ryde being proclaimed a City.
- (b) That all former Mayors and Councillors be invited to the event.
- (c) That Council officers provide a creative idea of acknowledging the milestone.
- (d) That the event be organised through the Mayor's Office.
- (e) That the funding be taken out of General Revenue.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 AUDIT OF EXISTING SPORTS GROUND AMENITIES - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (a) That Council undertakes an audit of all existing sports ground amenities and prepare a report outlining in respect to each facility:-
 - the condition of the facility
 - which sporting groups use the facility
 - whether the current facility is adequate for future needs eg. meeting rooms
 - whether provision needs to be made for female changing rooms
 - the current program to upgrade sporting amenities
 - an implementation program with recommendations and timeframes for commencement of any works

- (b) That staff provide a report on this proposal to Council within three (3) months.
- (c) That funding to be made available from the Open Space base budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 MEADOWBANK COMMUNITY GARDEN - Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (a) That Council note there has been a significant demand by local residents to establish a community garden in Meadowbank.
- (b) That City of Ryde staff undertake a report into the location, dimensions and costings of a community garden in or around the area of Memorial Park, Meadowbank.
- (c) That staff present this report by the Council meeting of April 2022.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORT

6 REQUEST FOR TENDER - COR-RFT-09/21 - FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (a) That pursuant to Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Council accepts the tender from Newsound Fire Services Pty Ltd for Fire Protection Services.
- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 23 November 2021

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Laxale)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 13/21, held on 23 November 2021 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 January 2022

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

4 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS, ROUND 2, 2021

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in the Item for the reason that he knows some of the applicants through activities in the community during the years.

Note: Councillor Purcell disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he has had Council Business and social interactions with the Generous and the Grateful, AASHA, Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde Inc.

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that many of those who run these organisations are known to him.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has relationships with members of the community who work with the Northern Centre, Side by Side Advocacy, Generous and the Grateful, Cass Core, Neighbourhood Watch and Easy Care Gardening.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is distantly related to one of the applicants and also knows a few of the groups who have applied for grants.

Note: Councillor Song disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he was the Executive Committee Member of the Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde. He left the meeting at 8.18pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he know some of the applicants but was not aware of their submissions.

Note: Councillor O'Reilly disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is an Executive Member of the Neighbourhood Watch – Ryde District. She left the meeting at 8.18pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Brown)

- (a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for the City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 2, 2021:

Community Wellbeing

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
1	CW01	The Northern Centre	\$15,000	\$15,000	Evaluation of the Safe-T Program- A community response service for domestic violence.	
2	CW13	Rotary Club of Ryde	\$12,500	\$12,500	Development of a community garden in Ryde.	
3	CW22	Sydney Community Services	\$15,000	\$15,000	Inclusion Matters- Inclusion projects aimed to connect people with a disability, seniors and disadvantaged people with the wider community.	

4	CW25	The Generous and The Grateful	\$15,000	\$7,500	Upskill and Uplift- Employment training pathway in logistics and warehousing.	Meets criteria for medium project due to scale, scope and sustainability of the project. A pilot project that will continue if successful.
5	CW10	Sydney North Health Network	\$7,000	\$7,000	Ryde Aboriginal Women's Gathering- Arts and Culture Project.	
6	CW29	Side By Side Advocacy	\$13,480	\$7,500	Celebrating 30 years of citizen advocacy and social inclusion. Series of events for people with disability in Ryde.	Meets criteria for a medium project due to scale, scope and sustainability of the project. Limited partnerships.
7	CW06	Armenian Youth Federation of Australia	\$7,500	\$2,500	Youth camp and mental health initiative in Ryde.	Funding to support Ryde youth only. Other funding sources should be sought for attendees from out of area.
8	CW23	The Shepherd Centre- for Deaf Children	\$5,432	\$2,500	Talk Together- An education and support program for parents of children with a hearing loss in City of Ryde.	Meets criteria for a small project due to scope and scale. No partner organisations.
9	SM GR04	Community Flower Studio	\$2,500	\$2,500	Laugh Your Guts Out- 8 laughter workshops in partnership with Eastwood Chinese Seniors.	
10	SM GR08	CASS Care	\$2,500	\$2,500	Sharing Hope Through Volunteering. Recruit and support volunteers with a focus on people with Korean language skills.	

11	SM GR14	Giant Steps	\$1,500	\$1,500	Community Access Program for Young People with Autism. Experiences for youth to increase independence, well-being, and social interactions.	
12	SM GR15	Armenian Resource Centre	\$2,500	\$2,500	Short-term employment assistance program post COVID, in partnership with Meadowbank TAFE	
13	CW02	AASHA	\$15,000	\$2,500	Art of active healthy living with COVID and beyond. In person and online social and health promotion groups for seniors.	Meets criteria for a small project due to scope, scale, and sustainability. Limited partnerships.
14	CW09	Northside CALD Carers (auspice CCA NSW Ltd)	\$7,500	\$2,500	Enhance the wellbeing of CALD carers in collaboration with partner organisations. In person and online events with guest speakers.	Meets criteria for a small project due to scope and scale. Funding to support Ryde carers with other sources sought for people out of area.
15	CW07	Ample Abilities	\$6,000	\$2,500	Ample Net Social Support Group for people with disabilities and their carers. Emphasis to support people from CALD backgrounds	Meets criteria for a small project due to scope and scale. No partner organisations.
16	CW26	Korean Harmony Culture Group	\$2,500	\$2,500	Social outings for Korean seniors aimed at encouraging new members.	
17	CW05	Neighbourhood Watch	\$9,300	\$2,500	Community safety and crime prevention program. Reintroduce Neighbourhood Watch to Central and East Wards in Ryde.	Meets criteria for a small project due to scope and scale. No partner organisations.

18	CW30	AusCare Foundation	\$10,000	\$2,500	Intergenerational storytelling and knowledge sharing. Children from Ryde Persian School will teach their grandparents about technology while they learn about their history and culture.	Meets criteria for a small project due to scope and scale.
		Total	\$150,212	\$93,500		

Events

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
19	EV03	Australia Yellow River Chorus	\$7,500	\$5,000	Easter Festival Celebration. A choir performance and musical event.	Application stated the event could be delivered for \$5,000. The additional \$2,500 was to pay another organisation, however, the need was not demonstrated.
20	EV04	Korean Community of Commerce in the City of Ryde Inc.	\$7,000	\$5,450	Eastwood chef cooking competition with Korean, Chinese and Australian chefs.	Requested funding for a marquee, however, not required, as the event will be held under the trellis in Eastwood Plaza.
		Total	\$14,500	\$10,450		

Arts and Creativity

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
21	Arts02	Ryde City Concert Band Inc.	\$5,000	\$5,000	Ryde Band, 140-year history. Editing, proof-reading and design to publish a book.	
22	Arts09	Helene Cochaud	\$3,936	\$3,936	COVID Voices- Documentary photographic work on the impact of COVID in Ryde.	

23	Arts03	May's Day Creativity Inc.	\$4,800	\$1,000	May's Day Chinese Writing. Literature project to tell a series of stories of Australia via creative writing and workshop.	No partner organisations and small number of people proposed for the workshops. Partial funding recommended.
		Total	\$13,736	\$9,936		

Facilities and Equipment

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
24	FE03	Hunters Hill/ Ryde Men's Shed	\$4994	\$4994	Purchase of equipment to replace old/obsolete pieces.	
25	FE05	Riding for the Disabled Association- Ryde Centre (auspice RDA NSW)	\$5,000	\$5,000	Enhance community safety and access to the riding oval and purchase of a ride on lawn mower.	
26	FE07	Easy Care Gardening	\$5,000	\$5,000	Gardening tools and equipment to assist volunteers.	
27	FE02	Ryde Eisteddfod Committee	\$5,000	\$5,000	IT equipment to support front of house functions during Eisteddfod events.	
		Total	\$19,994	\$19,994		

Sport and Recreation

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
28	SP01	Ryde Hunters Hill Cricket Club	\$3,000	\$2,000	Pirates' female participation and development program to encourage female participation and skills development	Funding for sporting equipment is not eligible.

29	SP06	Eastwood Ryde Netball Association	\$2,500	\$2,140	Netball development program for children aged 5-7 years.	Funding for court hire is not eligible.
Total			\$5,500	\$4,140		

Small Grants

	Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
30	SM GR13	Reach Community Initiatives	\$2,500	\$2,500	Provide emergency food parcels including frozen meals.	
31	SM GR09	Korean Cultural Forum	\$1,000	\$1,000	Cultural Exchange Conference. Monthly interest group meeting of community members including promotion of young musicians/ artists.	
Total			\$3,500	\$3,500		

- (b) That the funding allocated to the Venue Hire category be reallocated to the Community Facilities and Equipment category to support funding of all the applications received.
- (c) That funding of \$143,070 is awarded in this grant round from the Community Grants budget.
- (d) That unspent funding of \$29,430 from this round is carried forward to Community Grants, Round 1, 2022.
- (e) That Council does not endorse the following application, as it has been assessed, as lower priority and is the WHS responsibility of the applicant.

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
32	FE06	West Ryde Church	\$5,000	\$0	Installation of a defibrillator and emergency exit signage within the church property.	WHS is the responsibility of the organisation and suggest alternative grant funding.

- (f) That the successful and unsuccessful applicants are advised in writing of the outcomes of their applications.
- (g) That the Mayor write to all the successful applicants.

- (h) That Council officers review the unsuccessful applicant West Ryde Church to identify opportunities to assist them in the installation of the defibrillator.
- (i) That the general manager contact applicants, 4, 6, 8, 13, 14, and 15 and discuss opportunities and ways in which they may be able to achieve the grant funding that they applied for.
- (j) That applicant 20 be provided with the amount that they applied for, for the purposes of purchasing a marquee for wet weather or general purposes if required.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor O'Reilly returned to the meeting, the time being 8.41pm.

Note: Councillor Song returned to the meeting, the time being 8.41pm.

5 EXTERNAL COMMITTEE - NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Pedersen)

That Council appoint Councillor Laxale as the formal delegate and Councillor O'Reilly as the alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

That Council appoint Councillor Deshpande as the formal delegate and Councillor Han as the alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.

On being put to the meeting the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) for and five (5) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Brown)

That Council appoint Councillor Deshpande as the formal delegate and Councillor Han as the alternate delegate to the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) Committee.

Record of Voting:

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Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 30 YEARS OF RYDE BEING PROCLAIMED A CITY (1992-2022) - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

2 MEADOWBANK SKATE PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: Laurence Heffernan made a written submission on this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM tabled Laurance Heffernan's written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Lara-Watson)

- (a) That Council note at the last Council meeting in 2021 a petition was presented requesting a consultation process on the extension of the lighting at the skatepark.
- (b) That Council provides a comprehensive consultation process at the Meadowbank outdoor recreation space to extend the lighting to the skatepark to 8.00pm in the winter months of May, June, July and August.
- (c) That all neighbouring residents, Meadowbank Park users and the local skateboarding community be involved in the discussions.
- (d) That Council provide as part of the consultation four (4) face-to-face drop-in sessions at the skatepark on the weekends engaging with the users and neighbouring residents.

- (e) That the report on this proposal be presented to Council in three (3) months.
- (f) That funding be made available from the appropriate reserve.

On being put to the meeting, Councillors Laxale, Pedersen, Purcell, O'Reilly and Song abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Lane and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

3 AUDIT OF EXISTING SPORTS GROUND AMENITIES - Councillor Roy Maggio

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

4 NEW STREET TREE PLANTING - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Lara-Watson)

That the General Manager bring back a report to Council:-

- (a) That identifies suitable locations for the planting of at least 1300 additional street trees in the City of Ryde.
- (b) Identifying native species and suitable heights while consulting proactively with local residents prior to planting.
- (c) Identifying appropriate funding through the budget process, prioritising funding from external sources where available, including offering an opportunity to opt out, prior to planting.
- (d) That the outcome and various milestones of this resolution be promoted widely.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 BOOSTING THE ECONOMY OF EASTWOOD BUSINESS PRECINCT BY ESTABLISHING KOREATOWN ON ROWE STREET (EAST), EASTWOOD - Councillor Daniel Han

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Song)

(a) That Council note:-

- Rowe Street East, Eastwood has long been recognized as the largest and most recognised Korean cultural business precinct in Sydney due to its substantially high concentration of Korean business presence.
- The Australian Korean community has contributed significantly to the economic and cultural prosperity of Australia, NSW and the City of Ryde.
- Destination precincts contribute significantly to the economy of Ryde and help foster greater harmony and cultural exchange of Australians of all heritage.

(b) That Council partner with the Eastwood business community, local residents and other appropriate stakeholder to establish a working party, chaired by Councillor Han and Deputy Chair, Councillor Song to:-

- (i) Identify the most suitable location and boundaries to demarcate 'Koreatown' precinct on the eastern side of Rowe Street, Eastwood.
- (ii) Upon successful identification of the precinct, develop a masterplan for appropriate signage, demarcation, monuments and other public works to create an identifiable Koreatown precinct.
- (iii) Consult with the community about the masterplan to further investigate the streetscape options and traffic movements on Rowe Street East to reinvigorate the area.
- (iv) Develop a budget to allocate funding from the appropriate reserve to be brought back to Council for consideration by 30 June 2022 as part of the current Delivery Plan process.
- (v) Register Koreatown with the NSW Geographic Names Board and report to Council on the outcomes of the working party deliberations; and
- (vi) Upon completion of the project, organise an official launch of 'Koreatown' with invitations sent to all those who participated in the process with the working party.

(c) That Council request the General Manager provide all necessary resources to the working party to achieve its goals.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 MEADOWBANK COMMUNITY GARDEN - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

7 SAFETY AND ACCESS IN PUTNEY PARK AND ON RYDE RIVERWALK INFRASTRUCTURE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and O'Reilly)

That the General Manager bring back a report to Council by May 2022 outlining the changes that can be made and possible funding sources to:-

- (a) Build a hand railing at Ross Street steps, Gladesville to Ryde Riverwalk, making access safer for the elderly and people living with a disability on the steps.
- (b) Make the Ryde Riverwalk more accessible for wheelchairs, walkers and prams.
- (c) Provide appropriate ramp access to the sand, for people living with a disability at Putney Park (made from sector recommended materials and to required specifications for wheelchairs) that is separate to the current sandstone steps and separate to the proposed kayak/dragon boat/sports ramp.
- (d) That we explore the opportunity to identify funding, deliver a ramp or a combined ramp that delivers access to people living with a disability to the sand.
- (e) That Council explore Grant opportunities to assist in the funding of this projects.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 MEADOWBANK EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT - Councillor Jerome Laxale

Note: This Item was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Question 1:

There was a resolution of Council in 2019, in response to a Notice of Motion by Councillor Pedersen that proposed a bike and kayak kiosk/s at Kissing Point Beach. It was proposed that the hire kiosk also include a small scale café with food and beverage offerings to activate sites along the river. Community consultation showed overwhelming support for this project. The project was put on hold pending a response from the State Government Crown Lands Office. Where is the Kayak and Bike hire for Kissing Point Beach proposal up to and when can we expect the community will be able to hire kayaks there?

Answer 1:

The Kayak and Bike hire for Kissing Point Beach proposal is still pending a response from the State Government Crown Lands Office. Council staff have been working to resolve this issue with no success, as such the matter has now been directed to our in-house counsel to take legal action on the matter. To date, no further advice has been received.

Question 2:

Council assets such as paving, footpaths and gardens are often removed, damaged or dug up by utility companies and developers, please confirm that the costs of repair and replacement must be met by the body responsible for the damage. What other requirements are there surrounding these replacements? ie: timeframe for replacement and what are the requirements for the quality of replacement materials used, the quality of work done and is this replacement work assessed as part of the process?

Answer 2:

Councils assets are regularly damaged in the course of activities undertaken by a range of parties. These parties include Utilities (or their agents) and Developers and are unavoidable. In most instances, the damage arises due to the need to upgrade existing Utility assets such as power cables, gas lines, water supply lines and telecommunications cabling. Other examples involve the expansion of the Utility's infrastructure to meet with increasing demands for the services they provide.

The repair of these damaged assets is implemented at the expense of the party that caused the damage. Each Utility is obligated to fund such repairs under their respective Legislation. In addition, Council rights are protected under both the Roads Act and Local Government Act. The timeframes associated with the finalisation of such work is determined by the time required to complete and commission the new Utility Asset. In the case of electrical and Telco assets, the approval to proceed with the final restoration is issued once the new installation has been tested. This may have considerable lead time. However, the Utility, or their agent, is required to maintain the affected area in a safe state to ensure no risk is posed to the general community. Any deterioration of any temporary restoration must be actioned by the Utility or their agent. Again, their obligations are covered by the relevant Legislation. It should also be mentioned that Council, in most instances, implements the final restoration on a commercial basis. This also provides Council an opportunity to ensure the work is delivered to the required standards and specifications.

In the case of Developers, they are required to fund such activities through the approval of a Road Opening Permit (ROP). The permit will include an estimation of the anticipated damage and an amount is calculated which is charged as a Bond. In addition, any Security Deposit which is lodged with Council as part of a DA can be utilised to fund any shortfall. Alternatively, the issuing of an Occupancy Certificate can be withheld until damage is rectified.

Question 3:

In June 2021 staff indicated that they were considering a free mattress recycling service, were gathering data and would report back in November. Can you please tell us if a free mattress recycling service will be implemented in this term of Council and what date is this likely to start?

Answer 3:

As of November 2021, mattresses presented in household clean-up have been recycled through Mattress Recycle Australia. Residents are not required to book a separate collection. All clean-up materials collected in Ryde are sent to the Veolia Greenacre facility. Mattresses are then separated and transferred to Cootamundra for recycling.

A CIB detailing this initiative was planned for November, however, Council is still awaiting recovery data from a third party processor which has delayed the CIB. The recovery data is expected to be received during February, at which time a CIB will be issued to brief Councillors on the project.

The meeting closed at 9.49pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022

Chairperson