

**MM14/23 REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO
EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis
Yedelian OAM****File Number:** MYR/07/10/20 - BP23/435

Eastwood Town Centre has been a major shopping and business area in the City of Ryde for well over a hundred years.

The area has, over time, been home to a timber yard, movie theatre, well regarded shopping strip, Masonic Hall, major department stores etc.

Over the last twenty or so years, the area has suffered from a lack of coordinated planning and upkeep and I believe it is time for Council to look to reinvigorate and reestablish the area as a major destination and hub for the local area.

For this reason, I call on City of Ryde staff to prepare a report to the August 2023 Council meeting, outlining options, funding and strategies to upgrade infrastructure, and encourage tourism, economic and cultural activities in Eastwood. The report is to include:

- a) the current status and progress of the Eastwood Central Project, recognising that replacement of the ageing Glen Street Council car park is a major priority.
- b) options, funding and strategies to replace remaining zebra crossings in the town centre with traffic lights.
- c) options, funding and strategies to refresh and upgrade the Eastwood Library building and assets so that it continues to meet the needs of its users in a growing and diverse suburb.
- d) opportunities identified to provide additional murals and street decorations on the west side of Eastwood town centre reflecting the history and cultural diversity of the area.

Further, recognising that this year marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Eastwood Tai Chi group at Eastwood Plaza - which continues to serve the health and recreational needs of locals - that this group be invited to a morning tea at the Council Chambers and that an appropriately worded plaque be presented for installation at Eastwood Plaza. The morning tea to be costed from the Civic Services budget.

MM14/23 (continued)**RECOMMENDATION:**

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- (2) That Council recognise that this year marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Eastwood Tai Chi group at Eastwood Plaza, which continues to serve the health and recreational needs of locals. Further, that this group be invited to a morning tea at the Council Chambers and that an appropriately worded plaque be presented for installation at Eastwood Plaza. The morning tea to be costed from the Civic Services budget.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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