

Meeting Date: Tuesday 27 May 2025

Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online

Time: 6.06pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Maggio, Pedersen and Tracey.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Han, Li and Lo.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Acting General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Manager – Traffic Services, Manager – Circular Economy, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Transport, Acting Executive Officer – City Fabric, City Architect, Senior Coordinator – Park Planning, Senior Coordinator – Resources Recovery, Senior Strategic Planner, Team Leader – Community Development, Team Leader – Community Grants and Community Facilities, Strategic Planner, IT Systems Support Officer, IT Applications Specialist, Civic Services Manager, Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator and Acting Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Senior Pastor Andrew Chin of the Wesley International Congregation 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 Howison disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in Item 12 – Planning Proposal (Section 3.22) Expedited Amendment – Dual Occupancy Housing, for the reason that her principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Councillor Last disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in Item 12 – Planning Proposal (Section 3.22) Expedited Amendment – Dual Occupancy Housing, for the reason that his principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Councillor Arya disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in Item 12 – Planning Proposal (Section 3.22) Expedited Amendment – Dual Occupancy Housing, for the reason that his principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in Item 12 – Planning Proposal (Section 3.22) Expedited Amendment – Dual Occupancy Housing, for the reason that her principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in Item 12 – Planning Proposal (Section 3.22) Expedited Amendment – Dual Occupancy Housing, for the reason that her principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Councillor Li disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in Item 12 – Planning Proposal (Section 3.22) Expedited Amendment – Dual Occupancy Housing, for the reason that his principal place of residence and other properties he has an association with are within the Ryde LGA.

Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 19 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns and Engagement, for the reason that he is friends with one of the property owners in that street.

Councillor Howison disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 15 – City of Ryde Community Grants 2025 Round 1, for the reason that she is a social acquaintance with applicants from CCA NSW, DAPA, Rotary Club Macquarie Park and the Ryde Indian Association.

Councillor Last disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 4 – Review of Traffic Changes to Park Avenue, West Ryde, for the reason that he resides on a street mentioned in the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Last disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 19 – Buena Vista Avenue – Waste Collection Concerns and Engagement, for the reason that his Godfather resides in the affected area.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 15 – City of Ryde Community Grants 2025 Round 1, for the reason that he knows some of the applicants as they are active members of the public.

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 15 – City of Ryde Community Grants 2025 Round 1, for the reason that she knows a number of the community groups and members who have applied and been successful or unsuccessful in their applications.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 15 – City of Ryde Community Grants 2025 Round 1, for the reason that she knows lots of the groups applying.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Notice of Motion 1 – Request for Urgent Parking Management Measures – Jeanette Street, East Ryde, for the reason that she has come to know residents of Jeanette Street, East Ryde due to the issues being discussed repeatedly over 8 years.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in the Matter of Urgency regarding Jeanette Street, East Ryde, for the reason that she has come to know residents of Jeanette Street, East Ryde due to the issues being discussed repeatedly over 8 years.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Maggio tabled a Petition with 52 signatures from Jeanette Street residents, together with photographs of parking in Jeanette Street. These documents were tabled in relation to Notice of Motion 1 – Request for urgent parking management measures in Jeanette Street, East Ryde and copies are ON FILE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Mark Krywienko	Notice of Motion 10 – The Proliferation of Illegally Placed Political Materials during the 2025 Federal Election

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Name	Topic
Lynette Phillips	Jeanette Street Water and Drainage issues
Scott Harrison	Civic Centre Site

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Last)

That Council adopt Mayoral Minute 11/25, Mayoral Minute 12/25, Mayoral Minute 13/25, Mayoral Minute 14/25, Item 2, Item 3, Item 5, Item 6, Item 7, Item 8, Item 9, Item 10, Item 11, Item 16, Item 20, Item 21, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 2, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 8, Notice of Motion 9, Notice of Motion 10, Item 22 on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the Reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTES**11/25 ACKNOWLEDGING 70TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (NSW SES) – Mayor Trenton Brown**

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges and congratulates the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) on its 70th Anniversary and recognises the vital contribution the organisation and its volunteers have made to the people of New South Wales.
- (b) Request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report for Council outlining options to formally and appropriately recognise and honor the NSW SES's 70th Anniversary, including potential sponsorship opportunities, event or recognition concepts, and associated costs.

12/25 ACKNOWLEDGING 90TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF EASTWOOD CROQUET CLUB – Mayor Trenton Brown

That Council congratulates the Eastwood Croquet Club on their 90th year Anniversary.

13/25 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS – RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES – Mayor Trenton Brown

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge the feedback received to date regarding the proposed changes to the 2025/26 Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre fees and charges.
- (b) Commit to further consultation with the community on the proposal, including more targeted communication and engagement beyond the official period for submissions.
- (c) Confirm that the current provision of free access to the RALC for eligible City of Ryde residents holding a concession (pensioners or health care cardholders with proof of residency) will remain unchanged for the next financial year.

14/25 PROGRESSING THE 24 HOUR LIBRARY TRIAL – Mayor Trenton Brown

That Council:

- (a) Bring forward the Councillor workshop on the 24/7 Library Trial to 17 June 2025.
- (b) Request staff to complete the necessary WHS and security assessments and prepare implementation options and a timeline.
- (c) Note that a further report will be provided to Council following the workshop to confirm the scope and commencement date of the trial.

COUNCIL REPORTS**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 4/25, held on 30 April 2025 be confirmed.

3 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AND QUARTER THREE PROGRESS REPORT

- (a) That Council endorses the proposed budget variations as detailed in **ATTACHMENT 1**.
- (b) That Council receives, notes and endorses the Operational Plan 2024-2025 Quarter Three Progress Report January to March 2025 as provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

5 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES – 1 JULY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

That Council receive and note the report and Attachment 1 regarding Councillor expenses and facilities for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

**6 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – VIMIERA ROAD
FOOTPATH AND MARSFIELD PARK CAR PARK**

That Council approves the allocation of \$40,000 excluding GST from the Councillor Discretionary Fund to the 2024/2025 Capital Works Program and Footpath Expansion Capital Works Program for the completion of the missing footpath on Vimiera Road and installation of sandstone blocks to the car park at Marsfield Park.

**7 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – SEATING AT MORRISON
BAY PARK BASKETBALL COURT**

That Council approve the allocation of \$8,290.00 from Councillor Roy Maggio's Discretionary Fund to the 2024/2025 Capital Works Program for the purchase and installation of 3 bench seats adjacent to the basketball court at Morrison Bay Park.

**8 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – DICKSON AVENUE
FOOTPATH EXTENSION**

- (a) That Council approves the allocation of \$30,000 excluding GST from the Councillor Discretionary Fund to the 2025/2026 Footpath Expansion Capital Works Program for the construction of the Dickson Avenue footpath extension subject to recommendation part (b).
- (b) That the project be funded from Councillor Maggio's 2024/2025 discretionary funds. If there is slight shortfall in funds, the balance of the project will be funded from the current Footpath Expansion Capital Works Program.

**9 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – WATER STATIONS AT
NORTH RYDE PARK AND MONASH PARK**

That Council approves the allocation of \$33,000 excluding GST from the Councillor Keanu Arya's and Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson's Discretionary Fund (\$16,500 each) for the installation of one water station at North Ryde Park and one water station at Monash Park.

**10 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – SHADE SHELTERS AT
ELS HALL PARK**

That Council approve the allocation of \$34,500 excluding GST from Councillor Shweta Deshpande's and Daniel Han's Discretionary Fund (\$17,250 each) for the installation of shade shelters at ELS Hall Park, North Ryde.

11 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – EROSION MITIGATION AT SHRIMPTONS CREEK, NORTH RYDE

That Council approve the allocation of \$50,000 from Councillor Lyndal Howison's Discretionary Fund for the erosion mitigation and associated works in Shrimptons Creek between Kent Road and Trevitt Road, North Ryde.

16 OFF LEASH DOG AREA – WARRAWONG, BRERETON AND FONTENOY PARK

- (a) That Council declares Warrawong Reserve (by issue of future order) to be an enclosed dog off-leash area pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 once works are completed in the 2026/2027 financial year.
- (b) That Council declares Brereton Park (by issue of a future order) to be an unfenced dog off-leash area pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1998.
- (c) That Council declares Fontenoy Park (by issue of a future order) to be a partially fenced dog off-leash area pursuant to Section 13(6) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 once works are completed in the 2026/2027 financial year and on the condition that the declaration is only in place during times when the Park is not being used for organised sporting activities booked by the Council.
- (d) That funding be identified in 2026/2027 Operational Plan for the installation of fencing at Warrawong Reserve and Fontenoy Park in line with recommendation (a) and (c).

20 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 2025**(A) MONASH ROAD, GLADESVILLE - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE**

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A pedestrian refuge be installed on Monash Road, to the south of College Street at the intersection of College Street/ Eltham Street and Monash Road, Gladesville.
- b) Vehicles over 6m be banned from turning left onto Monash Road from Eltham Street, Gladesville.

(B) PARKES STREET, WEST RYDE - INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING ZONE

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing 5.4m long NO STOPPING zone be replaced with a NO PARKING STRYDER VEHICLES EXCEPTED zone outside property no. 99 Parkes Street, West Ryde.

(C) RYEDALE ROAD, WEST RYDE - PARKING CHANGES

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing 1/2P 8:30AM-6PM MON-FRI 8:30AM-12:30PM SAT parking restriction be changed to 1/2P (at all times) at the frontage of businesses located on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, between Wattle Street and Victoria Road, West Ryde.
- b) The parking bay lines be marked at the parking spaces on the eastern side of Ryedale Road, opposite to the West Ryde train station.

(D) WOLGER ROAD, RYDE - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing NO STOPPING zone on the western side be extended at the property frontages of 30 to 38 Wolger Road, Ryde.
- b) The existing NO STOPPING zone be extended on the eastern side of Wolger Road at the property frontages of 47 to 49A Wolger Road and side frontage of 9 Aeolus Avenue, Ryde.

(E) TERRY ROAD AND BRUSH ROAD, EASTWOOD - LOADING ZONE AND TIMED PARKING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A 12.5m long LOADING ZONE 6AM-6PM MON-FRI be installed on Terry Road at the frontage of property no. 64 Terry Road.
- b) The existing BUS ZONE on Terry Road opposite Milton Avenue be extended to 30m (20m approach and 10m departure).
- c) A 26m long 1/2P Parking 8AM-6PM ALL DAYS be installed on Brush Road along the frontage of property no. 64 Terry Road.

(F) CONVERSION OF ANGAS STREET BRIDGE TO A WALKING AND CYCLING BRIDGE, WEST RYDE

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Repurpose Angas Street bridge in Meadowbank, to accommodate pedestrian and cyclist traffic only (i.e. vehicular traffic will not be permitted to travel across the bridge).
- b) Provide a turnaround facility at the northern and southern ends of Angas Street bridge to enable vehicles to turnaround. These areas will be signposted "NO STOPPING" to assist with the safety of vehicular manoeuvring.

(G) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

- a) The Road Safety report outlining programs and community engagements including child car seat checking program, National Road Safety Week, promoting safety around heavy vehicles, Bus Safety Week, Kids Cycle Safety Program and School Zone Safety Program be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION**1 REQUEST FOR URGENT PARKING MANAGEMENT MEASURES – JEANETTE STREET, EAST RYDE – Councillor Roy Maggio**

Note: Councillor Maggio tabled a Petition with 52 signatures from Jeanette Street residents, together with photographs of parking in Jeanette Street in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has come to know residents of Jeanette Street, East Ryde due to the issues being discussed repeatedly over 8 years.

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledge receipt of a petition signed by 52 Jeanette Street, East Ryde residents and frequent visitors to the street, requesting urgent parking management changes.
- (b) Note that both the Ryde Local Traffic Committee and Council's Traffic and Transport Department have previously recommended parking changes as necessary and appropriate for Jeanette Street.
- (c) Facilitate and convene a meeting in early June 2025 involving all residents of Jeanette Street, together with representatives from Council's Traffic Services department, ensuring that all residents are notified in writing and given the opportunity to voice their concerns and contribute to the development of fair and effective parking solutions.

- (d) Ensure that all concerns, feedback, and preferences expressed by residents during the consultation process are formally documented and incorporated into the decision-making process.
- (e) Report the outcomes of the community consultation to the Ryde Local Traffic Committee for review at the next available meeting.
- (f) Present final recommendations for parking changes to the full Council no later than August 2025 for consideration and implementation.

2 FESTIVE DECORATIONS ACROSS THE RYDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA – Councillor Roy Maggio

- (a) That Council bring back a report on the opportunity to expand the existing festive decorations across the Ryde Local Government Area, in a timeframe that provides for decorations to be sourced and delivered.
- (b) That the report include a Christmas Decoration Action Plan that invests in new decorations for local shopping town centres for 2025 and beyond.
- (c) That consideration is given to creating a festive streetscape (such as decorations on light posts, fairy lights, Christmas tree).

3 CHANGE TO TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LANE COVE ROAD AND BUFFALO ROAD RYDE – Councillor Roy Maggio

That Council:

- (a) Formally calls for the reinstatement of the right turn filter on Lane Cove Road, Ryde at the signalised intersection of Lane Cove Road and Buffalo Road to improve traffic flow and reduce safety risks.
- (b) Write to the Minister for Roads and the Minister for Transport requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) consider the reinstatement of the right turn filter for traffic turning right from Lane Cove Road onto Buffalo Road, Ryde to improve traffic flow at this location.

4 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CHANGES TO PARK AVENUE, WEST RYDE – Councillor Cameron Last

Note: Councillor Last disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he resides on a street mentioned in the Notice of Motion.

That Council:

- (a) Report on any adverse local traffic impacts since making Park Avenue one way.
- (b) Investigate whether traffic flow may improve if Park Avenue was made one way in an easterly direction.
- (c) Investigate any effects on ambulance response times due to the change liaising with NSW Health.
- (d) Investigate ways to improve the safety of the Park Avenue, and Chatham Road generally including the installation of a mirror.

5 ORGANISATION OF A RIVER CARE DAY – Councillor Shweta Deshpande

That Council staff:

- (a) Review and bring back a report to Council within 3 months on the feasibility of conducting a Rivercare Day in the City of Ryde.
- (b) Work with local and community organisations to help design and find a suitable date every year to host the event.
- (c) Look for funding opportunities from Government Grants, and Corporate Sponsorships.

7 REQUEST FOR REPORT ON RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES – Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

Noting that Council is currently collecting feedback on changes proposed by Council officers on the 2025/26 Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) fees and charges, and in order for Council to make an informed decision at its June meeting, a report be prepared addressing the following matters:

- (a) The impact of the proposed fee adjustments on accessibility and affordability for pensioners and other vulnerable groups within the community, including an estimate of the number of patrons likely to be affected.

- (b) The financial implications of the proposed changes, including:
 - i. The expected additional revenue generated with assumptions.
 - ii. Any associated operational savings.
 - iii. How these figures align with the broader financial strategy of Council.
- (c) A clear explanation of the underlying financial pressures or capital/operational funding requirements that have led to the proposed changes at the RALC.
- (d) An analysis of alternative strategies to ensure the financial sustainability of the RALC, including but not limited to:
 - i. Increased marketing or outreach to attract underrepresented demographic groups.
 - ii. Initiatives to boost membership or off-peak usage.
 - iii. Partnership or sponsorship opportunities.
 - iv. Operational efficiencies that could be pursued before increasing fees.
 - v. Review the status of all swim school contractors operating within the facility, including the possibility of pricing adjustments, the expiry of current contracts, and user satisfaction.

**8 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL RUNNING CLUBS COMMUNITY EVENT –
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson**

That Council:

- (a) Liaise with local running clubs to identify suitable dates and venues for the proposed event within one week of this Notice of Motion passing.
- (b) Explore potential parks and reserves within the City of Ryde that can accommodate the event without disrupting scheduled sporting activities, such changing the time to the afternoon/evening.
- (c) Investigate the potential of an annual running event, similar to the Ryde Roller Coaster.

9 NATURAL VERGES IN RYDE – Councillor Lyndal Howison

That Council:

- (a) Review its Verge and Nature Strip Policy to provide a positive obligation to approve natural verges, except in relation to significant safety or access matters.
- (b) Provide education sessions on conversion to Natural Verges as part of its existing environmental education program.
- (c) Build awareness of the benefits of natural verges for local land and aquatic ecosystems in Ryde.
- (d) Promotes a revised Verge and Nature Strip Policy be promoted to residents through existing community engagement platforms including the Council's website.

10 THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGALLY PLACED POLITICAL MATERIALS DURING THE 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION – Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Mark Krywienko provided a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

That Council staff prepare a report that:

- (a) Lists the estimated number of illegally placed political materials collected in the 6 months prior and 2 weeks after the 2025 federal election; noting types (including digital signage trailers); the authorisations and estimated number of these materials attributed to each authorisation.
- (b) Calculates the hours (including after-hours) and labor costs to City of Ryde for handling complaints, collection and storage of illegally placed political materials.
- (c) Where possible, notes any increase in plastic corflute material being collected post-election and sent to landfill by City of Ryde.
- (d) Calculates costs to Council for the towing of any illegally placed digital signage on public property.
- (e) Provides a list of duties put on hold by rangers, in order to carry out works to remove political signage.
- (f) Investigates the framework of rules and fines regarding political signage, used by other NSROC LGA's and the City of Parramatta.

- (g) Brings back recommendations on the introduction of fines and an improved signage regulation framework.

COUNCIL REPORT

22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON – AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

That Council endorse the appointment of the nominated independent member, Mr David Pendleton as Chairperson of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, in accordance with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Regulation.

MAYORAL MINUTES

11/25 ACKNOWLEDGING 70TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (NSW SES) – Mayor Trenton Brown

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

12/25 ACKNOWLEDGING 90TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF EASTWOOD CROQUET CLUB – Mayor Trenton Brown

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

13/25 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS – RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES – Mayor Trenton Brown

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

14/25 PROGRESSING THE 24 HOUR LIBRARY TRIAL – Mayor Trenton Brown

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

15/25 PASSING OF MICHAEL (MICK) SMITH – Mayor Trenton Brown

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That Council note the passing of Michael (Mick) Smith.
- (b) That a minute's silence be observed as a mark of respect.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the Meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025

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

3 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AND QUARTER THREE PROGRESS REPORT

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

4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION - Councillor and Mayoral fees for 2025/2026

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

That Council adopt the following increases to Councillor and Mayoral fees effective from 1 July 2025 in accordance with the decision of the Tribunal:-

- i. Increase to Councillor fee from \$31,020 to \$31,950 per annum or 3%.
- ii. Increase to Mayoral fee from \$90,370 to \$101,470 per annum; in addition to the Councillor fee.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Lo and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Maggio and Pedersen

5 REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES - 1 JULY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

6 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - VIMIERA ROAD FOOTPATH AND MARSFIELD PARK CAR PARK

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

7 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - SEATING AT MORRISON BAY PARK BASKETBALL COURT

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

8 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - DICKSON AVENUE FOOTPATH EXTENSION

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

9 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - WATER STATIONS AT NORTH RYDE PARK AND MONASH PARK

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10 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - SHADE SHELTERS AT ELS HALL PARK

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

11 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - EROSION MITIGATION AT SHRIMPTONS CREEK, NORTH RYDE

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

12 PLANNING PROPOSAL (SECTION 3.22 EXPEDITED AMENDMENT) – DUAL OCCUPANCY HOUSING

Note: Councillor Li disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his principal place of residence and other properties he has an association with are within the Ryde LGA. He left the meeting at 6.38pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Howison disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Note: Councillor Last disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Note: Councillor Arya disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Special Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her principal place of residence is within the Ryde LGA.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council endorse the Planning Proposal via an expedited amendment using Section 3.22 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to amend the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* to apply the existing planning provisions for dual occupancy (attached) to all dual occupancy.
- (b) That Council endorse the amendments to the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* to be submitted as a section 3.22 expedited amendment for consideration by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Minister for Planning.
- (c) That Council support that if the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure advise they do not accept the proposed LEP amendment as a section 3.22 Amendment, Council officers will explore the option to pursue a full planning proposal in response to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing Policy, which would be brought back to Council for consideration prior to lodgement.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

13 UPDATE TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2014 - TREE PRESERVATION - Outcome of Public Exhibition

Note: Councillor Li returned to the meeting at 6.43pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Kordrostami)

That Council request a further report to be brought back to the next Council meeting which also considers the following:

Amending Part 6.3 to add:-

- That replacement trees must be an advanced approved species, planted and maintained to maturity. Chosen from a list of known species that grows naturally in the area in order to provide required nutrition and habitat for local wildlife.
- That mandatory inspections be undertaken during and after construction to ensure compliance with approved tree management plans.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

14 DRAFT RYDE KEY WORKERS AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Tracey)

- (a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy for a period of 42 days.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council on the submissions received during the exhibition period and any recommended amendments to the Policy.
- (c) That Council amend the criteria to exclude delivery drivers, retail workers, cleaners and public transport workers from the definition of Key Workers within the Draft Policy.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

- (a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy for a period of 42 days.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council on the submissions received during the exhibition period and any recommended amendments to the Policy.

Record of Voting:

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was five (5) For and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**.

For the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Against the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Tracey)

- (a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy for a period of 42 days.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council on the submissions received during the exhibition period and any recommended amendments to the Policy.
- (d) That Council amend the criteria to exclude delivery drivers, retail workers, cleaners and public transport workers from the definition of Key Workers within the Draft Policy.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO DEAL WITH ITEM IN SERIATIM**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was five (5) For and eight (8) Against. The Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Against the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

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

- (a) That Council endorse the exhibition of the Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy for a period of 42 days.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council on the submissions received during the exhibition period and any recommended amendments to the Policy.
- (c) That Council amend the criteria to exclude delivery drivers, retail workers, cleaners and public transport workers from the definition of Key Workers within the Draft Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillor Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

15 CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2025 ROUND 1

Note: Councillor Howison disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is a social acquaintance with applicants from CCA NSW, DAPA, Rotary Club Macquarie Park and the Ryde Indian Association.

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows some of the applicants as they are active members of the public.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows a number of the community groups and members who have applied and been successful or unsuccessful in their applications.

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she knows lots of the groups applying.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Deshpande)

(a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for the City of Ryde Community Grants, Round 1, 2025.

Community Wellbeing – Major

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
1	CWMaj-01	Planetshakers	\$14,850	\$14,850	Community mentoring program for disadvantaged families with children	
2	CWMaj-05	CCA NSW	\$15,000	\$8,592	“She Employment” skills development and business opportunities for CALD women	Partial funding, excluding budget items ineligible under Guidelines, such as Case manager costs;

Community Wellbeing – Medium

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
3	CWMe d-01	CASS Care	\$5,500	\$5,500	Strengthening the inclusion of CALD Youth	
4	CWMe d-02	Australian Association of Cancer Care	\$7,500	\$7,500	Music and dance for elderly and cancer patients	
5	CWMe d-03	Armenian Relief Society Araz Chapter	\$5,000	\$5,000	Armenian Senior Women's health and Wellbeing Seminar	
6	CWMe d-05	Royal Life Saving NSW	\$5,500	\$5,500	Lifesaving skills for vulnerable communities	
7	CWMe d-06	Epilepsy Action Australia	\$7,500	\$7,500	Epilepsy Allies: Navigating Epilepsy Together	
8	CWMe d-08	Rosemont Chamber Orchestra	\$7,500	\$7,500	Accessible community concerts for people experiencing physical and psychological challenges	
9	CWMe d-09	AASHA Australia Foundation	\$7,500	\$7,500	Rhythm Wellbeing workshops for older people	
10	CWMe d-10	Empowering Parents In Crisis (EPIC)	\$4,980	\$4,980	Your Voice Matters: Advocating for Your Young Person webinars	
11	CWMe d-11	Differently Abled People Association	\$6,900	\$6,900	Multicultural Inclusive Social Gatherings connecting people with disabilities and the wider community	

12	CWMed-14	Korean Harmony Culture Group	\$5,000	\$5,000	Multicultural community activities, incl. food, fashion, dance	
13	CWMed-15	Parents of Deaf Children	\$7,500	\$7,500	Creative Academy workshops for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children	
14	CWMaj-09	Yimiri	\$15,000	\$7,500	Ryde Corroboree cultural & wellness gatherings	re-classified to Medium category, as matching funding for Major category not demonstrated

Community Wellbeing- Minor

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
15	CWMin-01	OZ Neulbom Social Welfare Association	\$2,500	\$2,500	Digital literacy training to marginalized seniors, promoting social inclusion, connectivity, and independence	
16	CWMin-03	Giant Steps Australia	\$2,500	\$2,500	Community Access Program for Autistic Individuals and Families	
17	CWMin-05	K-Cultural Education n Training Centre	\$2,500	\$2,500	Empowering Seniors in Ryde program: mobile usage, translation and AI	

Events – Major

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
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18	EventsMaj-01	Rotary Club of Macquarie Pk	\$20,000	\$20,000	Rotary Carols on the Common	
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Events – Medium

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
19	EventsMed-01	Captivate Presbyterian Church	\$7,500	\$7,500	Christmas Carols in West Ryde 2025	
20	EventsMaj-02	Indian Ocean Society of Australia	\$15,000	\$7,500	Ryde Garba Festival 2025 – Dance, Celebrate, Connect!	Does not meet criteria for Major category; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500
21	EventsMaj-03	Melrose Park Football Club	\$10,000	\$7,500	Street Football World Cup and Community Festival	Does not meet criteria for Major category; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500
22	EventsMaj-04	ASAF / SAFAL Fest	\$20,000	\$7,500	South Asian Film Arts Literature Festival (SAFAL Fest)	Does not meet criteria for Major category; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500
23	EventsMaj-07	Ryde Indian Association	\$20,000	\$7,500	Diwali Fair	Does not meet criteria for Major category; re-classified Medium event and maximum funding for this category is \$7,500

Events – Minor

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/ Description	Other Comments
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24	EventsMin-01	Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association	\$2,500	\$2,500	Traditional Korean cultural craft and food community workshops	
25	EventsMin-02	Multicultural Arts and Performance Network	\$2,500	\$2,500	All age, all ability, multicultural inclusive concert	
26	EventsMin-03	Distinguished Citizens Society International Of NSW Australia	\$2,500	\$2,500	Double Tenth Basketball Championships	
27	EventsMin-04	Macquarie Anglican Church	\$2,500	\$2,500	Carols@Kings community carols	

Arts

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
28	Arts-01	Kalakars Club Ryde	\$5,000	\$5,000	"A dream," Indian musical theatre production	
29	Arts-03	Ample Abilities	\$4,855	\$4,855	Linkup with Art project for people with disabilities from CALD backgrounds	
30	Arts-04	Lady of Grace Fraternity	\$4,900	\$4,900	"Bonegilla," a multimedia show of post-war migrants' journey	
31	Arts-06	City of Ryde Eisteddfod	\$5,000	\$5,000	Ryde Eisteddfod Cultural Community outreach	
32	Arts-09	Louisa Chan	\$5,000	\$5,000	Creative Art Healing Workshops: A Community Wellness Initiative	
33	Arts-10	Pure Korean Traditional Art Music Performance and Academy Australia	\$5,000	\$5,000	Beyond the Melodies: The Story of Korean Instruments workshops & performances	

34	CWMaj03	Ebenezer Mission	\$9,500	\$5,000	Diverse Art Studio providing employment and training opportunities for people with disabilities	Assessed and re-classified in the Arts category where the maximum funding available is \$5,000
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Community Facilities and Equipment

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
35	FE-01	Cycling Without Age Sydney North	\$3,700	\$3,700	Marquee for Cycling Without Age Ride Days	
36	FE-02	Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church	\$5,000	\$5,000	Community accessible laptops and iPads	
37	FE-05	Australia STEM and Advancement Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	GPU for AI training and machine learning training	
38	FE-06	The Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch	\$4,295	\$4,295	GRN 2640 Eastwood Marsfield Scout Group Equipment	
39	FE-09	Ryde Multicultural Center	\$10,880	\$5,000	Audio visual system for the RMC hall	Maximum funding available in this category is \$5,000

Sport

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
40	Sport-02	Stryder Ltd	\$5,000	\$5,000	School Student Transport to RDA	
41	Sport-07	Ryde Dragon Boat Club Incorporated	\$2,489	\$2,489	Growing Leadership Capability for Increased Capacity training	
42	Sport-08	Sydney United Sports Club	\$4,500	\$4,500	Club Support - Women/Girls Cricket Program	

43	Sport-09	Ryde Water Polo Club	\$2,388	\$2,388	Marquee for junior & senior tournaments	
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- (b) That funding of \$245,449 is awarded in this grant round from the Community Grants budget.
- (c) That Council note that the following applications are not recommended for funding:

	Ref No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Project Name/Description	Other Comments
1	Arts-11	The Stage Theatre Production and Education	\$5,000	\$0	Ryde Theatre Hub - Supporting local artists and emerging talent	Proposed project is a duplication of existing programs and therefore ineligible under the Guidelines

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

16 OFF LEASH DOG AREA - WARRAWONG, BRERETON AND FONTENOY PARK

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

17 INSTALLATION OF WATER STATION (BUBBLERS) WITHIN COUNCIL SPORTSGROUNDS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Tracey)

- (a) That Council endorse the reinstatement of a filtered water station at Christie Park. The estimated cost for this project is \$17,250, which can be funded under the 2025/26 Sportsground Maintenance budget, subject to Council's adoption of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan.
- (b) That Council endorse the staged installation of water stations at the following sportsgrounds which will be a future capital project for inclusion in the 2026-2027 iteration of the Four Year Delivery Plan:

2026-2027

- Marsfield Park
- Magdala Park
- Darvall Park

2027-2028

- Bremner Park
- Meadowbank Park #13
- Pioneer Park

2028-2029

- Westminster Park

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

18 FIXED SPACE CAR SHARE PROGRAM 2025-2026

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Last)

- (a) That Council acknowledges the 2025-2026 Car Share Expression of Interest program process and community consultation undertaken to date in alignment with Council's *Fixed Car Share Policy*.
- (b) That Council endorse the below 6 (six) nominated spaces:
- Location 1 – Windsor Drive, Corner of Herring Road, Macquarie Park
 - Location 2 – 1 Ball Avenue, Eastwood
 - Location 3 – Opposite 10 East Parade, Eastwood
 - Location 4 – 14-16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood
 - Location 5 – 3 Cambridge Street, Gladesville
 - Location 6 – John Wilson Car Park, Pittwater Road, Gladesville

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

19 BUENA VISTA AVENUE - WASTE COLLECTION CONCERNS AND ENGAGEMENT

Note: Councillor Li disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he is friends with one of the property owners in that street. He left the meeting at 7.46pm and was not present for consideration and voting on this Item.

Note: Councillor Last disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that his Godfather resides in the affected area. He left the meeting at 7.46pm and was not present for consideration and voting on this Item.

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

That Council notes the contents of this report and its attachments.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

20 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL 2025

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

21 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 REQUEST FOR URGENT PARKING MANAGEMENT MEASURES - JEANETTE STREET, EAST RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

2 FESTIVE DECORATIONS ACROSS THE RYDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

3 CHANGE TO TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LANE COVE ROAD AND BUFFALO ROAD RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

4 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CHANGES TO PARK AVENUE WEST RYDE - Councillor Cameron Last

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

5 ORGANISATION OF A RIVERCARE DAY - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

6 REVIEW OF PRE-BOOKED COUNCIL CLEAN UPS - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

Note: Councillor Last and Councillor Li returned to the meeting at 7.49pm.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Arya)

That Council staff:

- (a) Conduct a thorough examination of the Council clean-ups provided to the community, ensuring all aspects of service delivery are evaluated.
- (b) Provide a detailed breakdown comparing the usage of services by strata properties versus stand-alone homes, highlighting any disparities and patterns.
- (c) Solicit feedback from residents on the effectiveness of current services and explore potential improvements by presenting alternative options.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 REQUEST FOR REPORT ON RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

8 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL RUNNING CLUBS COMMUNITY EVENT - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

9 NATURAL VERGES IN RYDE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

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

10 THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGALLY PLACED POLITICAL MATERIALS DURING THE 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

11 EV CHARGING AT MEADOWBANK - Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Kordrostami)

That City of Ryde prepare a report that includes information on an EV strategy mentioned in the report on EV charging March 26/24 (from a resolution of Council made on 22 August 2023. Motion 9. INCREASING ACCESS TO EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE), updating the report to include:

- (a) The results of the 2024, "staff engagement program supporting the new transition strategy for Council's fleet will be drafted to guide staged delivery with targets for electric vehicles, and supported charging opportunities. This is aimed at further increasing the transition and bolstering staff support and encouragement for uptake" mentioned in the report along with an update on new EV charging that has been delivered and the status of our fleet.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

12 CLEAR PROCEDURE AND MORE REAL TIME ASSESSMENT OF FIELDS AFTER WET WEATHER - Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Maggio)

That Council staff prepare a report that explores the feasibility of adding game day field assessments to the wet weather procedure, if there has been no rain between the Friday 2:00pm inspection and Saturday morning, and include in the report:

- (a) An evaluation of the current inspection process, including whether resources allocated for Friday 2:00pm assessments could be reallocated to Friday 4:00pm or Saturday mornings for higher risk fields and/or fields with a higher weekend usage.
- (b) Cost and staffing implications of introducing weekend inspections, including any need for overtime or additional weekend staff.

- (c) Logistical challenges of conducting inspections and communicating results in time for 8:00am kick-offs.
- (d) A review of the matrix currently used to determine ground closures and whether more flexibility can be introduced to reflect changing weather conditions.
- (e) Consideration where local clubs – already managing field conditions on weekends are formally supported with clear guidelines and education around field closures, to ensure consistent and safe decision-making.
- (f) Engagement with local sports clubs, associations, and weekend field hirers to gather feedback on practical and sustainable solutions that support participation while maintaining field safety.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY**1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Kathy Tracey****Regulation of Street Hawkers in Eastwood Plaza**

In recent months, there has been an increase in the number of individuals selling homegrown produce in the outdoor areas of the Eastwood shopping precinct. These informal hawking activities not only detract from the visual appeal of the area but also contribute to littering and raise concerns regarding hygiene, food safety, and public health.

Question 1:

What actions have been taken, or are currently being undertaken, to manage and regulate the sale of goods by street hawkers in this location?

Answer 1:

Council is actively regulating the unauthorised street hawking that is occurring in Eastwood Plaza via the following actions:

- Council's Parking Ranger Team have been requested to monitor Eastwood Plaza for any unauthorised Street Hawking activities, whilst they are conducting their daily parking enforcement patrols. The Parking Rangers promptly alert the Compliance Ranger Team so they can regulate any non-compliant Footpath Activities in accordance with Council's Footpath Activity Control Policy and associated legislative requirements.

- The Compliance Ranger Team regulate non-compliant street hawking activities. The Compliance Rangers regularly note voluntary compliance, with the street hawkers often collecting their products and leaving the area whenever they are approached by Council's Officers. The Compliance Rangers do not have the authority to detain and arrest street hawkers. Similarly, the Street Hawkers will often refuse to provide their personal identification details, since this would result in a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN) being issued.
- Council's Environmental Health Team has also assisted with the regulation of Street Hawkers by adopting an educational approach. It is noted that most Street Hawkers are attempting to sell primary industry produce. It is noted that NSW Food Authority (& not Councils) are the Appropriate Regulatory Authority for the regulation of Primary Industry Produce. (such as fruit and vegetables).
- Council's Compliance Ranger Team is seeking greater involvement from the NSW Police in relation to the regulation of street hawkers. It is noted the NSW Police have arrested and fined a street hawker that was aggressive towards Council staff. Consequently, Council Officers shall continue to escalate street hawking issues to the NSW Police in cases where the street hawker is aggressive and refuses to vacate the area.
- Council is currently investigating the possibility of increasing public education and thus regulatory outcomes by the installation of advisory signage, which will increase awareness of the permitted uses on public spaces, food safety, and trading regulations.
- Finally, Council anticipates the abovementioned strategies shall maintain public safety, cleanliness, and the visual amenity of Eastwood Plaza.

Question 2:

Are Council Rangers actively monitoring and enforcing relevant regulations in relation to this matter?

Answer 2:

Yes. Council Rangers are actively monitoring and enforcing regulations in Eastwood Plaza. The Council Ranger Teams, which consist of the Parking Rangers and Compliance Rangers, work collaboratively by conducting daily patrols of Eastwood Plaza.

The Compliance Ranger Team has the necessary delegations and skill to regulate this issue under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Footpath Activity Policy.

The Compliance Rangers can regulate street hawking activities that are occurring upon Council's land without the necessary prior approvals.

This regulatory action can include: educational interventions; formal cautions; or the issuing of penalty infringement notices when offences are observed.

Many of the street hawkers in Eastwood Plaza appear to be vulnerable persons, with limited English and socio-economic capacity.

Most street hawkers will comply with Council's "move-on" directions, and then return to trade at a later date. Consequently, Council is seeking greater collaboration with the NSW Police to enable fines to be issued, and thus create a financial disincentive for them to return to trade in Eastwood Plaza.

Question 3:

Has Council identified any language or communication barriers that may be contributing to non-compliance, and if so, are there strategies in place to address this?

Answer 3:

Yes. Council has noted that the majority of the street hawkers are from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.

Council's interactions have also confirmed that the majority of the street hawkers do not reside within the Ryde Local Government Area, and often come to Eastwood via the nearby train station.

It is acknowledged that language and cultural differences may hinder understanding and compliance with Council's regulations.

Consequently, Council has adopted the following measures to increase regulatory compliance:

- Utilising translators to ensure Council's regulatory guidelines are understood and being complied with; and
- Investigating the installation of appropriate pictogram signage, to increase visual understanding and thus avoid translation issues within the Eastwood precinct.

Finally, Council remains committed to a balanced approach that promotes inclusivity while preserving the health, safety, and amenity of the Eastwood community.

2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

Tree Canopy Ryde

Question 1:

What is the current tree canopy cover in Ryde and how does this compare to the figure of 28.90% published in Council's Urban Forest Policy in April 2023?

Answer 1:

The latest measure available is data made available by the NSW Government and identifies a Canopy Coverage across the Ryde LGA of 27.02%.

Question 2:

It was reported in that document that canopy cover was assessed using artificial intelligence (AI) and photogrammetry datasets available through NearMap. What methods are planned for future use in Ryde to measure tree canopy cover?

Answer 2:

This methodology for collecting tree canopy data is common across the industry and it is anticipated a similar process will be utilised in the future. Council will assess the different options available to obtain the information in the most cost-effective manner.

CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORT

22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

MATTER OF URGENCY

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she has come to know residents of Jeanette Street, East Ryde due to the issues being discussed repeatedly over 8 years.

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding flooding and subsidence in Jeanette Street, East Ryde.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Maggio)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen, regarding flooding and subsidence in Jeanette Street, East Ryde, the time being 8.53pm.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Motion was five (5) For and eight (8) Against. The Motion was **LOST**.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Against the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

Chairperson