



## MM16/14 RYDE RIVER WALK - PROVISION OF FUNDING BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT - The Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio

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I am pleased to advise that on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014, I attended a photo shoot with the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Hon Jamie Briggs MP and Federal Member for Bennelong John Alexander OAM MP where funding by the Federal Government in the sum of \$ 1.1 million for the construction of the Ryde River Walk was confirmed.

Provision of this funding will allow the next stage of the Ryde River Walk project to proceed and will provide residents with a recreational trail between Morrison Bay Park to Looking Glass Bay Park via Bill Mitchell Park and Glades Bay Park. This new section of the walk will connect existing foreshore parks along the Parramatta River.

The Ryde River Walk project addresses local and regional objectives for improving recreational opportunities, active transport, public health and community well-being. The trail encourages walking and cycling within the City of Ryde by connecting existing foreshore parks with recreational trails, community facilities, natural environments, urban centres and public transport hubs.

Key features of the Ryde River Walk include pedestrian infrastructure, quality neighbourhood aesthetics and access to parks and community facilities, all of which are positively associated with the wellbeing of our community.

The Ryde River Walk has helped to enhance and increase the usage of the foreshore facilities by both individuals and families. The trail provides a safe access route for community members wanting to use the open space for a variety of activities.

## RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the provision of funding by the Federal Government in the sum of \$1.1 million dollars for further construction of the Ryde River Walk be noted.
- (b) That Council write to the Hon Jamie Briggs MP and Federal Member for Bennelong Mr John Alexander OAM MP and thank them for the provision of the above funding.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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