

Meeting Date: Tuesday 25 October 2016
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 7.00pm

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 27 September 2016

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Governance
File No.: CLM/16/1/1/2 - BP16/1283

REPORT SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/16, held on 27 September 2016 be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 September 2016

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**Council Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 11/16**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 27 September 2016
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 7.00pm

Councillors Present: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Maggio, Pendleton, Perram, Stott and Yedelian OAM.

Apologies: Nil.

Leave of Absence: Councillors Salvestro-Martin and Simon.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Acting Director – Corporate and Community Services, Acting Director – City Strategy and Planning, Director – City Works and Infrastructure, General Counsel, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Acting Manager – Communications, Customer Service and Events, Manager – Environmental Health and Building, Manager – Community Services, Acting Manager – Strategic City, Executive Officer – Ryde Civic Hub, Senior Coordinator – Open Space Planning and Development, Project Manager, Local Studies Librarian, Digital Communications Coordinator, Senior Coordinator – Governance, Governance, Risk and Audit Coordinator and Administration Officer – Councillor Support.

PRAYER

Pastor Dr Keith Ng of the Evangel Bible Church, Putney was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Stott disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in relation to Mayoral Minute 15/16 – Request for Leave of Absence, for the reason that the matter relates to her role as Deputy Mayor, and she may receive remuneration as a result of this Mayoral Minute.

Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 4 – Report of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting 7/16 held on 13 September 2016, for the reason that her continued and consistent opposition to the sale/redevelopment of the Civic Centre public land with the inclusion of high rise residential development is consistent with her core commitment made to the electorate at the 2012 elections.

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Councillor Perram disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6(8) – Request for Tender – Provision of Minor Works and Services and Pre-Qualification for Large Civil and Landscape Works 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, for the reason that one of the recommended firms for pre-qualification is a former client of his consulting firm. Councillor Perram has had no contact with that particular firm for six (6) years.

TABLING OF PETITONS

No Petitions were tabled.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor, Councillor Pickering Suspended Standing Orders to allow Councillor Chung to address the meeting in relation to his recent resignation as a Councillor from the City of Ryde, the time being 7.08pm.

Note: Councillor Chung then addressed the meeting.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor, Councillor Pickering Resumed Standing Orders, the time being 7.19pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

That the speakers who submitted a Request to Address Council on Items Listed on the Agenda on an Item previously considered by the Works and Community Committee Meeting 8/16 held on 20 September 2016 and Items Listed on the Agenda after the midday deadline, be allowed to address the meeting, the time being 7.24pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons then addressed the Council:-

Name	Topic
Benjamin Drayton	Item 5(2) – Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Spaces – Creation of Youth Precincts

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Name	Topic
John Shi-Nash (representing Macquarie Park Innovation District)	Notice of Motion 1 – Macquarie Park Innovation District

Note: Professor David Wilkinson (representing Macquarie University) was called to address Council, however was not present in the Chamber.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons addressed the Council:-

Name	Topic
Stavroula Tsiouostas	Public Interest Topic – DA and Council's Responsibilities

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Yedelian OAM and Stott)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 7.35pm:

- Item 5(2) – Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Spaces – Creation of Youth Precincts
- Notice of Motion 1 – Macquarie Park Innovation District

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 8/16 held on 20 September 2016

2 RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH AND FAMILY RECREATION SPACES - CREATION OF YOUTH PRECINCTS

Note: Benjamin Drayton addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

- (a) That Council endorse the recommendations of the Skate Park Working Group with the selection of Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park for further investigation.
- (b) That Council endorse undertaking consultation with the community and stakeholders regarding the location and design of an outdoor youth and family recreation facility within Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park.

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- (c) That after the community consultation, an implementation plan be prepared for the most appropriate site so that the facility can be delivered as soon as practical and the plan be reported to Council.
- (d) That Council write to NSW Health and NSW Police inviting them to continue to participate in the development of these projects and thank them for their submissions.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Perram and Li)

- (a) That Council acknowledge the work of the Skate Park Working Group.
- (b) That the Skate Park Working Group be requested to reconsider the options of Eastwood and Meadowbank Park and to recommend other options to Council.
- (c) That Council write to NSW Health and NSW Police inviting them to continue to participate in the development of these projects and thank them for their submissions.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was five (5) all. The Mayor used his casting vote Against the Amendment. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, Li, Pendleton, Perram and Yedelian OAM

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio and Stott

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

- (a) That Council endorse the recommendations of the Skate Park Working Group with the selection of Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park for further investigation.
- (b) That Council endorse undertaking consultation with the community and stakeholders regarding the location and design of an outdoor youth and family recreation facility within Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park.
- (c) That after the community consultation, an implementation plan be prepared for the most appropriate site so that the facility can be delivered as soon as practical and the plan be reported to Council.

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- (d) That Council write to NSW Health and NSW Police inviting them to continue to participate in the development of these projects and thank them for their submissions.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Maggio and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillors Li, Pendleton, Perram and Yedelian OAM

NOTICE OF MOTION

1 MACQUARIE PARK INNOVATION DISTRICT - Councillor Jerome Laxale

Note: John Shi-Nash (representing Macquarie Park Innovation District) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

Note: Documentation regarding the Macquarie Park Innovation District dated 13 September 2016 was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Chung)

- (a) That Council accepts the invitation to become a member of the Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) Group, for a trial period of two (2) years.
- (b) That the Macquarie Park Marketing Plan (PM16_30249), funded by the Macquarie Park Special Levy, and endorsed in the Four Year Delivery Plan be used to fund the membership fee of \$25,000 per annum for the financial years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.
- (c) That Council's ongoing membership of the Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) Group be reviewed in January 2018.
- (d) That Council staff, The Mayor and Councillors attend the meetings of the Group.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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MAYORAL MINUTES

MM15/16 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Note: Councillor Stott disclosed a Pecuniary Interest in relation to this Item, for the reason that the matter relates to her role as Deputy Mayor, and she may receive remuneration as a result of this Mayoral Minute. Councillor Stott left the Meeting at 8.22pm and was not present for the consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillor Maggio)

- (a) That Council approve the Mayor, Councillor Pickering's Leave of Absence for the period 11 October 2016 to 19 October 2016 inclusive.
- (b) That Council endorse paying the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jane Stott, for the period 11 October 2016 to 19 October 2016 inclusive, on a pro rata basis from the Mayoral fee to undertake all duties associated with the Mayoral role throughout that period.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM16/16 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Note: Councillor Stott was not present for the consideration or voting on this Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillor Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Councillor Yedelian OAM be endorsed as a member of the Works and Community Committee.
- (b) That Councillor Salvestro-Martin be endorsed as a member of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee and the Planning and Environment Committee.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Stott returned to the Meeting at 8.28pm.

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MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Etmekdjian advised that he wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding the election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Planning and Environment Committee and the Ryde Civic Hub Committee.

The Mayor, Councillor Pickering accepted this Item as an Urgent Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency raised by Councillor Etmekdjian regarding the election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Planning and Environment Committee and the Ryde Civic Hub Committee, the time being 8.33pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, Li, Pendleton and Perram

Note: At this stage of the meeting, the Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer, chaired the meeting for the Matter of Urgency and conducted the election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Planning and Environment Committee and the Ryde Civic Hub Committee.

MATTER OF URGENCY – ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process in relation to the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer presented the options on the method of voting for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale and Pendleton

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Planning and Environment Committee and received nominations being for Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Laxale.

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Laxale that they accepted their nomination.

The ELECTION FOR CHAIRPERSON was conducted which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Yedelian OAM 6 votes

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Laxale 2 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Laxale and Pendleton

As a result of the voting, **COUNCILLOR YEDELIAN OAM WAS DULY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON FOR THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Planning and Environment Committee and received nominations being for Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Pendleton.

The Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

The Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillor Pendleton that they accepted the nomination.

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The ELECTION FOR DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON was conducted which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Etmekdjian 6 votes

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Pendleton 2 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Laxale and Pendleton

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR ETMEKDJIAN WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

MATTER OF URGENCY – ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR RYDE CIVIC HUB COMMITTEE

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer, gave an overview of the election process in relation to the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

METHOD OF VOTING FOR CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer presented the options on the method of voting for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillor Yedelian OAM and The Mayor, Councillor Pickering)

- (a) That the method of voting for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be open voting by show of hands.
- (b) That the Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, Pendleton and Perram

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee and received nominations being for Councillor Stott and Councillor Laxale.

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The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Stott and Councillor Laxale that they accepted their nomination.

The ELECTION FOR CHAIRPERSON was conducted which resulted in the following voting:

Councillor Stott 6 votes

Voting in favour: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Councillor Laxale 3 votes

Voting in favour: Councillors Laxale, Pendleton and Perram

As a result of the voting, COUNCILLOR STOTT WAS DULY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON FOR THE RYDE CIVIC HUB COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Acting General Manager, as Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee and received one nomination being for Councillor Etmekdjian.

The Returning Officer called for any further nominations. As there were none, nominations were closed.

The Returning Officer confirmed with Councillor Etmekdjian that he accepted the nomination.

As there was only one nomination, COUNCILLOR ETMEKDJIAN WAS DULY ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE RYDE CIVIC HUB COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Note: At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillor Pickering resumed as Chairperson.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 23 August 2016

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM left the meeting at 8.46pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

ITEM 1 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Maggio)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 9/16, held on 23 August 2016 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Councillor Yedelian OAM returned to the meeting at 8.49pm.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 16 September 2016

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Stott)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 10/16, held on 16 September 2016 be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 7/16 held on 13 September 2016

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Chung)

That Council determine Item 4 of the Planning and Environment Committee report 7/16, held on 13 September 2016 noting that Items 1, 2 and 3 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 DRAFT BIODIVERSITY PLAN FOR RYDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Chung)

- (a) That Council endorses the exhibition of the Draft Biodiversity Plan being placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with the details provided in the report.

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- (b) That subject to (a), a further report be submitted for Council to determine the Draft Biodiversity Plan after the public exhibition period has finished and all submissions have been considered.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 REPORT OF THE RYDE CIVIC HUB COMMITTEE MEETING 7/16 held on 13 September 2016

Note: Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that her continued and consistent opposition to the sale/redevelopment of the Civic Centre public land with the inclusion of high rise residential development is consistent with her core commitment made to the electorate at the 2012 elections.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Perram and Stott)

That Council determine all Items 1 and 2 of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting 7/16, held on 13 September 2016 in accordance with the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Terms of Reference.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2016

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Perram and Stott)

That the Minutes of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee 6/16, held on 9 August 2016, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 RYDE CIVIC HUB INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION STATUS REPORT 11 (SEPTEMBER 2016)

Note: The Final Competition Report regarding Design Our Ryde – Ryde Civic Hub International Design Competition was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Perram and Stott)

- (a) That the Ryde Civic Hub Committee receives and notes the content of this Status Report 11 (September 2016).
- (b) That the Ryde Civic Hub Committee notes that this report forms the basis of a further comprehensive report that will include all appendices to this report and will be circulated separately prior to the Council meeting on 27 September 2016.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 REPORT OF THE WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING 8/16 held on 20 September 2016

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

That Council determine Item 3 of the Works and Community Committee report 8/16, held on 20 September 2016 noting that Items 1 and 4 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers and Item 2 was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH AND FAMILY RECREATION SPACES - CREATION OF YOUTH PRECINCTS

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

3 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING SEPTEMBER 2016

RESOLUTION : (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

- (a) That Council endorse the allocation of The City of Ryde Small Grants Category as follows:

Organisation	Project Name	Amount
Holy Land Cultural and Community Assoc. Inc.	Building bridges, connecting and communicating	\$1,000
	Total	\$1,000

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- (b) That the successful Grant applicant be informed of the outcome of their application.
- (c) That the remaining funding available of \$39,000 in the Community Grant Reserve continues to be set aside for the Small Grants Scheme.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**6 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
8/16 held on 20 September 2016**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Chung)

That Council determine all Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting 8/16, held on 20 September 2016 in accordance with the Finance and Governance Committee Terms of Reference.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Finance and Governance
Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2016**

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Chung)

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee 7/16, held on 16 August 2016, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 INVESTMENT REPORT - August 2016

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

That Council endorse the report of the Acting Chief Financial Officer dated 1 September 2016 on Investment Report – August 2016.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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3 JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2015-2019 AND 2015/2016 OPERATIONAL PLAN

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Maggio)

- (a) That the report of the Acting Chief Financial Officer dated 30 June 2016 on the June Quarterly Review Report - Four Year Delivery Plan 2015-2019 and One Year Operational Plan 2015/2016 be received and endorsed.
- (b) That the proposed budget adjustments included in this report resulting in no changes to Council's Working Capital of a projected balance as at 30 June 2016 of \$3.29 million, be endorsed and included in the 2015/2016 Budget.
- (c) That the proposed transfers to and from Reserves as detailed in the report, and included as budget adjustments, totalling a net increase in Transfers to Reserves of \$4.77 million be endorsed.
- (d) That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer dated 15 August 2016 be endorsed.
- (e) That Council endorse the Projects recommended for cancellation, deferral, being placed on hold or proposed to be carried over as detailed in the Report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Maggio, Perram, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor Pendleton

4 COMMUNITY HALLS AND MEETING ROOMS HIRE POLICY

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

That Council endorse the Draft Community Halls and Meeting Rooms Hire Policy.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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ATTACHMENT 1

5 ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF 6 JULY 2016 MEETING AND NEW NOMINATION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Pendleton)

That Council endorse nomination of Ms Cecilia Jeongman Park, Ability Linker and volunteer leader of the Korean Cockatoos Carers Group, for a position on the Access Advisory Committee.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Maggio abstained from the voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Pendleton, Perram, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

6 REPORTS DUE TO COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

That the report on Outstanding Council Reports be endorsed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

7 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

That the report of the General Counsel be received.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 REQUEST FOR TENDER - PROVISION OF MINOR WORKS AND SERVICES AND PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR LARGE CIVIL AND LANDSCAPE WORKS 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018

Note: Councillor Perram disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item, for the reason that one of the recommended firms for pre-qualification is a former client of his consulting firm. Councillor Perram has had no contact with that particular firm for six (6) years.

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RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillor Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council accept the tenders for Provision of Minor Works & Services and Pre-qualification for Large Civil and Landscape Works up until 31 October 2018 from the tenderers outlined in the **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS** be accepted on an “as required” basis for the items outlined.
- (b) That Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to execute all contract documents for the Provision of Minor Works & Services Tender and Pre-qualification for Large Civil & Landscape Works.
- (c) That Council advise all the respondents of Council’s decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council endorse the draft City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice for public exhibition as amended and **ATTACHED – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.**
- (b) That public submissions be invited on the draft Code of Meeting Practice from 29 September 2016 to 10 November 2016.
- (c) That a further report be provided to Council, via the Finance and Governance Committee, to consider submissions and adoption of the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

LATE ITEMS

7 DRAFT 2015/2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Maggio)

- (a) That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that it has prepared General Purpose Financial Statements for the 2015/2016 financial year ending 30 June 2016 and has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that these reports:

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- i. Have been prepared in accordance with:
 - The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder
 - The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements
 - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
 - ii. Present fairly the operating result and financial position of the City of Ryde for the year ended 30 June 2016.
 - iii. Accords with Council's accounting and other records and policies.
- (b) That Council has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that the Special Purpose Financial Statements have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- (c) That Council has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements be certified by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer (Chief Financial Officer) in accordance with section 413 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (d) That Council has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that the Financial Statements (including General Purpose and Special Purpose Reports) for the year ending 30 June 2016 be referred for audit.
- (e) That Tuesday, 25 October 2016 be fixed as the date for the public meeting to present the audited financial statements and auditor's report for the year ended 30 June 2016 as required by section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993 and that the Council's external auditors be present.
- (f) That the following additional amounts be transferred to/(from) their respective reserves:
- Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve - \$1,019,950
 - Financial Securities Reserve - (\$5,185,670)
 - Investment Property Reserve - \$5,185,670
 - Accommodation Reserve - \$3,000,000
 - Asset Replacement Reserve - \$4,000,000

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Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CHUNG

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council note the resignation of Councillor Craig Chung and thank Councillor Chung for his contribution and service to Council and the City of Ryde community in his term as a Councillor.
- (b) That Council endorse the proposed recommendation to apply to the Minister for Local Government, in accordance with Section 294 of the Local Government Act, 1993 to not fill the vacancy in the East Ward as the vacancy is within 18 months before the next ordinary election of Councillors.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Chung)

That the correspondence be received and noted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 366 - 372 LANE COVE ROAD, 124A & 126 EPPING ROAD AND 1 PAUL STREET NORTH RYDE - COUNCIL AS RELEVANT PLANNING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Chung and Pendleton)

- (a) That the correspondence be received and noted;
- (b) That Council endorse being the relevant planning authority with respect to the Planning Proposal for 366 – 372 Lane Cove Road, 124A & 126 Epping Road and 1 Paul Street North Ryde subject to the PP being conditioned in the Gateway determination to having a maximum FSR of 1.2:1 and a maximum height of 5 storeys; and

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(c) That the Department of Planning and Environment be advised accordingly.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Maggio abstained from the voting and accordingly his vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Pendleton, Stott and Yedelian OAM

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, Maggio and Perram

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2016

Chairperson

2 REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 8/16 held on 11 October 2016

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Governance
File No.: CLM/16/1/3/2 - BP16/1284

REPORT SUMMARY

Attached are the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting 8/16 held on 11 October 2016. The Minutes will be listed for confirmation at the next Planning and Environment Committee Meeting.

Item 1 was dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

The following Committee recommendations for Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 are submitted to Council for determination in accordance with the delegations set out in Council's Code of Meeting Practice relating to Charters, functions and powers of Committees:

2 1 LUMSDAINE AVENUE, EAST RYDE- LOT 435 IN DP31253. Development Application for demolition, and construction of a two (2) storey dual occupancy (attached) and strata subdivision. LDA2016/0197.

Note: Penny Pedersen (objector), Jackson Wong (objector) and Mounzer Mortada (applicant's architect) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

Note: Councillor Laxale arrived at 5.06pm during public participation on this Item.

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that an objector is known to him. He left the meeting at 5.13pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Correspondence from Jill Shadbolt and Brad Timbrell (objectors) was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Documentation and five (5) photographs provided by Jackson Wong were tabled in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Salvestro-Martin)

That the consideration of this matter be deferred to Council for determination.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

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- 3 191 SHAFTSBURY ROAD, EASTWOOD - LOT 30 DP 663281. Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house, and change of use to a twelve (12) room boarding house with basement parking pursuant to the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy Affordable Rental Housing 2009. LDA2015/0480.**

Note: Russell Prescott (applicant) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Etmekdjian)

- (a) That Local Development Application No. LDA2015/0480 be approved subject to the **ATTACHED** conditions (Attachment 1).
- (b) That the persons who made submissions be advised of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Laxale

Against the Motion: Councillors Etmekdjian, Pendleton, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as dissenting votes were recorded.

- 4 1 ANGAS STREET, MEADOWBANK. LOT 60 DP 4773. Local Development Application for a residential apartment building containing 26 apartments & parking for 29 vehicles and strata subdivision. LDA2015/0540.**

Note: Robert Renew (objector representing the owners of apartments at The Bay 3-13 Angas Street, Meadowbank) and Don Smith (applicant's town planner) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Etmekdjian)

- (a) That Local Development Application No. 2015/0540 for 1 Angas Street, Meadowbank be approved subject to the attached conditions (**Attachment 1**).
- (b) That the persons who made submissions be advised of Council's decision.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Pendleton abstained from the voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Etmekdjian and Laxale

Against the Motion: Councillors Pendleton, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

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Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as dissenting votes were recorded.

5 PLANNING PROPOSAL - 176 BLAXLAND ROAD, RYDE

Note: Joseph Sassine (owner) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Salvestro-Martin)

That Council defer consideration of the Planning Proposal for the General Manager and Director to meet with the applicant to discuss provision of appropriate public benefit given the applicant has not complied with Council's resolution for the provision of Affordable Housing with the Planning Proposal.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

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- 1 MINUTES - Planning and Environment Committee Meeting - 11 October 2016

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Planning and Environment Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 8/16**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 11 October 2016
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 5.00pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Etmekdjian (Chairperson), Laxale, Pendleton, Salvestro-Martin and Stott.

Apologies: Nil.

Leave of Absence: Councillor Yedelian OAM.

Absent: Councillors Maggio and Simon.

Note: In the absence of Councillor Yedelian OAM, the Deputy Chairperson – Councillor Etmekdjian chaired the meeting.

Note: Councillor Laxale arrived at 5.06pm during public participation on Item 2.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager, Acting Director – City Strategy and Planning, Acting Director – Corporate and Community Services, Acting Manager – Strategic City, Acting Manager – Assessment, Senior Coordinator – Development Assessment, Senior Development Engineer, Client Manager, Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning, Senior Strategic Planner, Planning Consultant (Creative Planning Solutions), Senior Coordinator – Governance, Governance, Risk and Audit Coordinator and Administration Officer – Councillor Support.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2 – 1 Lumsdaine Avenue, East Ryde – LDA2016/0197 for the reason that an objector is known to him.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Meeting held on 13 September 2016

Note: This matter was dealt with later in the Meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

2 1 LUMSDAINE AVENUE, EAST RYDE- LOT 435 IN DP31253. Development Application for demolition, and construction of a two (2) storey dual occupancy (attached) and strata subdivision. LDA2016/0197.

Note: Penny Pedersen (objector), Jackson Wong (objector) and Mounzer Mortada (applicant's architect) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

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Note: Councillor Laxale arrived at 5.06pm during public participation on this Item.

Note: Councillor Laxale disclosed a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that an objector is known to him. He left the meeting at 5.13pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

Note: Correspondence from Jill Shadbolt and Brad Timbrell (objectors) was tabled in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

Note: Documentation and five (5) photographs provided by Jackson Wong were tabled in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Salvestro-Martin)

That the consideration of this matter be deferred to Council for determination.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

Note: Councillor Laxale returned to the meeting at 5.17pm.

3 191 SHAFTSBURY ROAD, EASTWOOD - LOT 30 DP 663281. Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house, and change of use to a twelve (12) room boarding house with basement parking pursuant to the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy Affordable Rental Housing 2009. LDA2015/0480.

Note: Russell Prescott (applicant) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Etmekdjian)

(a) That Local Development Application No. LDA2015/0480 be approved subject to the **ATTACHED** conditions (Attachment 1).

(b) That the persons who made submissions be advised of Council's decision.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillor Laxale

Against the Motion: Councillors Etmekdjian, Pendleton, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as dissenting votes were recorded.

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4 1 ANGAS STREET, MEADOWBANK. LOT 60 DP 4773. Local Development Application for a residential apartment building containing 26 apartments & parking for 29 vehicles and strata subdivision. LDA2015/0540.

Note: Robert Renew (objector representing the owners of apartments at The Bay 3-13 Angas Street, Meadowbank) and Don Smith (applicant's town planner) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Etmekdjian)

- (a) That Local Development Application No. 2015/0540 for 1 Angas Street, Meadowbank be approved subject to the attached conditions (**Attachment 1**).
- (b) That the persons who made submissions be advised of Council's decision.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Pendleton abstained from the voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Councillors Etmekdjian and Laxale

Against the Motion: Councillors Pendleton, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as dissenting votes were recorded.

5 PLANNING PROPOSAL - 176 BLAXLAND ROAD, RYDE

Note: Joseph Sassine (owner) addressed the meeting in relation to this Item.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Salvestro-Martin)

That Council defer consideration of the Planning Proposal for the General Manager and Director to meet with the applicant to discuss provision of appropriate public benefit given the applicant has not complied with Council's resolution for the provision of Affordable Housing with the Planning Proposal.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** as substantive changes were made to the published recommendation.

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Meeting held on 13 September 2016

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Salvestro-Martin and Laxale)

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee 7/16, held on 13 September 2016, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

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

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

Chairperson

3 REPORT OF THE RYDE CIVIC HUB COMMITTEE MEETING 8/16 held on 11 October 2016

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Governance
File No.: CLM/16/1/4/2 - BP16/1285

REPORT SUMMARY

Attached are the Minutes of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting 8/16 held on 11 October 2016. The Minutes will be listed for confirmation at the next Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting.

The following Committee recommendations for all Items 1 and 2 are submitted to Council for determination in accordance with the delegations set out in the Code of Meeting Practice relating to Charters, functions and powers of Committees:

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2016

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors and Perram and Etmekdjian)

That the Minutes of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee 7/16, held on 13 September 2016, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** in accordance with the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Terms of Reference in Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

2 RYDE CIVIC HUB INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION STATUS REPORT 12 (OCTOBER 2016)

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors and Etmekdjian and Stott)

That the Ryde Civic Hub Committee receives and notes the content of this Status Report 12 (October 2016).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** in accordance with the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Terms of Reference in Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

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1 MINUTES - Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting - 11 October 2016

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ATTACHMENT 1

**Ryde Civic Hub Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 8/16**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 11 October 2016
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 6.00pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Stott (Chairperson), Etmekdjian and Perram.

Apologies: Councillors Laxale, Pendleton and Salvestro-Martin.

Leave of Absence: Councillor Yedelian OAM.

Absent: Councillors Maggio and Simon.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Acting Director – Corporate and Community Services, Acting Director – City Strategy and Planning, Executive Officer – Ryde Civic Hub, Strategic Human Resources Manager, Senior Coordinator – Governance, Governance, Risk and Audit Coordinator and Administration Officer – Councillor Support.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2016

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors and Perram and Etmekdjian)

That the Minutes of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee 7/16, held on 13 September 2016, be confirmed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** in accordance with the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Terms of Reference in Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

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**2 RYDE CIVIC HUB INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION STATUS
REPORT 12 (OCTOBER 2016)**

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors and Etmekdjian and Stott)

That the Ryde Civic Hub Committee receives and notes the content of this Status Report 12 (October 2016).

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **25 OCTOBER 2016** in accordance with the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Terms of Reference in Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

The meeting closed at 6.14pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

Chairperson

4 CONTINUED FUNDING FOR RYDE YOUTH THEATRE

Report prepared by: Senior Planner - Social and Cultural Planning
File No.: COR2011/342 - BP16/1179

REPORT SUMMARY

Since its inception in 2009 the Ryde Youth Theatre has worked with over 350 young people and for many, participation in the program has been life changing. Given the limited options for young people not able to participate in organised sport, the support and growth of young people provided by the Ryde Youth Theatre (RYT) and the impact this has had in the community has been a major achievement by Council.

Ryde Youth Theatre has been funded by the City of Ryde since 2009. The following table identifies the per annum budget allocation from 2009 – 2016.

Year	Funding	Year	Funding
2009/2010	\$1,600	2013/2014	\$57,147
2010/2011	\$16,705	2014/2015	\$68,221
2011/2012	\$42,000	2015/2016	\$75,000
2012/2013	\$51,212		
			Total \$311,885.00

Ryde Youth Theatre is not listed as a funded project in the 2016 – 2020 Four Year Delivery Plan and without additional funding RYT will cease operations in October this year.

Investigations have been conducted to identify alternate options with a view to seeking a long term budget solution to support Ryde Youth Theatre, however, at this time there are no viable private funding sources available.

As a result this report recommends that Council continues to fund the Ryde Youth Theatre project over the next two financial years at \$75,000 per annum. During 2016/2017 Council will continue to seek alternate sources of funding with results and recommendations reported back to Council in July 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (a) That Council allocates the amount of \$75,000 per annum for 2016/17 and 2017/18 for the purpose of funding the Ryde Youth Theatre project to be funded from General Revenue, noting there will be a continuing search for alternate ongoing funding arrangements.
- (b) That a further report be provided to Council in July 2017 with the results of further investigations into possible alternate funding sources for the Ryde Youth Theatre project.

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Paul Graham
Senior Planner - Social and Cultural Planning

Report Approved By:

Gunjan Tripathi
Senior Coordinator - Cultural and Social Planning

Dyalan Govender
Acting Manager - Strategic City

Liz Coad
Acting Director - City Strategy and Planning

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Background

In 2009 a number of local young people with the support of Ryde Youth Council approached Council staff with a request to provide a space and a small amount of funding for a youth theatre initiative. The group made the case that while there were plenty of sporting activities in the area, there were no opportunities locally for young people with an interest in theatre and performance.

Ryde Youth Theatre (RYT) was born from the initiative of that group of young people, and since that time has had a fundamental impact on the lives of the over 350 young participants that have graduated from its programs.

The impact RYT has on each generation of graduates and the reputation it has built continues to cascade through the community, the growing enrolment numbers and increasing involvement from local parents symptomatic of its power to make a difference in the lives of the young participants.

RYT is the only performing arts company of its type in the Northern Sydney region. Now under the leadership of an Artistic Director employed by Council, RYT provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 12 - 25 to join mentors and other likeminded young people to write, workshop, produce and perform their own plays.

RYT's ability to impact positively on young lives now faces a major challenge. RYT is not listed as a funded project in the 2016 – 2020 Four Year Delivery Plan. Funding from the 2015 - 2016 budget will sustain RYT until its end of year production in mid-October 2016. After that time and without additional funding RYT will cease operations.

A breakdown of the 2015/2016 financial year RYT budget is provided in the table below.

Expenditure	Description	2015/2016
Employment costs	Part time artistic director	\$50,000
Program and workshop costs	Productions (materials, promotion, contractors, cleaning etc.)	\$25,000
Venue hire		\$15,000
		\$90,000
Income	Earned income (fees and ticket sales)	- \$15,000
Total		\$75,000

Earned income from enrolment fees and ticket sales contributes to RYT budget expenditure.

Council also provides in kind support for venue hire to the value of approximately \$15,000 (calculated for the 2015/2016 financial year).

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Using a typical year (2015/2016) as an example, with the inclusion of the RYT funding Council's budget for activities dedicated to young people was \$127,404 (the salary for the Community Project Officer for young people is not included in the total youth activities budget).

What does Ryde Youth Theatre achieve for local young people?

Young people aged 10-24 years make up 19.4% (or 21,075) of the total resident population of the City of Ryde (2011 ABS Census). By 2021 the youth population in the City of Ryde is expected to increase to 24,329 (i.d. Solutions, 2016).

In the case of an amalgamated Council, RYT has the potential to service a greater number of young people. In 2011, young people between the ages of 10 – 25 numbered 2,661 in Hunters Hill and 5,495 in Lane Cove (ABS census).

Over 40 young people are enrolled in 2016. Staffing constraints mean RYT has no capacity to increase enrolments, and there is currently a waiting list.

As it has established itself as the only youth theatre of its type in the Northern Sydney Region, it does attract young people from other local government areas. However, in any given year 60% of the young people participating in the RYT live in the Ryde LGA.

In 2016 RYT is running twice weekly Theatre Skills Development workshops, a weekly writing workshop, one off workshops (in topics as diverse as sewing and choreography) and school holiday activities as part of overall youth theatre program. As part of annual productions, the young participants learn skills in:

- Sewing, costume design and construction
- Stage and event lighting
- Theatre directing
- Puppetry and puppet construction
- Set design
- Publicity and marketing.

Council has nurtured and made such a noteworthy financial investment in RYT. Evaluations undertaken with former and current students and also parents revealed the acquisition of a range of skills that will benefit them as they grow into young adults, and for the rest of their lives. These benefits have manifested in many former graduates going on to further theatre studies, and others finding employment in professions directly resulting from their experiences and learnings in the Theatre. Further study and employment resulting directly from participation in RYT includes:

- Director's Assistant on Channel Nine's Today Show
- Paid acting jobs
- Professional Theatre Lighting Designer

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- Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) widely recognised as the best actor training school in Australia
- Bachelor of Film at Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) widely recognised as the best filmmaking school in Australia
- Bachelor of 3D Art and Animation
- Bachelor of Arts in Literature and Russian at the University of Melbourne
- Playwriting course at RADA

Additional to educational and vocational outcomes is the achievement of positive personal and social development attributes, precursors to important youth development outcomes like resilience, self-efficacy, personal fulfilment, and engagement in relationships and the community. These attributes included:

- Increased self-confidence and sense of identity, self-awareness and a positive sense of the future
- Increased sense of belonging through making meaningful contributions and gaining recognition from others
- Ability to be more adaptive and effectively respond to challenges, make decisions in diverse settings and taking responsibility/leading
- Being productive and self-directed in setting and striving to achieve goals, and having a positive sense of potential
- Greater peer connections leading to being respected by others and having positive feelings about being part of an organised group.

What do the young people and parents say about Ryde Youth Theatre?

In late 2014 Council staff ran evaluations with the current students, an alumni group and parents of some of the young participants. Following are some of the responses (verbatim) from evaluations with students and parents:

“Working with and meeting people at Ryde Youth Theatre has helped by exposing me to new people, which has greatly built up my self-confidence. This has helped me feel better about myself, but it has also translated into my studies – public speaking is no longer as daunting, and as a result my marks have gone up in school, which is building my confidence and the cycle goes on”.

“At Ryde Youth Theatre I have learnt great communicating skills and have found confidence on stage. I have the privilege of associating with older teenagers which has given me an insight into my future and has developed my maturity towards others. This association with older teenagers and younger teens has made me aware of my future and has greatly allowed me to learn about others’ interests and how to understand others’ beliefs”.

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“Ryde Youth Theatre has helped me lots in becoming a stronger and more independent person. Although I have only been here for three terms, I already can see a change within myself. I am much more confident in expressing my opinion to others, especially people older than me. Also I feel much more confident with my drama skills. My confidence within myself, that my ideas may actually work, has also grown. I feel like this confidence which RYT has given me has helped in other areas apart from drama. In areas such as SRC in school I know feel more confident in providing my ideas to senior students and the fact that it would work”.

“My backstage experience, and scriptwriting, acting, marketing, designing, co-operation and teamwork experience have been really beneficial to what I fell [sic] I am capable of doing and could be doing (and looks mightily impressive on a resume)”.

“The theatre classes... for year 5 students have been an amazing opportunity for my daughter. She has loved coming to each class. It has given her a lot of confidence in herself and I believe this confidence has led her to a better debater and public speaker at school. This confidence about herself has given her the strength to apply for school representative council and to our surprise she has been selected as the school captain 2014 for her school. Thank you for a lovely program and I hope it continues in the future.”

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“Thank you so much for the positive effect the Ryde Theatre group has had on my 14 year old daughter this year. My daughter joined the group in January, wanting to make friends outside of school and also to get involved with drama. At that time she was at a low adolescent ebb and it took quite a bit of courage to even turn up the first time not knowing anyone. Over the course of the year, and I am not overstating it, to say it has been the single most positive influence on her improvement in wellbeing”.

“...I am thrilled that Ryde Council supports such an important community group - it is one way of showing families in the area... that Ryde values its young people, values their sense of belonging in the community, and supports the creative arts.”

“Firstly, I’d like to say RYT has become perhaps the most significant aspect of our children’s lives during the past year. I can’t imagine life without it, and I hope it continues so my children, and many others, can benefit.”

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What is the impact of Ryde Youth Theatre's potential closure?

There are significant outcomes for young people and for the Ryde community as a whole resulting from participation in RYT, and there are opportunities for these benefits to be expanded in an amalgamated Council entity. Closure means that the next generation of local young people will not have the opportunity to access what RYT offers, and experience benefits like those attributed by the young people and parents that have had previous involvement with the program.

RYT has become popular with local parents. Witnessing the benefits that result from their children's participation in RYT's programs, a number of parents volunteer for various activities and have become strong advocates for the Theatre.

What alternate administrative and funding possibilities were considered and investigated by staff?

Staff have undertaken preliminary investigations into a number of alternate possibilities with the aim of sustaining its future in the knowledge there was no budget available beyond 2015/2016. There were five possibilities considered and investigated:

1. Establishing Ryde Youth Theatre as an independent legal entity

The Possibility:

- As an independent entity in the form of a not for profit incorporated organisation RYT would be eligible for both Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) and Tax Concession Charity (TCC) status. This would enable RYT to seek funding from philanthropic organisations, corporates and also increase eligibility for a greater number of government grants.
- As an independent legal entity RYT would also be in a position to identify trading activities congruent with the Company's social mission, and also provide a profitable financial return that can be channelled back into its not for profit programs. The Company would also examine how it can maximise income from its not for profit program activities, while still providing an accessible service for young people.

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Findings:

- The Australia Council for the Arts has traditionally been the body responsible for providing financial support for youth arts initiatives in the form of startup grants and multiyear foundation funding arrangements. These traditional funding opportunities have recently diminished. In May 2016 the Australia Council for the arts defunded over 60 established arts organisations, 10 of which were youth arts companies. Given the current funding environment it is highly unlikely RYT could attract the startup and ongoing foundational funding support required to establish itself as an independent legal entity.
- Arts NSW provides grants, however they are not directed at startup companies and RYT would not meet the eligibility criteria. Opportunities to secure the Arts NSW grants would be possible only if RYT had a foundational and established income source.
- The lack of startup funding and any ongoing foundational funding commitment from government agencies puts RYT at a disadvantage in attracting philanthropic funding/sponsorship from non-government sources.
- Government arts approaches are subject to change, and philanthropic and other non-government funding sources come on line periodically. There may be opportunities for grant/sponsorship applications/submissions in the future.

2. Finding and securing an auspice for Ryde Youth Theatre

The Possibility:

- As a transition stage to becoming an independent legal entity the most obvious arrangement for RYT would be under an auspice agreement. During the auspice period RYT would undertake the activities necessary to prepare it to become an independent legal entity and make applications for funding.

Findings:

- An existing budget is required. Any organisation agreeing to auspice RYT would require a fee, 10% being the industry standard. The auspice fee covers payroll, insurance and other human resource management functions.

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- The auspice arrangement would assist RYT with governance responsibilities in its transition stage and lessen the immediate complexities around establishing a legal entity, however the issue of funding remains. In addition to the 10% auspice fee, RYT needs funding for its programs and other operations. In this way, the auspice arrangement has the same problem as progressing straight to legal independent entity status. It is highly unlikely that RYT would attract any startup or ongoing foundational grants from government funding agencies, and this puts it at a disadvantage when it comes to attracting philanthropic or funding from non-government sources.
- Government arts approaches are subject to change, and philanthropic and other non-government funding sources come on line periodically. There may be opportunities for grant/sponsorship applications/submissions in the future.

3. Merge with an existing theatre company in Hunters Hill or Lane Cove

The Possibility:

- There are community theatre groups associated with both Hunters Hill and Lane Cove local government areas.

Findings:

- There are no synergies between RYT and the other two theatre groups. RYT's mission is not consistent with that of the other two theatre groups.
- Neither Hunters Hill Theatre nor Lane Cove Theatre Company have any experience in the administration of a developmental theatre process, namely programs aimed at the personal and social development of young people.
- Hunters Hill and Lane Cove are community theatre groups, with no income other than tickets sales. (Hunters Hill Theatre's venue is currently being sold).

4. Seeking funding from government, philanthropic or corporate donors

The Possibility:

- Community organisations and 'causes' are increasingly looking to philanthropic and corporate agencies for funding. And increasingly corporates are funding projects in the community under social corporate responsibility policies.
- Government both State and Federal have a series of arts grants available for projects like RYT, and Council has been successful in securing a number.

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Findings:

- While Ryde Youth Theatre can attract sponsorship from philanthropic and/or private industry, these are only for small amounts and are project based. Contributions to local government are not attractive because they offer no tax incentive. As a project of Council, Ryde Youth Theatre cannot apply for Designated Gift Recipient (DGR) and Tax Concession Charity (TCC) status).
- 10 government funded theatre groups were defunded in 2016. While small grants are still available for projects, it is unlikely funding for operation budgets will be forthcoming unless there is a change in government policy.

5. Increase enrolment fees/revenue from ticket sales

The Possibility:

- RYT currently provides an affordable program for all young people in the City of Ryde. Fees are regularly increased according to CPI indexing, and provide approximately 20% of the overall budget for the operation of the Theatre. The current enrolment fees range from \$30 for a 10 week writing workshop to \$90 for an 8 session playwriting course. The theatre skills development workshops are \$65 per term (10 weeks). Increasing the fees is an option.

Findings:

- The Theatre will never generate sufficient revenue through enrolment fees or ticket sales to sustain its operations.
- One of the benefits of Ryde Youth Theatre is that it provides an affordable and therefore accessible option for all young people in the City. Increasing fees would impact on this benefit.

What is the recommended future direction for Ryde Youth Theatre as a result of the investigations?

The preliminary investigations did not reveal any satisfactory alternatives that would ensure RYT can continue its record of delivering beneficial programs to young people in Ryde. To allow RYT to continue, it is recommended that Council allocate \$75,000 per annum from to general revenue to fund RYT for the next two financial years (2016/2017 and 2017/2018) for it to continue its operations.

In the knowledge that Federal and State arts grant arrangements can change and sponsorship opportunities can arise from time to time, Council staff will continue to investigate alternate funding options.

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Staff will then provide a report back to Council at the end of the first 12 months on the progress of those investigations. While it is possible that circumstances will change, in reality there may still be no alternate opportunities for funding, and a request to Council for further investment in RYT may be recommended at that time.

Financial Implications

Should Council resolve to undertake to continue funding the Ryde Youth Theatre project at \$75,000 per annum from general revenue over the next two financial years (2017/2017 and 2017/2018) it will result in a financial impact of \$150, 000.

Options

1. That Council discontinues Ryde Youth Theatre funding

Council may choose not to endorse the recommendation and to discontinue RYT funding immediately.

This option requires consideration particularly because at the conclusion of the recommended two years continued funding at \$75,000 per annum, it is possible that no alternate funding sources would have been found. Inevitably, further requests for Council to invest in RYT will be made, and this will potentially be ongoing.

With this in mind an option would be to discontinue at this point.

2. That Council continues to fund Ryde Youth Theatre beyond the two years recommended

RYT currently provides a program that has significant benefit for all young people in the City of Ryde, and has the potential to extend these benefits for a potential amalgamated Council area. Council can be sure that the program will continue and young people participating now and in the future will continue to benefit from RYT.

Council may wish to guarantee funding RYT on an ongoing basis at \$75,000 per annum.

Should Council adopt this option, Council staff would continue to investigate alternate funding options.

5 2016/2017 CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR ARRANGEMENTS - Business Operations

Report prepared by: Manager - Strategic Human Resources
File No.: HRS/07/5/28 - BP16/1301

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the proposed business operations during the 2016/2017 Christmas / New Year Period, with Council's operations proposed to close from close of business Friday, 23 December 2016 and recommence on Tuesday, 3 January 2017, with the exception of Libraries, which will close from noon on Saturday, 24 December 2016 and recommence on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

From close of business on 23 December 2016, there will be a skeleton staff or staff on call throughout the Christmas / New Year period to ensure essential services are undertaken. Also, during this period Council's Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) and Library services will be operating on revised operating hours as detailed in the report.

Council has organised for its staff to meet from 12 noon on Friday, 16 December 2016 for an end of year update on current issues from the Acting General Manager, and to also provide staff with a Christmas lunch. Council's business operations will be therefore closed from 12 noon on 16 December 2016, with normal business operations resuming on Saturday, 17 December 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the changes to normal City of Ryde business operations over the 2016/2017 Christmas/New Year period, as outlined in the report be endorsed.
- (b) That the changes to normal business operations referred to in (a) above, be advertised in the Mayor's Column, on Council's website, through Social Media and by way of notice at the front of Council's customer service centres, Council's branch libraries and the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre.
- (c) That Council endorse the staff function, including staff update / Christmas lunch, being held at the Civic Hall from 12 noon on Friday, 16 December 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Manager - Strategic Human Resources

Report Approved By:

Roy Newsome
Acting General Manager

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Discussion

In recent years, normal City of Ryde business operations have ceased over the Christmas / New Year period, with reduced operating hours applicable to the RALC and Council's Libraries. Throughout this period, skeleton staff have remained on duty, supported by staff on-call to continue essential services and to respond to urgent customer requests. This report seeks Council's endorsement for the proposed arrangements for Council's operations to close from 5.00 pm on Friday, 23 December 2016 and recommence on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

It is proposed for Council staff to have its annual gathering from 12 noon on Friday, 16 December 2016, to ensure staff attendance is maximised. This function will incorporate an update on all current issues from the Acting General Manager, in addition to a Christmas lunch for staff. The cost of this function is incorporated in Council's operating budget.

Council's business operations will therefore close from 12 noon Friday, 16 December 2016, to allow for the staff update / function to take place, with normal business operations being recommenced from Saturday, 17 December 2016.

All Council's business operations excluding the library service and the RALC, will then close as per their normal hours on Friday, 23 December 2016 and recommence on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

During the shutdown period, the following service functions will remain operational with on-duty staff;

- Cleansing operations:
 - Shopping Centres – streets, footpaths and bin collections.
 - Parks – bin collections.
 - Public Toilets.
- Urgent infrastructure repairs (public safety).
- General Parks Maintenance and mowing of Regional Parks.
- Rangers – normal patrols.
- Hall Hire – pre bookings.
- The Shop Ryder Bus Service will operate as normal up to and including Saturday, 24 December 2016 and then cease operations from Sunday, 25 December 2016 until Tuesday, 3 January 2017. Normal operations for this service will resume on Wednesday, 4 January 2017.

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Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

The proposed RALC operation hours for this period are as follows:

Saturday	Dec 24	CLOSED
Sunday	Dec 25	CLOSED (Christmas Day)
Monday	Dec 26	CLOSED (Boxing Day)
Tuesday	Dec 27	10.00am – 5.45pm
Wednesday	Dec 28	10.00am – 5.45pm
Thursday	Dec 29	10.00am – 5.45pm
Friday	Dec 30	10.00am – 5.45pm
Saturday	Dec 31	10.00am – 5.45pm
Sunday	Jan 01	10.00am – 5.45pm (New Year's Day)
Monday	Jan 02	10.00am – 5.45pm
Tuesday	Jan 03	5.30am – 8.45pm (resume Normal Business Operations)

The RALC returns to normal hours of operation on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

City of Ryde Libraries

The proposed Library operations are as follows:

Friday, 16 December 2016 – from 12 noon	All libraries closed
Saturday, 24 December 2016	All libraries open from 9.30am and closing at 12.00 noon
Sunday, 25 December 2016 – Monday, 2 January 2017	All libraries closed
Tuesday, 3 January 2017	All libraries resume normal operations on this day

On-Call Arrangements

The Operations Centre will be closed from Saturday, 24 December 2016 through to Monday, 2 January 2017, returning to regular hours of operation on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

A roster of on-call staff will be prepared for all other departments and these staff will be available to respond to urgent matters if required. This will include other functions such as information systems (IT) support and Development Application (DA) notifications. All details of on-call staff will be provided to Councillors prior to the Christmas/New Year shutdown.

The normal after-hours call centre arrangements will apply during this period, whereby any customers calling Council's main phone number will speak to an operator who will then allocate the enquiry to the relevant officer for action.

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The proposed changes to normal business operations for the Christmas/New Year period are proposed to be advertised in the Mayor's Column, on Council's website and by way of notice at Council's customer service centres, Council's branch libraries and the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre. It is also proposed to utilise Council's social media for notification.

It is proposed that the staff update / Christmas function will be held from 12 noon on Friday, 16 December 2016 in Council's Civic Hall. Councillors will be advised of the details once confirmed, with all Councillors welcome to attend.

Financial Impact

Adoption of the recommendation outlined in this report will have no financial impact as the funding of staff resources over the Christmas/New Year shutdown period is already included in existing operational budgets.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications through adoption of the recommendation.

Other Options

Levels of services could be increased or decreased during this period. The arrangements proposed, however, will ensure the community is provided with appropriate levels of service throughout this period.

Conclusion

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the proposed arrangements for Council's operations to close from close of business Friday, 23 December 2016 and recommence on Tuesday, 3 January 2017, with the exception of Libraries, which will close from noon on Saturday, 24 December 2016 and recommence on Tuesday, 3 January 2017. It should be noted that Council's business operations will be closed for the afternoon (from 12 noon) on Friday, 16 December 2016, for a staff update / Christmas function. Appropriate arrangements for essential services throughout the Christmas / New Year period will be in place, comprising skeleton staffing and staff on call, to ensure any disruptions to services are minimised.

6 2015/2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Report prepared by: Acting Chief Financial Officer

File No.: FIM/07/6/4/2/7/2 - BP16/1324

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to bring before Council, the audited 2015/2016 Financial Statements, in accordance with Section 419 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

At the Council meeting the Council's external auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers will make a presentation to Council and answer questions in respect of the 2015/2016 Financial Statements.

Members of Councils Audit and Risk Committee will also be present to answer any questions at the Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That in accordance with Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council receive and note the Auditor's Reports on the 2015/2016 Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016.
- (b) That any public submissions on the 2015/2016 Financial Reports be referred to Council's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers.
- (c) That Council suspend standing orders to allow a presentation by PricewaterhouseCoopers, in respect of the 2015/2016 Financial Statements including the Auditor's Reports.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1** 2015-2016 Income Statement
- 2** 2015-2016 Statement of Comprehensive Income
- 3** 2015-2016 Statement of Financial Position
- 4** 2015-2016 Statement of Changes in Equity
- 5** 2015-2016 Statement of Cash Flows
- 6** 2015-2016 Financial Statements – Audited – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER
- 7** Auditor's Reports on the Statements

Report Prepared By:

Christine Joyce
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Report Approved By:

Roy Newsome
Acting General Manager

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Discussion

Council at its meeting of 27 September 2016 resolved to refer the draft Annual Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2016 to audit.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee met on 29 August 2016 to review the 2015/2016 Draft Annual Financial Statements.

Council's Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have completed the audit and copies of the four Auditor's Reports which were received on 12 October 2016, are included in the Annual Financial Statements.

The Annual Financial Statements were sent to the Office of Local Government on 13 October 2016, ahead of the statutory 31 October 2016 timeframe.

The Annual Financial Statements together with the Auditor's Reports are on public exhibition from 12 October 2016 to 1 November 2016. Submissions in accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993, from members of the public regarding any aspect of the Financial Reports or Auditor's Reports will be received up to 1 November 2016, being seven days after the date of this meeting.

All submissions will be considered by Council and referred to its Auditor in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Report

Council's Financial Statements, which includes the Auditor's Reports for 2015/2016 have been completed and are **CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** (Attachment 6). The statements are now formally presented to the public as required by Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Financial Statements consist of the following General Purpose Financial Statements;

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| i. | Income Statement | (ATTACHED) |
| ii. | Statement of Comprehensive Income | (ATTACHED) |
| iii. | Statement of Financial Position | (ATTACHED) |
| iv. | Statement of Changes in Equity | (ATTACHED) |
| v. | Statement of Cash Flows | (ATTACHED) |
| vi. | Notes to the Financial Statements 1 to 27 | (CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER) |
| vii. | Auditor's Reports on the Statements | (ATTACHED) |

The Financial Statements also include Special Purpose Financial Statements. These relate to the following designated business activities of Council;

- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre
- Commercial Waste Removal

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No public submissions had been received at the time of writing this report.

Council's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers will make a presentation to the Council meeting on 25 October 2016 in respect of the 2015/2016 Financial Statements including the Auditor's Reports. Council's Audit and Risk Committee will also be present at the Council meeting to provide additional comments and to answer any questions on the Financial Reports and the Auditor's Reports.

The Auditor has issued an unqualified opinion in the Audit Report.

The following summary of the City of Ryde's financial results and key financial performance measures for 2015/2016, demonstrates Council's sound financial position;

Financial Results	<u>2013</u> 000's	<u>2014</u> 000's	<u>2015</u> 000's	<u>2016</u> 000's
Operating Result	\$12,234	\$15,571	\$41,003	\$77,934
Operating Result Before Capital	(\$5,795)	\$1,342	\$10,044	\$34,356
Total Cash & Investments	\$91,877	\$105,958	\$137,752	\$178,043
Internal Reserves	\$50,602	\$55,800	\$73,214	\$82,913
Working Capital	\$4,264	\$4,065	\$4,963	\$4,517
Assets under Management⁽¹⁾	\$2.22B	\$2.56B	\$2.54B	\$2.56B

Performance Indicators

The following key performance indicators provide further information on Council's financial performance;

<u>Note 13 Performance Indicators</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating performance	-6.60%	1.15%	8.53%	8.13%
Own source operating revenue	66.46%	82.04%	71.44%	67.03%
Unrestricted current ratio	3.03x	3.59x	5.03x	4.29x
Debt service cover ratio	28.29x	27.26x	20.86x	12.00x
Rates & annual charges outstanding percentage	3.93%	3.65%	3.84%	3.58%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	10.00	13.46	15.68	15.72
<u>Special Schedule 7 Indicators</u>				
Building & infrastructure renewal ratio	0.94	1.23	0.89	1.34
Infrastructure backlog ratio (WDV)	8.4%	8.6%	3.4%	3.4%
Infrastructure backlog ratio (GBV)	6.0%	6.1%	2.5%	2.5%
Asset maintenance ratio	2.28	0.91	1.08	0.88

The indicators above reflect a strong financial position as at 30 June 2016. Council's overall operating result of \$78 million is an \$81 million improved position over Council's original budget.

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However it should be noted that a proportion of this improved position was bought to account in Council's quarterly reviews throughout the last financial year.

Also, a large proportion of this improved result are one-off adjustments to the value of Council's property investment portfolio or are externally restricted.

The balance of approximately \$8 million is a reflection of the increased revenue received as a result of higher development activity and salary savings that are not seen to be sustainable into the short to medium term.

The following high level summary is provided in explaining Council's 2015/2016 result:

	Million \$	Million \$ (Sub Total)	Total Million \$
Overall Operating Result Improvement			81.0
Capital/External Restrictions/FV Adjustments			(71.4)
<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s.94 contributions • VPA contributions • Capital Grants • Miscellaneous 	38.6 1.9 2.3 <u>1.2</u>	44.0	
<u>Gain on Disposal of Assets</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery of CDO investment (previously written down) • Miscellaneous 	1.8 <u>0.3</u>	2.1	
<u>s.94/Interest on Investments</u>		2.0	
<u>Fair Value on Investment Property</u> (Increase in value of Investment Property Portfolio)		23.3	
Operating Result after Capital/External Restrictions/FV Adjustments			<u>9.6</u>
Ongoing Operations			
Increase in Working Capital	1.2		
Increase in User charges and fees	2.4		
Salary savings	2.2		
Other Operating expenses (savings)	<u>3.8</u>	9.6	

From the above, the majority of the items do not impact on Council's Working Capital and cannot be used for Council's ordinary operations.

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Approximately \$8 million does improve Council's ordinary operations, noting approximately 50% of this amount may not be sustainable into the future due to its link to the development/ property market and the ability of Council to achieve ongoing salary savings.

It also should be noted that Council's end of year result improved from a deficit position, to a \$3.5 million Net Operating Result surplus (General Fund). Overall, Council's result is very good and it does ensure Council is in a solid financial position, noting funds from Council's approved Special Rating Variation (SRV) are dedicated to deliver the infrastructure asset renewal works. These works will see a positive impact in containing and reducing over time, Council's infrastructure backlog.

As a result of Council's SRV, it will also ensure that Council will consistently generate Operating Result surpluses into the future, mainly representing Council's SRV, which will be used in undertaking capital asset renewal work.

A more detailed explanation of Council's result is provided below:

1. Capital Grants and Contributions - \$44 million

In 2015/2016 Council received the following capital grants and contributions that were not budgeted for:

- \$38.6 million in Section 94 contributions
- \$1.9 million for voluntary planning agreements
- \$2.3 million in grants for various capital projects

While this income has a significant impact on the overall operating result, these funds are restricted and cannot be used for Council's ordinary operations nor does it impact on available Working Capital.

2. Fair Value Investment Properties - \$23.3 million

Recognition in the Income Statement of increases in the value of investment properties is required by AASB140(75).

As with capital grants and contributions, this revenue does not affect Council's ordinary operations nor does it impact on available Working Capital.

3. User Charges and Fees - \$2.4 million

The additional income received was predominantly related to environmental enforcement levies and other development assessment income which were, \$1.8 million and \$635k respectively, over budget. The original budgets for this type of income were conservative as they rely on the levels of development activity throughout the local government area which, in turn, remained high throughout the course of the year.

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4. Gain on Disposal of Assets - \$2.1 million

The majority of this budget variation relates to \$1.747 million received for settlement of legal cases regarding Collateralised Debt Obligation investments.

A proportion of this income is related to interest earned on Section 94 funds and is restricted in external reserves which cannot be applied to Council's normal operations.

5. Interest on Investments - \$2 million

Overall, Council's interest rate earnings decreased slightly during the year, but higher than expected Section 94 contributions have resulted in additional interest income than was originally forecasted.

As with point 4 above, a proportion of this income is related to interest earned on Section 94 funds and is therefore restricted in external reserves which cannot be applied to Council's normal operations.

6. Other Expenses – \$3.8 million

Other expenses were under budget due to savings against many of the items in this expenditure category. The most significant being;

- Street lighting \$0.5 million
- Power \$0.7 million
- Waste development tax \$0.13 million
- Water rates \$0.2 million

Additionally, a budget for \$0.33 million for recognition of interest due on deposits and retentions was incorrectly included in the 2015/2016 financial year.

7. Employee Related Expenses - \$2.2 million

Staff vacancies and high turnover rates resulted in an underrun in employee costs. The variation of \$2.2 million equates to an under spend of 5%.

Working Capital

Working Capital is one of Council's key financial indicators and a balance of around \$4 million is now considered prudent to manage Council's commitments and deliver on the 2016/2017 budget. Previously, Council had adopted a minimum level of \$3 million for Working Capital.

As indicated above, not all budget variations relate to Council's general revenue and therefore do not impact on the level of available Working Capital. The unadjusted result for 2015/2016 was a Working Capital balance at 30 June 2016 of \$12.5 million.

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On 27 September 2016 Council, when referring the financial statements for audit, resolved to make the following transfers to/(from) reserves:

- Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve - \$1,019,950
- Financial Securities Reserve - (\$5,185,670)
- Investment Property Reserve - \$5,185,670
- Accommodation Reserve - \$3,000,000
- Asset Replacement Reserve - \$4,000,000

As a result, Council's final Working Capital balance for 2015/2016 is \$4.5 million. Council is projecting to utilise \$0.285 million of Working Capital in its adopted 2016/17 Operating Plan, leaving a forecasted Working Capital balance of \$4.23 million as at 30 June 2017.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included;

- Finance Unit
- All Service Units, especially Service Units in the City Works and Infrastructure Group relating to Council's assets and the condition assessment of all infrastructure

City of Ryde Advisory Committees consulted included;

- Audit and Risk Committee

External public consultation included;

- Council's Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Office of Local Government

Critical Dates

Council's audited Financial Statements (including General and Special Purpose Financial Statements) are required to be prepared, audited and submitted to the Office of Local Government within four (4) months after the end of that year, i.e. 31 October 2016. Council has met this requirement.

In accordance with Section 418(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must also fix the date for the meeting to present the audited Financial Statements and this meeting must be at least seven days after the date on which the notice is given, but not more than five weeks after the auditor's reports are given to Council. With the presentation of the Annual Financial Statements to the public at its meeting of 25 October 2016, Council has also met this requirement.

ITEM 6 (continued)**Financial Impact**

The Council's financial results as attested to by its auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, reflect that Council is in a sound financial position.

The Working Capital result, which is one of Council's key financial indicators, was a balance of \$4.5 million at the 30 June 2016. This was based on the transfers to reserves adopted by Council on 27 September 2016 being:

- Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve - \$1,019,950
- Financial Securities Reserve - (\$5,185,670)
- Investment Property Reserve - \$5,185,670
- Accommodation Reserve - \$3,000,000
- Asset Replacement Reserve - \$4,000,000

Council's Delivery Plan 2016-2020 and Operational Plan 2016/2017 have been adopted utilising \$0.285 million of Working Capital. Based on the actual result of \$4.5 million as at 30 June 2015, the forecast Working Capital is \$4.23 million as at 30 June 2016.

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ATTACHMENT 1

General Purpose Financial Statements – Year Ended 30 June 2016

INCOME STATEMENT

Budget* 2016 (\$'000)		Notes	Actual 2016 (\$'000)	Actual 2015 (\$'000)
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
71,163	Rates and annual charges	3(a)	71,821	66,641
14,730	User charges and fees	3(b)	17,142	14,861
3,447	Interest and investment revenue	3(c)	5,420	4,811
7,274	Other revenues	3(d)	32,171	8,939
6,856	Grants & contributions provided for operating purposes	3(e&f)	7,218	6,932
806	Grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	3(e&f)	43,578	30,959
Other Income:				
-	Net gain from the disposal of assets	5	2,076	915
-	Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	19	-	-
104,276	TOTAL INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		179,425	134,058
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
45,295	Employee benefits and on-costs	4(a)	43,124	39,538
248	Borrowing costs	4(b)	218	266
28,594	Materials and contracts	4(c)	28,600	25,618
15,585	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	4(d)	15,723	14,778
17,807	Other expenses	4(e)	13,826	12,865
-	Interest and investment losses	3(c)	-	-
-	Net loss from the disposal of assets	5	-	-
-	Share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	19	-	-
107,529	TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		101,491	93,055
(3,253)	OPERATING RESULT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		77,934	41,003
-	Operating result from discontinued operations	24	-	-
(3,253)	NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR		77,934	41,003
(4,059)	NET OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES		34,356	10,044

* Original budget as approved by Council - Refer Note 16

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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ATTACHMENT 2

General Purpose Financial Statements – Year Ended 30 June 2016

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Notes	2016 (\$'000)	2015 (\$'000)
Net operating result for the year - from Income Statement		77,934	41,003
Other comprehensive income			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	20(b)	(10,786)	77,909
Adjustment to correct prior period errors	20(d)	(17,248)	(6,434)
Amounts which will be reclassified subsequently to operating result when specific conditions are met.			
Realised available-for-sale investment gains recognised in revenue	20(b)		
Gain (loss) on revaluation of available-for-sale investments	20(b)	-	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>(28,034)</u>	<u>71,475</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>49,900</u>	<u>112,478</u>
Attributable to:			
- Council		49,900	112,478
- Non-controlling interests		-	-

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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ATTACHMENT 3

General Purpose Financial Statements – Year Ended 30 June 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	2016		2015	
		(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	6(a)	9,464		14,305	
Investments	6(b)	91,248		90,704	
Receivables	7	8,836		8,314	
Inventories	8	646		618	
Other	8	3,020		798	
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	22	-		-	
Total current assets			113,213		114,739
Non-current assets					
Investments	6(b)	77,331		32,743	
Receivables	7	936		1,064	
Inventories	8	-		-	
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	9	2,250,192		2,245,889	
Investments accounted for using equity method	19	-		-	
Investment property	14	113,165		105,628	
Intangible assets	25	-		-	
Other	8	-		-	
Total non-current assets			2,441,624		2,385,324
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>2,554,837</u>		<u>2,500,063</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Payables	10(a)	24,901		19,229	
Borrowings	10(a)	873		993	
Provisions	10(a)	11,897		10,868	
Total current liabilities			37,671		31,090
Non-current liabilities					
Payables	10(a)	-		-	
Borrowings	10(a)	3,503		5,241	
Provisions	10(a)	187		156	
Total non-current liabilities			3,690		5,397
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>41,361</u>		<u>36,487</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>2,513,476</u>		<u>2,463,576</u>
EQUITY					
Retained earnings	20	1,861,709		1,783,775	
Revaluation reserves	20	651,767		679,801	
Council equity interest			2,513,476		2,463,576
Minority equity interest			-		-
TOTAL EQUITY			<u>2,513,476</u>		<u>2,463,576</u>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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ATTACHMENT 4

General Purpose Financial Statements – Year Ended 30 June 2016

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Note	2016 (\$'000)					2015 (\$'000)						
		Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	Council Equity Interest	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	Council Equity Interest	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity
Opening balance	20	1,783,775	679,801		2,463,576	-	2,463,576	1,742,772	608,326		2,351,098	-	2,351,098
Correction of errors	20		(17,248)		(17,248)		(17,248)				-		-
Changes in accounting policies					-		-				-		-
Restated opening balance	20	1,783,775	662,553	-	2,446,328	-	2,446,328	1,742,772	608,326	-	2,351,098	-	2,351,098
Net operating result for the year	20	77,934			77,934		77,934	41,003			41,003		41,003
Other comprehensive income	20		(10,786)		(10,786)		(10,786)		71,475		71,475		71,475
Total comprehensive income	20	77,934	(10,786)	-	67,148	-	67,148	41,003	71,475	-	112,478	-	112,478
Closing balance	20	1,861,709	651,767	-	2,513,476	-	2,513,476	1,783,775	679,801	-	2,463,576	-	2,463,576

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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ATTACHMENT 5

General Purpose Financial Statements – Year Ended 30 June 2016

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Original Budget* 2016 (\$'000)	Notes	2016 (\$'000)	2015 (\$'000)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
71,163		71,737	66,383
16,000		18,509	16,307
3,447		5,034	4,742
7,151		51,446	39,483
-		4,477	2,359
7,574		6,354	6,506
Payments			
(46,402)		(42,171)	(39,393)
(30,096)		(28,776)	(28,518)
(246)		(244)	(250)
-		(1,540)	(1,426)
(19,339)		(13,918)	(11,464)
9,351	11(b)	70,907	54,723
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
90,704		47,736	18,761
-		-	-
-		-	-
1,183		1,398	3,224
-		-	-
-		-	-
-		-	-
Payments			
(91,248)		(91,074)	(52,000)
(36,070)		(1,485)	(1,150)
-		(30,465)	(25,665)
-		-	-
-		-	-
-		-	-
(35,432)		(73,890)	(56,830)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
425		-	1,500
-		-	-
Payments			
(1,006)		(1,858)	(881)
-		-	-
-		-	-
(583)		(1,858)	619
(26,864)		(4,841)	(1,488)
14,305	11(a)	14,305	15,793
(12,359)	11(a)	9,464	14,305

* Original budget as approved by Council - Refer Note 16

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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ATTACHMENT 7

**City of Ryde Council****Independent auditor's report to the Council – s417(2)
Report on the general purpose financial statements****Report on the financial statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of City of Ryde Council (the Council), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2016 and the Income Statement, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the Statement by Councillors and Management in the approved form as required by Section 413(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Councillors' responsibility for the financial statements

The Councillors of the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Local Government Act 1993 and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Councillors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

When this audit report is included in an Annual Report, our procedures include reading the other information in the Annual Report to determine whether it contains any material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Our audit responsibility does not extend to the Original Budget Figures included in the Income Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and the Original Budget disclosures in notes 2(a) and 16, nor the attached Special Schedules, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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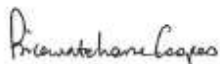


We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Auditor's opinion:

In our opinion:

- (a) the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13 part 3 Division 2 (the Division); and
- (b) the financial statements:
 - (i) have been presented, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division
 - (ii) are consistent with the Council's accounting records
 - (iii) present fairly, in all material respects, the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and its Financial Performance and its Cash Flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards
- (c) all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
- (d) there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements that have come to light during the course of the audit.



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Marc Upcroft
Partner

Sydney
12 October 2016

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Private & Confidential

The Mayor
 Councillor Bill Pickering
 Council of the City of Ryde
 DX 8403
 RYDE

Dear Councillor Bill Pickering

**Report on the conduct of the Audit for year ended 30 June 2016 –
 Section 417(3)**

We have completed our audit of the financial reports of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2016, in accordance with Section 415 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial reports are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial reports are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as well as statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Council's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

This report should be read in conjunction with our audit opinion on the general purpose financial statements provided under Section 417(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Flowing from our audit, there are a number of comments we wish to raise concerning the trends in Council's finances. These are set out below.

Operating result

Council's operating surplus improved from \$41 million in the previous year to \$79 million in the current period. The net operating results before capital contributions was surplus of \$36 million against the previous year's surplus of \$10 million. Revaluation of Investment properties (\$24m) contributed to this improvement.

Cash position

Council's overall cash position increased from \$138 million to \$178 million during the period under review. The following table highlights the composition of cash.

	2015 \$m	2016 \$m
Externally restricted	60	91
Internally restricted	73	83
Unrestricted	5	4
Total	138	178

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Working capital

Council's net current assets declined from \$84 million to \$75 million during the period under review. The value of net current assets needs to be adjusted in order to establish the available working capital position.

	2015	2016
	\$m	\$m
Net current assets	84	75
Less: External restrictions	(27)	(23)
Internal restrictions	(73)	(73)
Add: Current liabilities deferred	20	25
Available working capital	4	4

The effective unrestricted or available working capital upon which Council could build its 2017 budget was \$4 million.

Performance indicators

The financial reports disclose of a number of indicators in Note 13 and these are detailed below:

	2015	2016
	%	%
Operating Performance Ratio	9	8
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	71	67
Unrestricted Current Ratio	503	429
Debt Service Cover Ratio	2086	1200
Rates Outstanding Ratio	3.8	3.6
Cash Expense Cover Ratio	16	16

The Operating Performance Ratio was relatively stable at 8% and remained above the industry benchmark of 0%

The Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio declined to 67% but remained above the industry benchmark of 60%.

The Unrestricted Current Ratio declined but remained well above the industry benchmark of 150%.

The Debt Service Cover Ratio declined but remained well above the industry benchmark of 200%.

The Rates Outstanding Ratio improved slightly and remained better than the industry benchmark of 5%.

The Cash Expense Cover Ratio indicated that Council could continue to cover its operating costs for 16 months should cash inflows cease. This compares very favourably with the industry benchmark of 3 months.

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Council is considered to be in a sound and stable financial position. All the financial indicators are better than accepted industry benchmarks.

General

The books of accounts and records inspected by us have been kept in an accurate and conscientious manner. We thank the Acting General Manager and his staff for the cooperation and courtesy extended to us during the course of our audit.

Yours faithfully



PricewaterhouseCoopers



Marc Upcroft
Partner

12 October 2016
Sydney

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City of Ryde Council

**Independent auditor's report
Report on the special purpose financial statements**

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, being the special purpose financial statements, of City of Ryde Council (the Council), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position by Business Activity for the year ended 30 June 2016, the Income Statements by Business Activity for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements for the Business Activities identified by Council and the Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Councillors' responsibility for the financial report

The Councillors of the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. The Councillors responsibility also includes such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Councillors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Auditor's opinion:

In our opinion, the financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position by Business Activity of City of Ryde Council as of 30 June 2016 and its financial performance by Business Activity for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of those applicable Accounting Standards detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Council's financial reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Council.



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Marc Upcroft
Partner

Sydney
12 October 2016

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ATTACHMENT 7

**City of Ryde Council****Independent auditor's report
Report on the Special Schedule No. 8****Report on the Special Schedule No. 8**

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statement comprising the reconciliation of total permissible general income (Special Schedule No. 8) City of Ryde Council (the Council) for the year ending 30 June 2017.

Councillors' responsibility for Special Schedule No. 8

The Councillors of the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of Special Schedule No. 8 in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines) Update No. 24. This responsibility includes the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud and error; designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of Special Schedule No. 8 that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Special Schedule No. 8 based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether Special Schedule No. 8 is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in Special Schedule No. 8. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of Special Schedule No. 8, whether due to fraud or error. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of Special Schedule No. 8.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation of Special Schedule No. 8 in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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Audit Opinion

In our opinion, Special Schedule No. 8 of the City of Ryde Council for the year ending 30 June 2017 is properly drawn up in all material respects in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Local Government and in accordance with the books and records of the Council.

Restriction on distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we advise that this schedule has been prepared for distribution to the Office of Local Government for the purposes of confirming that Council's reconciliation of the total permissible general income is presented fairly. As a result, the schedule may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Council and the Office of Local Government.



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Marc Upercroft
Partner

Sydney
12 October 2016

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE SYDNEY PLANNING PANELS

Report prepared by: Acting Executive Assistant - City Strategy & Planning
File No.: COR2009/1137 - BP16/1282

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from NSW Department of Planning, dated 4 October 2016, regarding the nomination of Council members to the Sydney Planning Panels.

The Sydney Planning Panels will commence on 21 November 2016 replacing the Joint Regional Planning Panels and all Councils within the Greater Sydney Region will need to nominate members to the new Panels ahead of this date.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the correspondence be received and noted.
- (b) That Council endorse the existing Joint Regional Planning Panel representatives (Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Maggio with alternates Councillor Stott and Councillor Etmekdjian) being confirmed as City of Ryde's representatives for the Sydney Planning Panels to be convened from 21 November 2016 replacing the Joint Regional Planning Panels.
- (c) That a copy of the Planning Panels Code of Conduct be circulated to City of Ryde's nominated members.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Correspondence from NSW Planning and Environment - Nomination of Council Members to the Sydney Planning Panels - 4 October 2016

Report Prepared By:

Sammie Kwon
Acting Executive Assistant - City Strategy & Planning

Report Approved By:

Liz Coad
Acting Director - City Strategy and Planning

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 (continued)

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**Ms Gail Connolly
General Manager
Council of the City of Ryde
Locked Bag 2069
NORTH RYDE NSW 1670**

16/12436

4 October 2016

Dear Ms Connolly

Nomination of Council members to the Sydney Planning Panels

I am writing to remind Council that the Sydney Planning Panels will commence on 21 November 2016. All Councils within the Greater Sydney Region will need to nominate members to the new Panels ahead of this date. Council should have regard for the expertise requirements set out in Schedule 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* when selecting its members.

I will be writing to you separately with advice on the independent experts that are to be appointed by the Hon Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning as members or alternates to the Sydney Planning Panels.

The nomination of Council members to the Panel and the remuneration of those members remains a matter for Council to determine. However, you are reminded that, consistent with the Department of Premier and Cabinet *Guidelines for NSW Board and Committee Members: Appointment and Remuneration*, payments should not be made to council staff or Public Sector employees.

The *NSW Government Boards and Committees Guidelines* require that all members complete an annual Pecuniary Interests Declaration and Undertaking.

The Planning Panels Secretariat manages this process for State appointed panel members. Councillors and council staff members who are required to complete these same annual declarations under the *Local Government Act 1993* need not complete additional declarations for their role on the Panel. However, Council should ensure that the required declarations are obtained for all Council nominated panel members who are not subject to these requirements, such as community members.

In recognition of the importance of maintaining the reputation and integrity of the Panel it would be appreciated if Council could provide written acknowledgement from its members that they will comply with the requirements of the recently revised *Planning Panels Code of Conduct*, as is currently required of the State appointed members.

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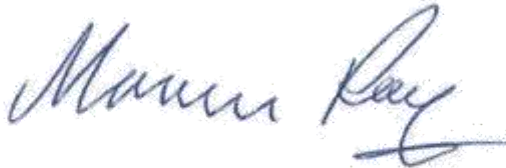
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The Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel determined 136 regionally significant development applications with a capital investment value of \$5.63 billion in the last financial year. The important role Council's planning staff play in providing quality, well-considered assessment reports to support the Panel's determination role is recognised and appreciated.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, please contact Mr Stuart Withington, Manager, Planning Panels Secretariat at the Department of Planning and Environment, on (02) 8217 2061.

Yours sincerely



Marcus Ray
Deputy Secretary
Planning Services

2 COMBINED REMEMBRANCE SERVICE NOVEMBER 2016

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors
File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP16/1305

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from North Ryde RSL Sub-Branch, dated 6 October 2016, regarding the inability of the local sub branches to conduct a Combined Remembrance Service in 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the correspondence be received and noted.
- (b) That Council note the advice from the combined Ryde City RSL Sub Branches regarding their inability to conduct the Combined Sunday Remembrance Service this year.
- (c) That Council thank the Sub Branches for the invaluable contribution they have provided over the years.
- (d) That Council note that a Combined Sunday Remembrance Service will not be held in 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from President of North Ryde RSL Sub Branch dated 6 October 2016 regarding the continuation of Combined Remembrance Service 2016

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors

Report Approved By:

Amanda Janvrin
Senior Coordinator - Governance

Angela Jones-Blayney
Acting Chief Operating Officer

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 2 (continued)

ATTACHMENT 1



RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE
OF AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

NORTH RYDE RSL SUB-BRANCH
PO BOX 6093
NORTH RYDE NSW 2113

Councillor Bill Pickering
Mayor
Ryde City Council
RYDE NSW 2112

Dear Mayor Pickering

Re: Cancellation of Remembrance Sunday Services

Thank you for our meeting of 4 October 2016, I refer to our discussion in relation to the inability of Ryde City's combined RSL sub Branches (Ryde, Gladesville and North Ryde) to conduct future Remembrance Sunday Services.

Each of our City's three RSL sub Branch's conduct Remembrance Day ceremonies local to their membership catchment areas. More specifically; North Ryde RSL sub Branch conducts a ceremony at its memorial at Macquarie Park Cemetery (this year on 10 November) while Gladesville RSL sub Branch conducts its ceremony at the Gladesville Presbyterian Church (this year on 6 November).

Ryde RSL sub Branch conducts its ceremony with the support of Ryde City Council at the Ryde Cenotaph located in Ryde Park, this ceremony occurs on Remembrance Day and is typically attended by State and Local Government representatives and representatives of Ryde City's three RSL sub Branches.

Unfortunately, our declining membership has necessitated a review and rationalisation of our attendance at events. As our three sub Branches have commemorated Remembrance Day locally since our respective foundation days we are committed to their continuance. To provide for and do some small justice in recognition of those having paid the ultimate price from within our local communities, regrettably we must withdraw from 'Remembrance Sunday'.

We appreciate the ongoing support provided by Ryde City Council and your understanding of our predicament in terms of declining membership and finite resources. You are of course invited to attend any or all of our respective sub Branch Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Yours faithfully

Trevor Williams
President
6 October 2016

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 INSTALLING TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - Councillor Justin Li

File Number: CLM/16/1/1/6 - BP16/1286

MOTION:

That Council requests staff update previously undertaken traffic and pedestrian surveys and consider via the Ryde Traffic Committee, installing traffic signals at appropriate crossings with high pedestrian activity within the Eastwood Town Centre area, taking into account wherever possible expected population growth in the future.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

7 HOLDMARK OFFER TO ENTER INTO A VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH SECTION 96 APPLICATION TO MODIFY STAGES 2/3 SHEPHERDS BAY MEADOWBANK

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Report prepared by: Development Contributions Coordinator
File No.: VPA2016/1/2 - BP16/1289
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8 AMP OFFER TO ENTER INTO A VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MACQUARIE CENTRE, 197 TO 223 HERRING ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK

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Report prepared by: Development Contributions Coordinator
File No.: VPA2015/655/2 - BP16/1288
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9 REQUEST FOR TENDER – COR-RFT-13/16 MEADOWBANK PARK FIELDS 7 AND 8 – CAPPING AND RESURFACING WORKS

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