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**9 SCIENCE KITS AT CITY OF RYDE LIBRARIES - Councillor Dr Peter Kim****File Number:** CLM/19/1/1/6 - BP19/967

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**BACKGROUND:**

It's important to get kids involved in science early so they understand the world around them. The science kits focus on critical thinking skills that will give your kid's hands-on experience to build their curiosity and interest. And, it is fun.

The City of Ryde Library Service provides Science Kits for loan at Ryde and West Ryde Libraries as part of a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) program. This service is very popular with the City of Ryde community. The 121 available kits were borrowed a total of 934 times over the last twelve months.

Due to the outstanding success of Science Kits collection, an extension of the service to other City of Ryde Libraries will benefit the community by providing greater convenience and choice.

**MOTION:**

- (a) That Science Kits be made available for loan at all City of Ryde Libraries by December 2019.
- (b) That the extension of the Science Kit collection be funded from the Library Services base budget.