City of Ryde MEDIA RELEASE

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CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – MARCH MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 26 March 2019. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

Mark of respect for Christchurch victims

A minute silence was observed by Council as a mark of respect for the victims of the Christchurch mosque shooting.

State Election

The City of Ryde congratulated local MPs and the NSW Premier on their re-election to NSW Parliament during the recent State Election. All local candidates were also acknowledged for their contribution to the democratic process.

Council to build Ryde River Walk's missing link

The City of Ryde will complete one of the final missing links of the Ryde River Walk and build a connection between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street at Tennyson Point.

Councillors unanimously resolved to build the connection along Glades Bay, between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street.

The connection will be included in the 2019/20 year of the 2019-2022 Draft Four Year Delivery Plan.

Click here for more information.

Draft code of meeting practice to go on public exhibition

A new Model Code of Meeting Practice for all local councils was recently prescribed by the NSW Parliament. As a result, Council resolved to place a new draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition.

The new code will guide the conduct of all City of Ryde Council meetings and committee meetings.

The draft proposes a range of changes to the current Code of Meeting practice including a requirement for all committee meetings to be audio visually recorded and made available on the City of Ryde website. In addition, motions which require an additional expenditure but do not identify a source of funding will need to be deferred pending a report detailing the availability of Council funds.

The draft Code of Meeting Practice will be on placed on public exhibition from 27 March 2019 to 7 May 2019. A new Code of Meeting Practice has to be adopted by Council by 14 June 2019.

Pilot program to provide businesses with information about food safety

A pilot program will be arranged by the City of Ryde to provide information to local business owners about food handling, food safety, food safety inspections and waste management.

The pilot will take place in Eastwood and, if successful, Council will consider rolling out the education program across the City of Ryde in 2020 and 2021.

Council pledges to assist local club construct a baseball cage

The City of Ryde will provide assistance to the Macquarie Saints Baseball Club to apply for funding to obtain 40 per cent (approximately \$65,000) of the estimated project cost to construct a baseball cage at Pioneer Park in Marsfield.

If the club is successful in obtaining the funding, the City of Ryde will allocate the remaining funds in the 2020/21 year of the Four Year Delivery Plan for the new baseball cage.

Support sought for lighting upgrades

Council will seek a letter of support from local football associations and clubs to apply for grants under the Football NSW 'Let's Light up Football' program.

Last year, the City of Ryde was successful in obtaining two separate \$20,000 grants under the 'Let's Light up Football' program to help fund lighting upgrades at Marsfield Park and Monash Park.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 30 April 2019.

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