

Thursday 1 August 2019

CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – JULY MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 23 July 2019. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

Council endorses reforms to protect Ryde's heritage

The City of Ryde endorsed a raft of reforms that will offer stronger protections for places of heritage significance while also providing more funding to homeowners to help conserve and add value to their heritage-listed properties.

The reforms will amend the Ryde Local Environment Plan to create six new heritage conservation areas and 44 new heritage items across the City of Ryde.

The reforms will be submitted to the Department of Planning for Gateway Determination prior to the City of Ryde undertaking extensive community consultation on the proposed changes.

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New committee to foster stronger links between Ryde and Stepanakert

A new committee will be established by Council to establish greater friendship between the City of Ryde and Stepanakert, the capital city of the Republic of Artsakh (also known as the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic).

Support for Gannan Park and McCauley Park Masterplan

The Gannan Park and McCauley Park Masterplan was adopted by Council. The masterplan will result in the creation of sportsgrounds that meet the current and future needs of multiple sports.

This includes one senior and one junior rectangular field which can be reconfigured into an oval field. Sports field lighting will also be installed.

A development application will now be prepared for sports lighting at Gannan Park.

Draft Children's Play Plan 2019 to be placed on public exhibition

The draft Children's Play Plan 2019 will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. Under the draft plan, playgrounds in the City of Ryde will have more inclusive elements and shaded areas, as well as new safety features for playgrounds located in close proximity to roads.

The draft plan was developed with the assistance of the Mayor's Play Panel, Councillors and Council staff. If no objections to the draft plan are received during the public exhibition period, it will be adopted by Council.

NSW Government asked to release locations of buildings with combustible cladding

The City of Ryde requested that the NSW Government publicly release the location of buildings that contain combustible aluminium cladding as well as strategies to deal with any potential fire hazards.

Council also called on the Federal Government to provide assistance to help deal with the matter.

Play Street trial

Work will be undertaken to identify a street in the City of Ryde that would like to trial a Play Street.

A Play Street is an outdoor play space created by temporarily closing a street to through traffic to allow kids and parents to play outside. Play Streets have been trialled in the UK, US, Belgium and in Melbourne with evidence to suggest they encourage physical exercise and lead to friendlier neighbourhoods.

The street that would be chosen to trial a Play Street would ideally have a broad cross section of ages and abilities.

Bottle top recycling project

The City of Ryde will investigate ways it can support a bottle top recycling project including the possibility of installing a collection point for plastic bottle tops. Plastic bottle tops are one of the top polluters of the oceans and environment alongside plastic bags.

Public speaking program for local youth

The City of Ryde will support the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee to develop a public speaking program for young people in the community. The new program follows the success of the Ryde Youth Ambassador Program which provides opportunities for youth to develop their public speaking skills by representing the City of Ryde at public events.

Skate Board clinics next school holidays

Two inclusive skate board clinics will be held by the City of Ryde at the Meadowbank Skate Park next school holidays. One of the clinics will be just for females while the other will be all-inclusive.

Community space structures

A report will be brought back to Council investigating the feasibility of building three wood-and-glass conservatory-type structures in each City of Ryde ward. The structures could meet the need for more community space.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 27 August 2019.

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