

Monday 21 September 2020

## CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – AUGUST MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 25 August 2020 and 1 September 2020. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

### **Tender awarded to construct new Rowe Street East car park**

Work will soon commence on the [new shopper car park](#) on Rowe Street East in Eastwood after the tender to construct the new facility was awarded to Belmadar Pty Ltd.

The new multi-storey shopper car park will be located at 53-71 Rowe Street. It will be able to accommodate 146 car spaces and include a small pop-up retail space once completed. Work is due to commence around October/November and be completed in mid-2021.

### **City of Ryde becomes first council to adopt a resilience plan**

The City of Ryde has become the first council in NSW to endorse a comprehensive [local resilience plan](#) that will allow the community and Council's own operations to better prepare for major shocks and emergencies as well as respond to and recover from such situations into the future.

This includes risks and threats from heatwaves, severe storms, floods and bushfires, as well as infrastructure failure, communications meltdowns and further pandemics.

### **Blenheim Park masterplan endorsed**

Blenheim Park in North Ryde will be expanded and have a greater range of diverse and inclusive facilities that will cater to the entire community under a [new masterplan](#) endorsed by Council.

The implementation of the masterplan will occur over a number of stages as funding becomes available. Funding for the first three stages has been identified in Council's Four Year Delivery Plan.

### **Council pays tribute to victims of Beirut port explosion**

The City of Ryde acknowledged the tragic loss of life and those injured as a result of the Beirut port explosion on 4 August 2020.

Council observed a minute silence as a mark of respect to the victims. In addition, the Lebanese flag will be raised at a special ceremony at Kissing Point and displayed for one week.

### **Chatham Road planning proposal endorsed**

Council has endorsed a [planning proposal](#) that would amend the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 as it relates to 2-6 Chatham Road, West Ryde. The planning proposal, which would allow a maximum building height of 24 metres at 2-6 Chatham Road, has been forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for finalisation.

Council also entered into a voluntary planning agreement in relation to a future development application for a seven-storey mixed-use residential/commercial building at 2-6 Chatham Road. This will result in three affordable housing units being dedicated to Council as well as upgrades to Chatham Road and public domain works.

### **Vale Hazel Myers**

The City of Ryde acknowledged the recent passing of long-time resident and volunteer, Hazel Myers. Council observed a minute silence as a mark of respect and resolved to donate \$500 to the National Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of Ms Myers.

### **Proposals to provide assistance during COVID-19 pandemic**

A proposed resolution to suspend outdoor dining fees and food inspection fees until the end of March 2021 will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

In addition, a proposal to not increase sportsground hire fees between 20 October 2020 and 21 March 2021 will also be placed on public exhibition.

The proposals are part of Council's efforts to support businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the completion of the public exhibition periods, reports on both proposals will be brought back to Council for determination.

### **Pool forums to take place**

Three swimming pool barrier inspection educational forums will be conducted by the City of Ryde over the next three months. The forums will inform residents who own private swimming pools of their obligations under [swimming pool laws](#).

In addition, an updated fact sheet will be prepared by the City of Ryde to help current and future pool owners understand how to comply with swimming pool laws.

### **T.G. Millner Field**

The City of Ryde will not proceed with heritage listing T.G. Millner Field in Eastwood after an independent heritage assessment did not recommend it.

A further report will be provided to Council that will provide information to help guide the future use of T.G. Millner Field and other private recreation sites that will ensure the community continues to have access to open space and recreation opportunities.

### **Increasing safety at Coulter Street car park**

Council will investigate the possibility of installing a suitable traffic management device at Coulter Street car park, Gladesville, to assist with pedestrian safety.

It comes after Council noted that there had been a number of incidents where drivers have accidentally driven into pedestrian areas from car parks.

### **New bus shelter for Waterloo Road**

Council will install a bus shelter at the bus stop on the corner of Waterloo Road and Herring Road, Macquarie Park. The bus shelter will be located adjacent to Macquarie Centre and Macquarie University Metro station.

### **New fence for Pidding Park playground**

A fence will be installed around the children's playground at [Pidding Park](#), Ryde, to prevent off-leash dogs from entering the area.

### **Coxs Road Mall signage**

Council will engage with Coxs Road shop owners to identify suitable locations on Lane Cove and Wicks roads to install bigger signage that will direct passing traffic to Coxs Road Mall.

### **School safety measures**

Council will engage with local schools to assess their interest in installing triangular school-zone pole wraps within each school's immediate vicinity, as a way of enhancing safety in local school zones.

### **Replacing surfaces with plantings**

A report will be brought back to Council outlining a potential plan for hard and broken surfaces on chicanes and roundabouts to be replaced by low-rise plantings across the City of Ryde.

### **Olive Street concerns addressed**

A review of the ongoing stormwater issues associated with a privately certified development at 6 Olive Street, Ryde, will be expedited following concerns from local residents.

**Council to support Chinese Australian Forum campaign**

The City of Ryde will support the #unityoverfear campaign launched by the Chinese Australian Forum that calls for national unity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign is in response to a reported increase in racial vilification since the pandemic began.

**Five-year advertising tender for local newspapers**

Council will prepare a five-year advertising services tender for all local newspapers.

**Council donates to Salvos**

The City of Ryde will donate \$10,000 to the Salvation Army to fund vital services for people in need across Australia.

**Pickleball on the rise**

With the sport of pickleball rising in popularity, the City of Ryde will consider implementing pickleball courts in future projects where the community identifies a need for such a facility.

**Policy for road closures**

The City of Ryde will prepare a policy for publicly-funded road closures during community events and annual celebrations. The policy will include any short-term strategies in relation to COVID restrictions.

**Next meeting**

The next Ordinary Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22 September 2020.

[Click here for the minutes of the August Ordinary Council meeting.](#)

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