

Monday 4 June 2018

## CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES – MAY MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 22 May 2018. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

### **NSW Government urged to abolish priority precincts and permanently defer medium density housing code**

The City of Ryde called on the NSW Government to abolish priority precincts in North Ryde, Macquarie Park and nearby Epping, as a way of halting the effects of residential overdevelopment in the Ryde local government area.

In addition, the City of Ryde has also called for a permanent deferral of the medium density housing code and new planning proposals in Ryde until vital infrastructure projects are completed.

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### **Single-use plastics to be phased out**

In a bid to protect the health of the local waterways, the City of Ryde committed to a complete ban of single-use plastic drinking straws as well as a phase out of other single-use plastics.

Councillors unanimously resolved to ban the use of single-use plastic drinking straws and phase out balloons, plastic bottles, plastic cups and plastic bags in all Council operations and Council-sponsored events.

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### **Racism – City of Ryde says no**

The City of Ryde vowed to do more to combat racism in the community as a direct response to the racist signs that were recently found in Ryde.

In condemning those responsible for the racist signs, the City of Ryde reaffirmed its commitment to the 'Racism! It stops with me' campaign and vowed to continue to promote the initiative's message that racism has no place in any parts of Australia. In addition the City of Ryde will seek feedback from the Community Harmony Reference Group, Festivals and Events Advisory Committee as well as the Ryde Youth Council on ways Council can further promote multiculturalism and inclusiveness.

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### **City of Ryde becomes innovation partner of Venture Café**

The Macquarie Park Innovation District received another boost with the City of Ryde becoming an innovation partner of the globally-recognised Venture Café.

Venture Café is a fast growing, global network of independent organisations that promotes innovation and collaboration through weekly programs and events. It currently operates in various locations around the globe including Boston, Rotterdam and Tokyo.

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### **Eastwood Night Markets to continue**

The Eastwood Night Markets will continue operating until June 2019 or when work begins on the redevelopment of the Eastwood Plaza, whichever is earlier.

Council also resolved to support the start of community consultation for regular monthly markets to be established at Anderson Park/Ryde Wharf Reserve and West Ryde Plaza.

### **Ryde calls on Federal Government to recognise Republic of Artsakh**

The City of Ryde called on the Federal Government to officially recognise the independence of the Republic of Artsakh.

In recognising the right to self-determination of all peoples, Council resolved to support the Republic of Artsakh's involvement within the international community.

### **Swim site at Putney Park to be investigated**

A swim site at Putney Park has won the support of Council. As part of a two-stage swim site activation, Council will investigate water base studies to confirm the suitability of the swim site being installed at Putney Park.

### **Disabled taxi parking space at Pope Street**

Council will provide a disabled accessible taxi parking space on Pope Street, located south of the ramp that currently serves an existing disabled parking space. Taxis will be allowed to drop off patrons in this new space, however, only disabled accessible taxis will be permitted to stand in the new space.

The new parking space is subject to Ryde Traffic Committee approval.

### **Council keen to participate in Breastscreen mobile unit service again**

The City of Ryde will make contact with Cancer Institute NSW to seek its support in participating once again in the Breastscreen mobile unit service.

### **New action plan to combat graffiti vandalism**

After resolving to enter into a new tender with Graffiti Clean Pty Ltd to undertake the City of Ryde's graffiti management services, Council resolved for staff to review the Graffiti Action Plan 2014/16, and report back the Draft Graffiti Action Plan 2018/22 to Council.

The draft plan would need to include concepts aimed at prohibiting illegal graffiti including an efficient reporting system, efficient removal, education and community awareness and greater enforcement.

### **Local street art may be option to reduce graffiti vandalism**

In a bid to reduce incidents of illegal graffiti, the City of Ryde will identify public and private assets that are the most common sites of graffiti vandalism and identify possible opportunities for beautification through the commissioning of specific street art.

Advice will be sought from the Arts Advisory Committee and Ryde Youth Council for suggestions on themes and subjects for street art.

### **Next meeting**

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 26 June.