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## DELIVERING AN EVEN BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR RYDE

At its meeting on Tuesday 26 June, Council passed its Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Plan, heralding an exciting new era of projects and activities that will benefit residents, local businesses, workers and community groups over the next 10 years.

These key strategic documents set out a roadmap for the City of Ryde's immediate and longer-term future. They also address the challenges of a growing population and resulting impacts on infrastructure and services, including roads and footpaths, recreational facilities and libraries.

The Community Strategic Plan, *Our Vision for Ryde 2028*, was finalised following extensive consultation with all sectors of the community. It sets out a long-term vision for the City of Ryde focused on seven priority areas - as determined by the community - and addresses ways to ensure the City is more vibrant and liveable, active and healthy, natural and sustainable, smart and innovative, connected and accessible, diverse and inclusive, and open and progressive.

*Our Vision for Ryde 2028* sets the bar high for Council by providing a solid foundation for its 2018-2022 Delivery Plan with almost \$200 million in Capital Works to be delivered over the next four years.

Highlights of this include:

- \$156 million to be invested in better connections and access, representing a \$16-million increase over the last four years
- \$2.25 million on new books
- Close to \$1 million upgrading local libraries
- \$6.5 million on passive space
- \$4 million on playgrounds
- \$2.5 million on sportsground amenities
- \$300,000 on Ryde Youth Theatre
- \$200,000 on Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra

City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Jerome Laxale said, "I would like to thank our community for providing such valuable and detailed feedback about what they value most about our City and consider top priorities for its future."

"There is something for everyone in these plans, and I am proud to be leading a council that is delivering more services, infrastructure and programs in a diverse and growing City. I am looking forward to working with the community to do this effectively", he said.