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CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING OUTCOMES – NOVEMBER MEETING

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 27 November 2018. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

Council to explore Renewable Energy Target of up to 60% by 2030

The City of Ryde will commission a report to determine the feasibility of how to transition towards greater renewable energy sources to power Council's facilities, in an effort to lower its greenhouse gas emissions.

Council resolved to investigate how a Renewable Energy Target of at least 60 per cent of electricity usage for which the City of Ryde is responsible for could be delivered from renewable energy sources by 30 June 2030

If determined that this is indeed possible, the increase in renewable energy would be derived from energy sources such as solar power, wind power and hydro power, and not sourced from electricity that is generated utilising coal.

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Local organisations receive funding under Community Grants Program

Five local organisations were allocated small grants to assist them in delivering community projects.

Organisations that received grants included The Northern Centre which received \$2,000 to help stage an evidence-based national music therapy program for vulnerable and at risk children aged 0-5 years old, as well Reach Community Initiatives which received \$2,000 to establish a breakfast club that would support students social and emotional skills.

The small grants are a category of the City of Ryde's Community Grants Program. The grants are designed to assist local groups and organisations to respond to changing circumstances which emerge outside of the six-monthly community grants cycle.

Financial statements show City of Ryde remains in a solid financial position

The City of Ryde's 2017/18 Financial Statements received external audit endorsement and have now been submitted to the Office of Local Government.

The 2017/18 Financial Statements showed Council remained in a solid financial position with financial indicators trending positively and well above industry benchmark. Council's operating result (surplus) was \$3.8 million before capital income contributions.

It was noted that while the 2017/18 financial results were pleasing, it was critical that Council continues to exercise prudent financial management.

Economic Development Program delivering results

Council was provided with a detailed update on the Economic Development Program that has been initiated by Council staff to support the City of Ryde's business community.

A number of key initiatives were undertaken as a result of the program throughout 2017/18 including the Ryde Business Bootcamp program, Get Connected, Chinese trade delegations at Macquarie Park and the popular Shop Shapers program.

Over the next 12 months, the Economic Development Program will seek to continue to deliver successful existing initiatives, while identifying additional projects to expand its reach. Seeking continuous consultation with key stakeholders will also be incorporated into the expanded Economic Development Program.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 11 December.

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