

# Assets

## Outlook 2006-2007

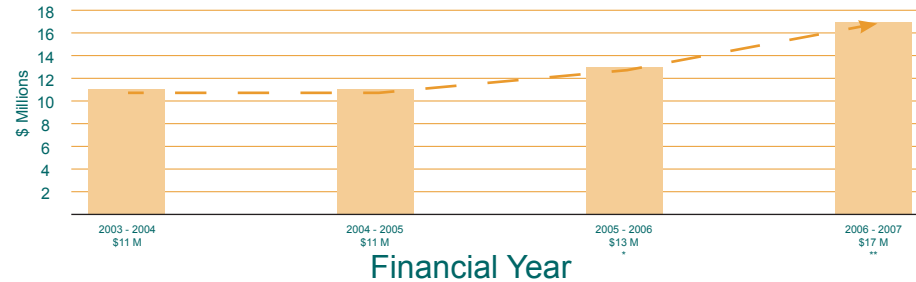
Improve the streetscape and public areas at all shopping centres.

Provide new community facilities through traditional and new funding opportunities.

Optimise the utilisation of public lands for active and passive uses whilst considering prospects for ongoing returns to Council where appropriate.

Review the catchment management needs in relation to water quality, water reuse, potential for flooding and maintenance of existing infrastructure.

## Total Public Works Capital Works Program



\* another \$7M of capital works was undertaken outside of public works  
\*\* another \$6.6M of capital works was undertaken outside of public works

## Did We Do That?

- 87% Capital works program completed
- New community facility at Shepherds Bay
- Water harvesting in Tuckwell, Waterloo and Peel Parks
- Upgraded stormwater facilities for Ann Thorn (Meadowbank) Catchments
- Constructed drainage works in Rowe Street and Railway Parade Eastwood
- Developed Asset Management Guidelines and Current Status of Asset Management Practices for NSROC Region
- Completed Phase 1 of conservation and restoration of Brush Farm House
- Completed 2,200 lin. m of new footpath
- Streetscape upgrades for Eastwood, West Ryde and Ryde Town Centres and Five Ways Shopping Centre Revitalisation of Shopping Centres at Putney, Eastwood,
- New Domestic Waste Collection Service rollout to 37,000 residents
- Installed 261 Waste & Recycling stations across parks
- Waste service to include collection of commercial waste.
- Area of road reconstructed - 4000m<sup>2</sup>
- Bikeways constructed - 440m
- Drainage constructed - 390m

City of Ryde Parks Maintenance





## Operations and Assets

### Waste and Fleet Unit

Since the introduction of the new greenwaste service and a change to the recycling service, the amount of waste going to landfill has dropped by around 700 tonnes per month. The City's recycling levels had increased from 18% to almost 43% by 30 June 2007, a fantastic effort by our Community!

In the past year, over 2,000 school and TAFE students, along with numerous members of the community have taken part in our waste education and community awareness campaigns. The purpose-built Waste Education Trailer has made almost 30 visits to schools and community events across the City of Ryde to promote recycling and sustainability.

Students learning through the Waste Education Trailer



### Access, Catchments, and Operations Unit

Drainage upgrades at Rowe Street and Railway Parade, Eastwood were substantially completed in June 2007 as part of Council's strategy to improve drainage infrastructure and to reduce future flooding in the area.

Utilising the skills and expertise of the Access, Catchments, and Operations Units of the Public Works Group, construction was completed in concert with streetscape upgrade works in the Eastwood Town Centre. These works, included surveying, planning, excavation, and construction, calling on the co-operation of Council's various service teams to ensure its timely delivery and completion.



This photograph illustrates the skill and care required by the team while working around the intricate network of existing underground services.



## Top Ryde Shopping Centre and Ryde Civic Centre

This project has been managed by a small and dedicated team and demonstrates how the private and public sectors can co-operate and contribute to a very positive outcome for the community. The City of Ryde will benefit to the order of \$120 million.

The Ryde Town Centre has been stagnant, with little or no development occurring. Council has undertaken a number of initiatives since 1998 but was hampered by a proper traffic management solution. The new Ryde Town Centre LEP provided the ability for an increase in floorspace of some 250,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Council has negotiated agreements with the owners of the Top Ryde Shopping Centre to provide an Integrated Traffic Solution. Included was the sale of a portion of the Civic Centre site as well as leases of roadways (under a Public-Private Partnership).

Approval of Development Applications in May 2007 have allowed redevelopment of the shopping centre to occur. The DAs were supported by the recommendation of an Independent Assessment Team and an Independent Hearing Assessment Panel following extensive public consultation. Included was a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Council which provides for significant benefits to the City of Ryde.

The shopping centre ceased trading in July 2007 and demolition is now underway. Completion of the project is expected in 2011.



An artistic impression of the proposed shopping centre incorporating the existing Civic Centre

## Manage our assets for the future

The City of Ryde owns nearly \$2 billion of essential infrastructure which includes roads, drains, parks and libraries, etc. and needs to source an extra \$4 million per annum to invest in these assets so they can continue to be maintained in a satisfactory condition for future generations. This financial challenge is something the Council is endeavouring to resolve.

Currently, work is being undertaken to fully document and develop detailed Asset Management plans for each category of asset.

The City of Ryde has been very proactive in the area of asset management. With other members of the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), the City of Ryde undertook a review and benchmarked its Asset Management practices. This included adopting Asset Management guidelines which are also being considered at the Local Government Association Conference in October 2007. The Guidelines have also been referred to the Department of Local Government for consideration in their Asset Management review across Local Government.



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## Economic Development

Council participated in the Plannex Expo run by the Property Council of NSW. The Plannex Expo provides a forum for Council to showcase development initiatives and opportunities to attract investment into the City of Ryde. It is also an opportunity for us to learn how other councils are approaching strategic planning and associated economic development matters.

### Macquarie Park Corridor Profile

One of Australia's top business locations - this rapidly growing employment centre has a projected working population of 125,000 by 2030.

Situated only 12 kms from Sydney CBD, it has excellent transport links to both the City and the greater metropolitan area, including the M2 motorway, Epping and Victoria Roads. Three new heavy rail stations will open in 2008 and a network of cycleways and priority bus routes are planned to link it with the Sydney-wide public transport system.









Macquarie Park Corridor is home to some of Australia's leading research institutions, as well as pharmaceutical, health and IT&T companies. Examples include Macquarie University, CSIRO and the head offices for many of Australia's "top 100", such as Optus, Foxtel, Siemens, Johnson & Johnson, Canon and recently Hyundai. Also located in the Macquarie Park Corridor is The Macquarie Shopping Centre, one of the leading retail centres on Sydney's North Shore.










The City of Ryde will host the inaugural Ryde Business Development Week (15-22 August 2007) with a series of free information seminars designed to help local entrepreneurs to grow, develop and sustain their businesses.



The following tables show our progress towards initiatives and projects as outlined in our 2006/09 Management Plan. ESD Linkage indicates whether the action is Social, Economic, Environmental or Governance related.

✓ Completed → In Progress  People (social)  Assets (economic)  Environment  Governance





ACTION	DELIVERABLES	Achieved	ESD Linkage
Streetscape upgrades for Eastwood Town Centre	Progress Ave upgrade	✓	
Streetscape upgrades for West Ryde Town Centre	Granite Paving for Chatham Rd upgrade to Victoria Rd	→	
Streetscape upgrades for Gladesville Town Centre	Progress in 2007/08	→	
Streetscape upgrades for Fiveways Shopping Centre	Granite paving for stages 1 & 2	→	
Streetscape upgrades for Ryde Town Centre	Granite footpath outside Argyle Centre Stage 1	✓	
New footpath program	Concrete footpath construction 2,200 lin m	✓	
Develop an asset management plan for building assets	Major review – condition assessment	✓	
Review the Asset Management Systems for roads footpaths and foreshore assets	Major review – value and depreciation review for roads, stormwater and park assets.	✓	

ACTION	DELIVERABLES	Achieved	ESD Linkage
Environmental improvements Water harvesting in Tuckwell, Waterloo & Peel Parks	Tanks and irrigation systems	✓	
Catchment Committees for Eastwood & Macquarie Park	Committees up and running	✓	
Upgrade stormwater for Ann Thorn (Meadowbank) Catchment	New drainage infrastructure investigation	✓	
Construction of Rowe St & Railway Pde, Eastwood micro-tunnel	New drainage infrastructure – First St	✓	
Water re-use facility in partnership with North Ryde Golf Club	Dams and irrigation system. Initial design complete – deferred by North Ryde Golf Club	→	
Tree planting & bush regeneration program	New Plantings	✓	
Investment portfolio of 3 properties	Purchase new investment properties	→	
Conservation of Brush Farm House (Phase 1)	Building restoration	✓	
Improve disabled access to buildings	Construction of ramps	→	

# Key Measures - Assets

Indicator	06/07	05/06
Funding of Capital Expenditure minimum of \$20M per year	\$23.6M	
Asset depreciation fully funded by 2020	75%	75%
Commence all capital works projects and complete 80% by value each year	87.5%	96%
Length of new footpath constructed	2,200 m	1,090m
Length of road network reconstructed and upgraded		7,244m

Please note that the data collected in 2002/03, 2003/04 and 2004/05 was not suitable for comparison as Council introduced Triple Bottom Line reporting in 2005/06.

ACTION	DELIVERABLES	Achieved	ESD Linkage
Shepherds Bay Community Centre	Fit-out	✓	
West Ryde car park development & new Community Facility (Anthony St)	New Community Facilities	→	
Develop templates, methodology, conduct training for 112 staff	Project Management Standard implemented	✓	
Introduce Project Management Framework	Project Mangement Register developed for 07/08 Capital Works Program. Project Management Office established.	✓	

## Did you know?

In 2006/07 we:

- rehabilitated 7,000 m<sup>2</sup> of road pavement
- constructed 390m of new drainage
- constructed 440m of new bikeway
- resheeted 40,000m<sup>2</sup> of pavement

