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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 13 th March 2019	
Time:	6.45pm	Started at: 7.00pm Closed at: 8.00pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Kylie McMahon	
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Committee Role: To consider matters and inform Council and Council officers of community views and likely impact regarding opportunities for further uptake of renewable energy technologies, services and other energy efficient initiatives across the City of Ryde, and regionally.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Chairperson - Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Christopher Gordon	Councillor Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Edwina Clifton	Deputy Chairperson - Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Pamela Reeves	Community Representative	
		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
	x	Adrian Kong	Community Representative	
	x	Joanne Taranto	Community Representative	
x		Graham Town	Community Representative	
x		Nicholas Tse	Community Representative	
x		Hope Ashiabor	Community Representative	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Sam Cappelli	Manager – Environment, Health and Building	City of Ryde
x		Kylie McMahon	Senior Coordinator - Environment	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Katie Helm	Sustainability Programs Coordinator	City of Ryde
x		Diego Uzzun	Senior Sustainability Transport and Environment Coordinator	City of Ryde

John August	observer	Community member
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1.	Welcome by the Chair and Apologies Cllr Pedersen opened the meeting by welcoming all present and by recognising the traditional owners of the land. The apologies were as noted above.	Noted.
2.	Discussion and adoption of previous minutes – 12th December 2018 The minutes of the meeting dated 12 th December 2018 were adopted.	Adopted

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<p>3. Actions arising from previous minutes</p> <p><u>Venture Café</u></p> <p>The Venture Café at Macquarie Park has now opened with a launch held on 21st February 2019. The model of the café is a global initiative as an ideas collective, collaboration space and start up hub with currently attendance at about 100 people per event hosted. The aim is to raise this to 3-400. It is held each Thursday from 3-8pm for all community, corporate, academic and council to attend. It is hoped that by bringing entrepreneurs and start-ups together that things will take off.</p> <p>Discussions have commenced by Council staff with the Venture Café for a partnership event with the Ryde Gladesville Climate Action group through the café for a corporate renewable energy and diversification event.</p> <p>Discussed with the Café was the proposal by the café to provide an engaging and interactive experience offering different topics within the renewable and energy space. Ideas such as talks to corporate on 'how to be more energy efficient' looking at efficiency and upgrades, talks on options for renewable solutions (solar, offsetting, harvesting) and broader areas such as risk in a changing climate and available solutions to safeguard against black outs and data loss through microgrid technologies.</p> <p>There has been lots of cross over in the Café between topics and now a framework for how the event will run, topics and presenters etc needs to be put together by the Ryde Gladesville group in partnership with council assistance.</p> <p>Supporting this outcome was latest information suggesting that by 2030, 80% of power will come from renewable sources.</p> <p>The Australian Energy storage conference will be held on 13th and 14th June at ICC. It may be of interest to people associated with the Venture Café.</p> <p>A Smart Energy event will be held on April 2nd and 3rd April at ICC</p> <p><u>Sunspot update</u></p> <p>Kylie reported that the number of people accessing information about this program continues to rise. In January the website achieved 1679 hits. In March there were 2195 hits.</p> <p><u>Max Megawatt</u> – Staff and Councillor Pedersen have been unable to make contact with Max Megawatt.</p> <p><u>Microgrids</u> – The committee would like a speaker to address a future meeting on this topic.</p> <p><u>Solar grants to residents</u></p> <p>It was noted that the grant programs being offered by the NSW government and opposition preclude Ryde. The programs are limited in number of recipients and are means tested.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen noted that the Federal Labor Party has stated it will transition mine workers to engagement in lithium battery production.</p> <p>Funding via emerging energies – this funding is offered by the state government to encourage the take up of renewable energy across the state. Funding is provided to private organisations but must be matched \$ for \$.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Pam R to work on proposal and bring to committee for discussion</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. A guest speaker to be invited to a future meeting on microgrids as per committee suggestion.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p><u>Council initiatives</u></p> <p>Council continues to offer sustainability workshops and to provide individual assessments for people in their homes to reduce energy, water and waste.</p> <p>Staff will be investigating the committee suggestion to host an event to assist residents to go through bills for understanding energy usage and then how to reduce it. It is hoped to attract community who maybe less likely to engage with the current Home Waste program within their homes but offer follow up assessment should they feel comfortable.</p> <p>New potential Multi unit dwelling program partnership with the Waste Team to provide audit advice, promote sustainable gardening and positive waste recovery education in 2019.</p>	<p>Council to host utility bill workshop for community at library.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>General Business – Matters without Notice</p> <p><u>Solar Report</u></p> <p>The comprehensive report prepared by Kylie and her team will be distributed with the minutes.</p> <p>The report examines a range of topics including current and emerging technology, current Ryde Council solar assets, future microgrid technology information, comparing Ryde installations across Northern and Sydney regions of councils and educational aspects for increasing solar uptake.</p> <p>Currently City of Ryde is placed second for the number of kilowatts of solar installed across the councils providing solar installation information from both the Sydney regions of councils.</p> <p>Kylie and Team were thanked for their efforts.</p> <p><u>Solar my schools</u></p> <p>This project has been trialled in the eastern suburbs and is designed to address the key barriers to schools using solar power and Ryde in 2019 will join the program.</p> <p>Katie explained the program and some of the barriers currently experienced by schools preventing them from installing solar these include the difficulty in understanding the concept and offers being made, an inability to make decisions regarding the claims of installers, the ability to determine the structural integrity of roof spaces, the time and effort needed to submit grant applications etc.</p> <p>Council discussions have been held with a number of schools following the matter being raised at the term 1 Ryde Environmental Educators Network (REEN) meeting. Epping Boys High School, Ryde Secondary College and Marsden High have all shown interest.</p> <p>It was noted that to date, grants have provided the majority of funding for works.</p> <p><u>Electric vehicle project</u></p> <p>Following discussions regarding the introduction of charging stations to carparks, staff investigated the introduction of electric cars and Council recently resolved to purchase 2 electric vehicles and a charging station under a 2019 project bid.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 12th June 2019 – Committee Room - Level 1A Pope St, Top Ryde</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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Meeting closed 8.00pm