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Venue:	TEAMS and Level 1A Pope Street Top Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 22 February 2023	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05pm Closed at: 6.30pm
Chair:	Muddasir Ilyas and Jackie Bolger	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Muddasir Ilyas and Jackie Bolger	
Circulation:	Working Group members and website	

Committee Role:**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
		Clr Trenton Brown	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Clr Bernard Purcell	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Andrew Hill	Community Representative	
		Paul McDonald	Community Representative	
		Michael Khackhiki	Community Representative	
		Adrian Hobson	Community Representative	
x		Shane Cotton	Community Representative	
		Elaine Budd	Community Representative	
x		John Constandopoulos	Community Representative	
x		Karen Waud	Community Representative	
		Craig McMurdo	Community Representative	
x		George Dimech	Community Representative	
x		Sandra Donovan	Community Representative	
x		Alison Pryor	Community Representative	
	x	Anne Doring OAM	Community Representative	
x		Kim Clayton	Community Representative	
		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
x		Kim Clifton	Community Representative	
x		Luis Almenara	Community Representative	

City of Ryde Staff

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Muddasir Ilyas	Senior Coordinator Transport	City of Ryde
x		Jackie Bolger	Senior Coordinator – Parks Operations	City of Ryde
x		Simon James	Manager Parks	City of Ryde
x		Lisa Pears	Road Safety Office	City of Ryde
x		Alex Zhu	Manager Transport	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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<p>1. Welcome to Country and Attendance and apologies</p> <p>The Welcome to Country was provided.</p> <p>Those people in attendance and apologies are as detailed above.</p>	Noted
<p>2. Confirmation of minutes – 23 November 2022</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 23 November 2022 were adopted.</p>	Noted
SPORT AND RECREATION	
<p>3. Capital Work Updates</p> <p><u>Westminster Park field renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The works at this site are now complete and the field is open. It is looking great. <p><u>Christie Park Amenities building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new amenities building is due for completion in March 2023 with handover of the facility expected very soon. <p><u>Gannan Park Amenities Building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The design is now complete and water harvesting works should commence in mid 2023. <p><u>ELS Hall Field 3 – Field renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage at the site is complete and the field should open in April – in time for the winter season. <p><u>Meadowbank Park - LH Waud – Synthetic Field Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The tender for this work has closed and the matter will be submitted to the Council meeting in March 2023. If approval is received, work will commence soon after that meeting. <p><u>Marsfield Park – re-levelling works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The works at this site are now complete. <p><u>Meadowbank Park – Dog off-leash area</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The works at this site are now complete. <p>Questions:</p>	Noted

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Luis asked about arrangements for baseball and where games would be relocated. The winter users are not sure where they will be playing and any site needs to be suitable for grade games. He noted that pioneer park is only suitable for D grade play.

Luis also asked about the removal of the containers at ELS Hall Park now that the amenities building is complete.

He needs notification to remove items from Gannan Park Amenities prior to demolition.

He also asked about the removal of the tap on the field at ELS Hall Park and the location of the main water tap. He advised that staff did not know the location of taps when asked.

Staff responded they would speak with Luis about possible baseball locations and would advise when the containers need to be emptied.

Alison advised that Bike North is losing its current storage space and asked if an area at ELS could be made available. Staff advised that space goes to seasonal users to store coaching kits etc

Alison to email Jackie who will provide further information.

PARKS PLANNING

The following update was provided:

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- Simon James is now the Manager Parks – Executive Officer City Spaces.
- Scott Wilkie has been appointed to the position of Manager parks and Open Spaces.
- Over 100 submissions were received in relation to the Sports Field Allocation Policy advertised by Council.
- A report on this matter will go to Council soon.
- A report on how Council can manage its urban tree canopy will go to the March 2023 meeting of Council.
- The review by the NSW government on synthetic fields has not been received to date. It was expected at the end of 2022.
- The Plan of Management for the Field of Mars will be placed on public exhibition soon. The plan will detail how the reserve is to be managed.
- Council has been conducting a campaign – Save our open space – in an effort to retain T G Milner as open space.
- The matter is ongoing.
- The planning proposal for redevelopment of the site as housing has been refused
- It is possible, Council could acquire the site
- Council has resolved to investigate the provision of 6 new dog off leash sites by the end of 24/25 financial year

Staff and Luis to hold further discussions re location of field for baseball, removal of items from Gannan Park Amenities and mains water tap location at ELS Hall.

Alison to send Jackie an email re request for storage space for Bike North

Details for Plan of Management – Field of Mars to be sent to Working Group members.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three more will be trialled by the end of this month with three more next year - Feedback will be sought from members of this working group - The sports ground allocation report will be considered by Council at its February meeting. - Members of the Working Group will be informed of Council’s decision following consideration of the report. - Winter season bookings are pending until a decision re the Sports Ground Allocation policy. - It was noted that Nick Farmer has taken on the role of Sportsground Liaison Officer following the resignation of Stephen Alderton. - may be affected, but that the tender for this site allows for flexibility - There may be guidelines about the type of synthetic surface to use and Council will respond to any advice in guidelines. 	
ACTIVE TRANSPORT	
<p>5. Major Projects Update</p> <p>Muddasir provided an update on the following items.</p> <p><u>Regional Route 4 – North Ryde to Putney</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The concept design has been completed and shared with the committee members - The detailed design will be complete by the end of June 2023 - A copy of the design will be shared with the members of this group for comments <p><u>Regional Route 3 – Macquarie Park to West Ryde</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project funding is being finalised - The project should start in 24/25 financial year <p><u>Waterview Street SUP – Missing Link</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The concept plan is complete and was sent to the working group for comments - Comments have been received from Bike North and others - It is hoped to complete the project during this financial year 	Noted
<p>6. Bike Programs</p> <p>Lisa Pears provided the following update:</p>	Noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The programs which were to be conducted with Bike North in February had to be postponed - Programs will run in the April school holidays. - Programs will include learn to ride clinics - There has not been much arranged to date this year, but planned activities are ramping up now. <p>Alison asked when the bike path along Waterview Street at Shepherds Bay will be reopened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff advised it is hoped to reopen the path by the end of June. - Delays have been caused due to the existence of high-pressure gas pipelines below the construction site. 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7. General Business</p> <p>Buck Findlay – resignation from the working group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jackie noted that Buck Findlay has resigned from this working group - Kathy Tracey has replaced him as the representative for North West Sydney Football Association and was welcome to the meeting. - Jackie asked that the contribution of Buck over many years be noted and that he be thanked for his years of service and support <p>Shane Cotton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked about long term planning at Meadowbank East. - He asked about raising the levels through the Masterplan - Staff advised there is no funding in the next four-year plan for this work - Some funding has been provided for upgrades of the netball courts to a natural turf surface - It was noted that new courts at Marsden are to be constructed prior to the current courts being turfed. <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that grant funding has been received for a learn to bike ride program <p>George Dimech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked if there was any update on the works to be undertaken on the Putney foreshore - Staff advised that a masterplan for the other side of the river is being undertaken - Funding will then be sought for works on this side - When the Masterplan is complete, clubs who have an interest in the area will be advised. <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plan to “make Putney swimmable” will be included in the masterplan 	
8.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 24 May 2023 6:00pm - 7.30pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS</p>	Noted