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<b>Venue:</b>	Council's North Ryde office and via TEAMS	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	
<b>Time:</b>	5.30pm	Started at: 5.35pm      Closed at: 7.10pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Adriana Genova – Team Leader Sustainability and Resilience	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Kylie McMahon	
<b>Circulation:</b>	Working Group members and website	

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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM	Councillor - Mayor	City of Ryde
x		Clr Penny Pedersen	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Clr Bernard Purcell	Councillor	City of Ryde
	x	Bev Debrincat	Community Representative	
		Vlad Tudor	Community Representative	
x		Jordan Hodgson	Community Representative	
	x	Kerri Gallagher	Community Representative	
x		Gary Patni	Community Representative	
	x	Jan Aiello	Community Representative	
x		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
	x	George Divisek	Community Representative	
x		Austin Kim	Community Representative	
x		Peter Davies	Community Representative	
x		Jo Taranto	Community Representative	
x		Chathurkia Perera	Community Representative	
	x	Pamela Reeves	Community Representative	
		Wendy Evans	Community Representative	
		Shu-fang Wei	Community Representative	
x		Katherine Spencer	Community Representative	
		Annie Sim	Community Representative	
		Amelia Saul	Community Representative	
	x	Jane Valentine	Community Representative	
x		Balu Moothedath	Community Representative	
x		John Herbert	Community Representative	
	x	Hope Ashiabor	Community Representative	

**City of Ryde Staff**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	x	Kylie McMahon	Executive Officer City Resilience	City of Ryde
	x	Sandra Payne	Team Leader – Natural Areas	City of Ryde
x		Elizabeth Pearce	Home Waste & Sustainability Advisory Service Officer	City of Ryde
x		Jeffrey Chu	Natural Area Project Officer	City of Ryde
x		Adriana Genova	Team Leader Sustainability and Resilience	City of Ryde

x		Elspeth Pike	Team Leader – Waste contracts and projects	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Meredith Gray (Guest)	Open Space Planner - City Spaces	City of Ryde

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1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies</b></p> <p><u>Acknowledgment of Country</u></p> <p>Adriana welcomed all present and provided the acknowledgement of country.</p> <p>Attendees and apologies are as per above.</p>	Noted
2.	<p><b>Adoption of previous minutes</b></p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were adopted.</p>	Noted
3.	<p><b>Actions arising from the previous minutes</b></p> <p>- Nil</p>	Noted
4.	<p><b>Focus Area Updates:</b></p> <p><b>1) <u>Biodiversity</u></b></p> <p><u>Presentation: Macquarie University – complying development and canopy project</u></p> <p>Peter Davies and Chathurika Perera gave a presentation to the group on research findings of private property developments (front yards) and reducing ability and loss of tree canopy. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development within the City of Ryde Council is guided by the Local Environmental Plan, the Development Control Plan 2014 and various State and Federal Planning Legislation</li> <li>- Since the 1950's the size of the average home has doubled, whilst the number of people living in each house is decreasing.</li> <li>- People are building bigger homes</li> <li>- Australia and USA have the biggest houses in the world.</li> <li>- At the same time that homes are increasing in size, house lots are getting smaller.</li> <li>- In Ryde the average lot is 540sqm whilst in Western Sydney it is often 250 to 270sqm.</li> <li>- Rising land values are having an impact also as people want to maximise the yield of their sites.</li> <li>- This project has looked at a total of 300 applications assessed by either Council or private certifiers</li> </ul> <p><u>Research findings:</u></p>	Noted



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The HWSA program is a face to face program that links in with Net Zero emissions target to reduce emissions from individual residences across the city. This includes free standing homes, apartments, for owners and renters and is free of charge to have a home audit conducted by council staff.</li> <li>- Annually, Ryde residents emit 3.8t of co2 emissions including travel</li> <li>- Council’s has a community Net Zero target by 2040 with a 76% interim reduction target on 2018/19 emissions by 2029/30. The HWSA scheme helps residents reduce energy, water usage and waste by assessing consumption from utility bills and providing tailored advice on how individuals can reduce cost and emissions.</li> <li>- Can usually reduce usage by over 60% after taking on the project saving \$355 on electricity and over \$500 on gas pa</li> <li>- The program has been running for ten years and started with grant funding.</li> <li>- Participation involves: completing a survey to register, contains energy usage, and specifics about their home. Link to survey to the survey and to register at <a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa/">www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa/</a></li> <li>- A desktop assessment is the first step followed by advice and suggestions to improve efficiency.</li> <li>- Drop-in sessions are also now available and conducted at the Ryde Library providing quick home assessments from the residents’ energy and water bills</li> <li>- A priority for the program at present is in educating and trying to encourage people to move from gas to electricity in the home.</li> <li>- The City of Ryde has partnered with SunSpot, a solar assessment tool that lets you see an aerial view of your home and calculates the size of solar that will fit, the cost to install it and the energy and costs savings of that system. The Sunspot tool can be accessed via Council’s website - <a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Sustainable-Living/SunSPoT">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Sustainable-Living/SunSPoT</a></li> <li>- Cllr Pedersen advised she has put up a motion to look at a policy similar to Waverley Council with regard to changing the DCP to restrict gas connections</li> <li>- Jo asked for interest from anyone who wants to join a resident group to look at electrification in homes.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>3) Waste</u></b></p> <p><b><u>SWAP (Waste to Art) Annual Competition update</u></b></p> <p>Elsbeth provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 168 entries were received this year with 75 placed on display</li> <li>- \$5000 in prizes was made available.</li> <li>- Opening night was well attended</li> <li>- The exhibit closes tomorrow.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Fogo Food trial</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was noted that three of Council’s waste collection contracts will expire soon</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As part of the collections contract, there will be options for FOGO ie one bin for food and green waste or separate bins for green waste and food waste</li> <li>- It may be necessary to offer different systems to homes vs apartments.</li> <li>- By 2030, the State Govt will require that houses have the option to recycle food organics</li> <li>- Council is investigating the use of electric garbage trucks</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>The following topics were raised in general business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jordan - Can staff send an email asking for agenda items prior to the meeting</li> <li>- Jordan recently attended a Cities Power Partnership Summit in Melbourne which was attended by a number of mayors.</li> </ul> <p>Mixed waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A question was asked as to why all recyclables go in one bin</li> <li>- Staff advised that separating can be done easily at the sorting centre. It is more efficient to collect in one bin as less trucks are required to do the pickups. Noting - the biggest issue is contamination</li> </ul> <p>Hot weather forecast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social media messaging around preparing for heatwaves is posted on Council’s Facebook page. Further information on preparing for extreme heat and heatwaves can be found on Council’ s Resilient Ryde webpage- <a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Resilient-Ryde">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Resilient-Ryde</a></li> </ul> <p>Compost bins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was noted that Council makes compost bins available for purchase</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Request is sent prior to meeting to all members</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
8.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 December 2023 from 5:30pm – 7.00 pm in the Royal Room, City of Ryde North Ryde Office, Level 1, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde and via TEAMS</p>	<p>Noted</p>