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Venue:	Council North Ryde office and via TEAMS	
Date:	Wednesday 13 th December 2023	
Time:	5.30pm	Started at: 5.35pm Closed at: 7.10pm
Chair:	Adriana Genova – Team leader sustainability and resilience	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Kylie McMahon	
Circulation:	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		Bev Debrincat	Community Representative	
x		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	
		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	
x		Shu-fang Wei	Community Representative	
x		Katherine Spencer	Community Representative	
		Annie Sim	Community Representative	
x		Amelia Saul	Community Representative	
x		Jane Valentine	Community Representative	
		Balu Moothedath	Community Representative	
		John Herbert	Community Representative	
x		Hope Ashiabor	Community Representative	
x		Ho Jun Jong	Community attendee	

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	x	Kylie McMahon	Executive Officer City Resilience	City of Ryde
x		Sandra Payne	Team Leader – Natural Areas	City of Ryde
x		Adriana Genova	Team Leader Sustainability and Resilience	City of Ryde
	x	Elsbeth Pike	Team Leader – Waste contracts and projects	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies</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>Adoption of previous minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 13th September 2023 were adopted.</p>	Noted
3.	<p>Actions arising from the previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Jordan) Request for agenda items to be sent out prior to meeting. Request for agenda items are sent out to all members including any dietary requirements prior to each meeting. 	Noted
4.	<p>Focus Areas</p> <p><u>Biodiversity</u></p> <p><u>Field of Mars Reserve Plan of Management and land recategorisation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Draft Field of Mars Plan of Management has been adopted by Council. - As noted previously, the land recategorisation changes proposed were minor, with a small increase in the natural area <p><u>Off leash dog trials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The consultation period for these trials will commence soon. - The proposed Eastwood Park and Banjo Paterson dog off leash area is of concern to many. <p><u>Field of Mars Reserve</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern was raised about a pathway in Field of Mars Reserve near the Visitors Centre. Christopher Gordon (former Councillor) can provide more information to staff. <p><u>Bush Fire Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The public exhibition period for the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan closed on 18th July 2023. - There has been no advice on its endorsement yet. - The Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping is due to be updated. <p><u>Bushcare</u></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Staff to contact Christopher Gordon re proposed pathways</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Involvement in the update of the biodiversity plan o Promotion of Council programs and activities through your networks - Several ideas were noted that could be further explored by the group including; A practical project involving volunteers sharing information through the community regarding a physical activity, working at a wildlife reserve, discussions with other councils eg Waverley re banning gas, tree planting etc. - Creation of mini urban forests - Planting shrubs on major roads in lieu of mowing nature strips – this has been investigated by council and has conditions (WHS) that can make this difficult - Using the expertise of this group to achieve more and get things happening. - Council staff suggested that the group consider project ideas based on the actions identified within existing adopted plans such as the Community Strategic Plan, Net Zero Emissions Pathway, Biodiversity and Urban Forest Strategies. - Propose program ideas that can be run by the group to support these actions and can assist to deliver the desired outcomes across the community. Council staff can advise on how they may be able to assist. - Suggestion made by a group member to meet outside of these meetings to work on a project idea. - Suggestion- next year it would be good for presentations etc to be sent to members prior to the meeting so they are aware of what will be discussed. - Shu Fang would like to help with practical projects and help share information about Recycle Smart and Bushcare. She noted that Canada Bay Council run their committee a little differently - Clr Pedersen discussed the benefits of volunteering with Sydney Wildlife - Hope – Have a focus on tree cover targets, planting more trees to combat the heat island effect. With all the future development in Macquarie Park there needs to be a shift to balance climate change and biodiversity - Clr Pedersen suggested that the DCP must be updated in relation to tree preservation find out what Woollahra is doing with their Urban Forest Strategy. Electrification of new buildings should be a priority. WSUD and permeable paving need to be utilised more. Mini-forests could be utilised, replacing mown grass with shrubs. There is an opportunity to help get waste and sustainability messages out. Let’s look at the delivery program and see how we can help with that. We need to be able to bring the community along. - Pam suggested that loss of landscape including shrubs and vegetation needs to be addressed. 	
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	<p>Jill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked if Council has an EV charging policy – yes. - How many are to be installed in 2024? Currently 4 - A report is to be presented to Council in early 2024 on this topic. <p>Pam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask if any waste staff will be attending the AWRE conference in Sydney at ICC next 20-25 July – 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. Council staff attend this conference annually.</p>
8.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20th March from 5:30pm – 7.00 pm in the Royal Room, North Ryde Office and via TEAMS</p>	<p>Noted</p>