

Meeting Date: Tuesday 22 August 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Song.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillors Lane, Li and O'Reilly.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Financial Controller, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Manager – Traffic Services, Senior Coordinator – Infrastructure Services, Team Leader – Community Grants and Direct Services, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Senior Minister Fergus Semler of the Macquarie Anglican Church was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was sung prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 7 – Installation of a Safety Handrail on the Steep Accessway between Melba Drive and Elliott Avenue, East Ryde for the reason that she lives on the block where this site is situated.

Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding, Small Grants 2023, Round 2 for the reason that he knows the executives of the Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc.

Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Community Grants Program – Allocation of Funding, Small Grants 2023, Round 2 for the reason that she works closely with some of the small grants applicants.

CONDOLENCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOY PIOTROWSKI – Councillor Bernard Purcell

Joy Piotrowski was a true Ryde local who lived on Epping Road since it was a single laned, unsurfaced road - hard to imagine Epping Road like that.

She married Jan Piotrowski, which was brave for the era, and they lived a long and happy marriage until Jan's passing in 1996.

Jan, himself, was a Polish refugee who had managed to survive the Nazi occupation in his homeland.

They built their house on Epping Road when surrounding blocks were orchards. She developed a large group of friends in the war services homes that were built in North Ryde post WWII. She selflessly helped many of them in their later years with shopping and cleaning. To my knowledge she outlived them all.

Joy was a long-time member of Labor in the area and in particular Macquarie Branch.

Joy's efforts in that branch were indeed well respected. Joy volunteered tirelessly on numerous Election Campaigns as well as a committed Volunteer for the Hon John Watkins (Gladesville/Ryde) Electorate Office during the 1990's and 2000's.

Joy was a frequent writer to the Local Papers on many subjects.

Joy was a delegate to Ryde SEC and for many years attended State Annual Conference as a valued and respected delegate.

Her devotion to Ryde and The Labor Party is the essence of her work as a volunteer and she should be remembered for her tireless efforts to make our city a better place.

Even in her later years, and suffering help, she still demanded to hand out at elections even if it was from a wheelchair - that is devotion to her beliefs.

Joy is survived by her three children, John, Jimmy and Julie, two grandchildren, Daniel and Alison and a great granddaughter Frankie.

May she rest in peace, which she surely will.

Note: The meeting then observed a one minute silence.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Pedersen tabled a letter dated 24 July 2023 from North West Sydney Football Limited in relation to her Matter of Urgency concerning Christie Park Facilities and a copy is ON FILE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

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| Ray Azizi | Notice of Motion 5 – Review into Valuer General determinations |
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No written submissions were received.

COUNCIL REPORTS

1 ITEMS PUT WITHOUT DEBATE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Deshpande)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 6, Item 8, Item 10, Precis of Correspondence 1, Notice of Motion 1, Notice of Motion 6, Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 8, Notice of Motion 9, Notice and Motion 10 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the reports.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 25 July 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 7/23, held on 25 July 2023 be confirmed.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 8/23, held on 15 August 2023 be confirmed.

6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, SMALL GRANTS 2023, ROUND 2

Note: Councillor Han disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he knows the executives of the Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc.

Note: Councillor Deshpande disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she works closely with some of the small grants applicants.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse funding the following organisations for a Small Grant:

| | Ref No. | Organisation | Amount Requested | Amount Recommended | Project Name/ Description |
|----|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | SM 02 | Italo-Australian Senior Citizens Group | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Italo-Australian Senior Citizens Group- Social support group for senior citizens from Australian, Italian background. |
| 2 | SM 04 | Macquarie Anglican Church | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Spring Sensation: Community gathering to encourage social connection. |
| 3 | SM 05 | Korean Australian Traditional Art and Cultural Association Inc. | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Craft workshop and hanbok wearing. |
| 4 | SM 06 | SCS Italian Leisure Group | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Italian seniors social support program. |
| 5 | SM 07 | Putney Tennyson Probus Club | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Probus activities in 2023/24. |
| 6 | SM 09 | Hope Holistic Care Ltd. | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Healthy Body Healthy Mind pilot program for Chinese seniors with dementia. |
| 7 | SM 14 | Yabadoo Ltd. | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Replace freezer for food relief program. |
| 8 | SM 19 | Australian Long River Art Group Inc. | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Small celebration for mid-moon festival for seniors. |
| 9 | SM 22 | Indian Ocean Society of Australia | \$2,400 | \$2,400 | Indian sub-continent festival celebration: Ganesh Chaturthi |
| 10 | SM 26 | St Vincent de Paul Society of NSW | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Vinnies Macquarie Conference- Living Essentials and Starter Kits for people escaping domestic violence or experiencing homelessness. |

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| 11 | SM 28 | Wheelchair Sports NSW ACT Inc | \$1,788 | \$1,788 | Keeping Children Safe: Installation of reversing cameras. |
| 12 | SM 29 | North Ryde Christian Church (auspice Combined Assemblies Trust) | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Carols in the Park |
| 13 | SM 30 | Wesley Community Services Inc. | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Circuit Breaker in Ryde: Facilitated training to prevent domestic violence. |
| | | | \$31,688 | \$31,688 | |

- (b) That funding of \$31,688 from the Community Grants Program base budget funds the applications outlined in recommendation (a).
- (c) That the successful applicants be advised in writing of the outcomes of their applications.

8 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 2023

RESOLUTION:

(A) ROWE LANE, EASTWOOD – GIVE WAY HOLDING LINE AND PAINTED ISLANDS

The following measures be installed at the intersection of Railway Parade and Rowe Lane, Eastwood:

- a) Painted islands on Railway Parade on either side of Rowe Lane.
- b) “GIVE WAY” sign and holding line approximately 1.7m from the face of the kerb.
- c) The installation of 5m long double barrier lines.

(B) CHARLES STREET, PUTNEY - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The following recommendations be deployed on Charles Street subject to availability of funds:

- a) The roundabout device at the intersection of Charles Street and Parry Street be reconstructed to incorporate a raised central island (subject to swept path analysis for 12.5 metres long heavy rigid vehicle).
- b) The splitter islands be reconstructed into concrete islands, subject to a design incorporating swept paths of vehicles.
- c) Additional roundabout warning signs be installed on the reconstructed islands.
- d) The existing at-grade threshold on Charles Street be reconstructed as a raised threshold.

- e) Traffic Calming devices be installed on Charles Street, north of Parry Street, and on Parry Street, east of Charles Street.
- f) The abovementioned recommendations be developed subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Technical Directions.

(C) SEE STREET, MEADOWBANK - RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The following changes be made on See Street, Meadowbank:

- a) A raised pedestrian crossing be installed (subject to availability of funds) on See Street to the South of Stone Street, Meadowbank.
- b) The pedestrian crossing be installed in accordance with the TfNSW Technical Directions and other relevant standards.

(D) VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD - PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following parking changes be made on Vimiera Road, Marsfield:

- a) 50m long "NO PARKING 08:00 AM-09:30 AM – SCHOOL DAYS" zone be installed on the western side of Vimiera Road approximately 50m north of Epping Road outside of property nos. 213 and 215 Vimiera Road, Marsfield.

10 REPORT ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE (RESPONSE TO MAYORAL MINUTE MM14/23)

RESOLUTION:

That Council note:

- (a) this report, which addresses the matters relating to the Eastwood Town Centre raised in MM14/23.
- (b) that the Eastwood Town Centre Renewal Strategy is being developed and that matters raised in MM14/23 will be considered further as a part of the development of the Strategy.
- (c) that a series of workshops will be held with Councillors over the next 6-12 months to consider the progress of the Eastwood Town Centre Renewal Strategy.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 RESPONSE BY JORDAN LANE MP – INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

RESOLUTION:

That the correspondence be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONNECTING VIMIERA ROAD AND ESSEX STREET, EASTWOOD – Councillor Justin Li

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes the receipt of a petition from residents of Ryde and Parramatta Local Government Areas, requesting an upgrade or replacement of the pedestrian bridge that links Vimiera Road and Essex Street in Eastwood.
- (b) That Council staff contact Parramatta Council in relation to part (a), seeking their interest in jointly funding an upgrade or replacement of the pedestrian bridge that links Vimiera Road and Essex Street in Eastwood.
- (c) That Council staff collaborate with Parramatta Council to investigate the feasibility of upgrading or replacing the aforementioned pedestrian bridge and a report be brought back to Council detailing the findings of the investigation.

6 WOMEN'S SPORT IN RYDE – Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Review the Sportsground Amenities Audit presented to Council in June 2022 with consideration given to relevant governing bodies facility guidelines for female sports participation.
- (b) Note the adopted City of Ryde Sports Field Action Plan (2022) which provides a direction to meet the future growth of sporting participation within the Local Government Area, including female participation.

- (c) When funding is identified for implementation of the Plan, incorporate elements through the design and construction of the facilities that meet the needs of female participants and enhances their sports participation experience within the Ryde Local Government Area.
- (d) Seeks a report from staff regarding part (a) above by the end of 2023.

7 WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL KISS AND RIDE SHELTER MONS AVENUE – Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION:

That Council assist the West Ryde Public School's principal with the installation of a shelter by granting access to the footpath, signposted as the kiss and ride section for the school, on Mons Avenue, West Ryde in an effort to have the project approved before December 2023.

8 BUILDING HEALTHY COST EFFICIENT HOMES – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council:
 - i. Notes that Waverley Council recently implemented new planning rules which require electric stoves, cooktops and heaters to be installed inside new residential development.
 - ii. Notes that Parramatta Council recently implemented new planning rules that require new developments (commercial and residential) in its City Centre to be all-electric.
 - iii. Notes that the City of Sydney Council recently implemented new planning rules that require new developments (commercial and residential) in its City Centre to be all-electric.
 - iv. Notes the success of the Waverley Council, Parramatta Council and City of Sydney planning changes in positively influencing development outcomes to achieve all-electric, gas-free homes and businesses.
- (b) That staff provide a report to Council by the October 2023 Council meeting that explores the opportunity to emulate the Waverley Council, Parramatta Council and City of Sydney planning changes to achieve all-electric new residential and commercial development across the municipality.

**9 INCREASING ACCESS TO EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE
ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE – Councillor Penny Pedersen**

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes:
- i. Many Ryde residents are purchasing electric vehicles (EV) and that many have an appetite to purchase electric vehicles but might be holding off the purchase because they are concerned about the lack of available charging infrastructure.
 - ii. EV owners are requesting information from Councillors on plans for more EV charging in Ryde, particularly in high density residential areas where home charging is problematic.
 - iii. That grants are available from Federal and State Governments to help increase a cross section of EV solutions.
 - iv. That reports were prepared by staff in 2019/20 along with a strategy yet delivery has stalled.
- (b) That staff provide a report to Council by the October 2023 Council meeting that explores:
- i. Council owned and commercial EV charging already available to our ratepayers.
 - ii. The assets in our current Council EV fleet.
 - iii. Council's current plans for providing new Council owned EV chargers and details of any expressions of interest from commercial EV charging providers in building new charging infrastructure in Ryde.
 - iv. Federal and State funding opportunities for Council to increase their provision of public EV charging and growing Councils EV fleet.
 - v. Opportunities for curb side charging.
 - vi. The incentives/assistance that Council offers that might attract commercial operators to install EV fast charging in the Ryde LGA (ie: dedicated spaces in places like Coulter Street, Gladesville; Halifax Street, North Ryde or Network Place.
 - vii. The commercial benefits to local business having chargers available near small business centres.
 - viii. A plan for Council to mandate that EV charging provisions be made in all new multi dwelling developments.

10 EXPLORING NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO STRATEGISE THE CITY OF RYDE EVENING ECONOMY – Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes:
- i. The ‘Live and Local’ Initiative is designed to support local Councils and their communities in organising and delivering live music micro-festival events. The program is funded by the NSW State Government and managed in partnership by the Live Music Office.
 - ii. The Initiative promotes the Live and Local Event Model, whereby local businesses, both traditional and non-traditional, host local musicians over the course of an afternoon, supported by local Council through marketing and promotional supports, as well as better policy and regulation development to implement long-term strategies that support the growth of the local live music industry.
 - iii. Live and Local has a new pool of funds available to Councils to develop and implement strategies, not only for the development of a live music strategy but also for an expansive evening economy strategy including a review of regulations, planning and liquor licensing.
- (b) That staff prepare a report to Council on the available funding and opportunities for the City of Ryde to attain funding to develop an updated city-wide evening economy strategy.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM18/23 HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT – ARTSAKH – Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM)

That Council:

- (a) Set up a ‘ Mayor’s Appeal for Artsakh’ to provide much needed humanitarian aid to the Armenians of Artsakh and Artsakh refugees, through the Armenian Relief Society of Australia.
- (b) Donate \$1,500 to launch the appeal which will be open for Australians to make a contribution between the 1st of September until the 15th of September 2023.

- (c) Call on the Federal Government to support an immediate end to the blockade, publicly echoing the decision of the International Court of Justice and for the urgent delivery of Australian humanitarian aid to the region.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Pedersen advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding demolition of the former amenity facility at Christie Park and organising a meeting at the site for North West Sydney Football Association (NWSFA).

The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM accepted this matter as an Urgent Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Pedersen regarding demolition of the former amenity facility at Christie Park and organising a meeting at the site for North West Sydney Football Association (NWSFA), the time being 6.22pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MATTER OF URGENCY – DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER AMENITY FACILITY AT CHRISTIE PARK AND ORGANISING A MEETING AT THE SITE FOR NORTH WEST SYDNEY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (NWSFA)

RESOLUTION: (Moved by the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillor Brown)

That consideration of the Matter of Urgency be deferred for discussion in Closed Confidential Session at the conclusion of the meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 July 2023

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 15 August 2023

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

4 JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT (UNAUDITED) INCLUDING 2022/23 CARRYOVERS - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2026 AND 2022/2023 OPERATIONAL PLAN

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

- (a) That the proposed variations, FY22/23 carryover funds and proposed movements in reserves as detailed in **ATTACHMENTS 1 and 2**, be adopted by Council.
- (b) That the June 2023 Quarterly Review report (Four Year Delivery Plan 2022 - 2026 and One Year 2022/23 Operational Plan) for Quarter Four, *April – June 2023*, be received and adopted by Council. **ATTACHMENT 3 (CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

5 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ROSEHILL GARDENS RACECOURSE - 12 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2023

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

- (a) That no Councillors attend the 2023 Local Government NSW Annual Conference from Sunday, 12 November 2023 to Tuesday, 14 November 2023.
- (b) That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will determine which staff will attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

- (a) That Council nominate Councillor Pedersen, Councillor Purcell and any other Councillors who are registering to attend the Conference, as voting delegates for City of Ryde at the 2023 Local Government NSW Conference.
- (b) That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will determine which staff will attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) For and five (5) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Han, Lane, Li, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Lara-Watson and Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council nominate Councillor Pedersen, Councillor Purcell and any other Councillors who are registering to attend the Conference, as voting delegates for City of Ryde at the 2023 Local Government NSW Conference.
- (b) That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer will determine which staff will attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Li, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Motion: Councillors Lara-Watson and Maggio

6 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING, SMALL GRANTS 2023, ROUND 2

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

7 INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY HANDRAIL ON THE STEEP ACCESSWAY BETWEEN MELBA DRIVE AND ELLIOTT AVENUE, EAST RYDE

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she lives on the block where this site is situated.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council approves the installation of a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Melba Drive footpath.

- (b) That the project is funded within the 2023/24 footpath construction renewal program.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

- (1) That Council recognise:

- (a) The following criteria for footpath construction and renewal has assessed the current projects approved within the operational plan.

Criteria 1: Pedestrian usage and connectivity. Priority rating of the location:

- Priority 1 – High pedestrian movement and special needs (train stations, hospitals, shopping centres, educational institutions, major community facilities etc)
- Priority 2 – Connection to major streets
- Priority 3 – Connection to local streets
- Priority 4 – Local street and cul-de-sacs (Only serving a small group of properties/ no through road/dead end)

Criteria 2: Streets with no footpath on either side.

Criteria 3: Special Requests (High Priority given to requests from disabled person/group, signed petition from community and requests that eliminate major safety risks).

- (b) If this project is pulled forward other projects that have already been assessed and budgeted for within the above framework will be delayed or funding removed.
- (2) That Council defers approval of the installation of a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Melba Drive footpath, given it delays other projects already planned with the funds within the 2023/24 footpath construction renewal program.
- (3) That Council staff provide options for Councillors to raise this project through the Councillor bid process or add to the next operational plan through the next CIB.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was seven (7) For and five (5) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson and Li

Against the Amendment: Councillors Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

RESOLUTION:

(1) That Council recognise:

- (a) The following criteria for footpath construction and renewal has assessed the current projects approved within the operational plan.

Criteria 1: Pedestrian usage and connectivity. Priority rating of the location:

- Priority 1 – High pedestrian movement and special needs (train stations, hospitals, shopping centres, educational institutions, major community facilities etc)
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- (b) If this project is pulled forward other projects that have already been assessed and budgeted for within the above framework will be delayed or funding removed.

- (2) That Council defers approval of the installation of a galvanised handrail along the centre of the whole 75m length of the accessway from the Elliott Avenue footpath to the Melba Drive footpath, given it delays other projects already planned with the funds within the 2023/24 footpath construction renewal program.
- (3) That Council staff provide options for Councillors to raise this project through the Councillor bid process or add to the next operational plan through the next CIB.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor O'Reilly abstained from voting and accordingly her vote was recorded Against the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Motion: Councillor O'Reilly

8 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY 2023

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

INFORMATION REPORT

9 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

LATE COUNCIL REPORT

10 REPORT ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE (RESPONSE TO MAYORAL MINUTE MM14/23)

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

1 RESPONSE BY JORDAN LANE MP - INCREASE IN EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONNECTING VIMIERA ROAD AND ESSEX STREET, EASTWOOD - Councillor Justin Li

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

2 CAR SHARING SCHEME - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio and the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council review the utilisation of all installed car share spaces approved at the Council meetings on 13 December 2022 and 4 April 2023 over a 12 month period in accordance with Council's adopted Car Share Guidelines and Policy.
- (b) That should any installed car share space be found to be underutilised from the review, Council is to consider either removing this space or relocate the space to another location within a 12 month period. The relocation of a car share space to another area is subject to further public consultation.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

That Council review the utilisation of all installed car share spaces approved at the Council meetings on 13 December 2022 and 4 April 2023 over a 12 month period in accordance with Council's adopted Car Share Guidelines and Policy.

On being put to the meeting the voting on the Amendment was five (5) For and seven (7) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Lara-Watson, O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Li and Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio and the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM)

- (a) That Council review the utilisation of all installed car share spaces approved at the Council meetings on 13 December 2022 and 4 April 2023 over a 12 month period in accordance with Council's adopted Car Share Guidelines and Policy.
- (b) That should any installed car share space be found to be underutilised from the review, Council is to consider either removing this space or relocate the space to another location within a 12 month period. The relocation of a car share space to another area is subject to further public consultation.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li and Maggio

Against the Motion: Councillor O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

3 INSTALLATION OF SEATS AROUND LARDELLI PARK POND - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Purcell)

- (a) That Council investigate the installation of unused seats in good condition around Lardelli Park pond to accommodate visitors from the rehabilitation centre and local residents.
- (b) That a report be presented back to Council in September 2023 outlining the findings of the investigation listed in part (a).
- (c) That subject to the findings of the investigations, that the seats be funded from Councillor Maggio's project bids budget and be installed in October 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 REMOVAL OF RACISM NOT WELCOME SIGNS AND INSTALLATION OF EMBRACE DIVERSITY SIGNS IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillor Maggio)

That Council arrange to:

- (a) Remove all Racism Not Welcome signs and replace these with "Embrace Diversity" signs in orange, which is the colour of harmony.
- (b) Fund the new street sign blades from the Community Services base budget.

Note: The Motion lapsed due to the lack of a seconder.

5 REVIEW INTO VALUER GENERAL DETERMINATIONS - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

Note: Ray Azizi made a written submission in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

(a) That Council note:

- i. The Valuer General's land valuations timing has negatively impacted residents across Ryde.
- ii. A significant increase in rates has occurred for a portion of residents given the valuation despite the Council approving a below inflation increase in rates.

(b) That the Mayor write a letter on behalf of Council to call upon the NSW Government to:

- i. Review the Valuer General responsibilities and timeliness of valuations.
- ii. Extend the objection period given the inflationary period and drop in housing prices.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 WOMEN'S SPORT IN RYDE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

7 WEST RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL KISS AND RIDE SHELTER MONS AVENUE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

8 BUILDING HEALTHY COST EFFICIENT HOMES - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

9 INCREASING ACCESS TO EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

10 EXPLORING NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO STRATEGISE THE CITY OF RYDE EVENING ECONOMY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Question 1:

How much ratepayers money was spent on advertising the 'save our open space' campaign by City of Ryde printing and lost revenue from bus shelter advertising?

Answer 1:

The costing for the complete TG Millner campaign was \$28,630.91 (inclusive of GST). This included the bus shelter advertisements, smart pole banners (including removal), billboards for private property, fence banner, drone footage and pull-up banners. There was no lost revenue for Council from bus shelter advertising.

Question 2:

Is City of Ryde or Ooh media forgoing revenue while the City of Ryde 'save our open space' posters are being displayed on bus shelters across the City of Ryde?

Answer 2:

No, all sites that had the posters on them were ones that were vacant and not being utilised for the contract moving forward.

Question 3:

What is in the contract that City of Ryde (CoR) negotiated with Ooh media that would allow them to forgo revenue for so many months while accommodating the 'save our open space' posters?

Answer 3:

As the posters were on the bus shelters that were vacant and not being utilised for the contract, Council did not pay for placement or installation of the posters. The sites that the posters were installed on were not being sold to any other providers as advertising space and hence there was no lost revenue to Council.

CLOSED SESSION

MATTER OF URGENCY – DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER AMENITY FACILITY TO CHRISTIE PARK AND ORGANISING A MEETING AT THE SITE FOR NORTH WEST SYDNEY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (NWSFA) – COUNCILLOR PENNY PEDERSEN

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Lara-Watson)

That the Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the above matter.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 7.31pm. The public and media left the Chamber and the webcast.

MATTER OF URGENCY – DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER AMENITY FACILITY AT CHRISTIE PARK AND ORGANISING A MEETING AT THE SITE FOR NORTH WEST SYDNEY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (NWSFA)

Note: Councillor Pedersen tabled a letter dated 24 July 2023 from North West Sydney Football Limited in relation to this Item a copy is ON FILE.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

(a) Council notes that:

- i. Following the completion of the new amenities block at Christie Park, the CEO of North West Sydney Football Association (NWSFA) have requested that the old amenities block at Christie Park not be demolished so that it can be used for additional meeting rooms, referees office, gymnasium, physiotherapy and sports science area.
- ii. Council staff have recommended that the old block be demolished on Wednesday, 23 August 2023 based on the following considerations:
 - The existing building's lack of proper fire separation poses a fire safety risk, violating the National Construction Code (NCC).

- Introducing a gym or physiotherapy service in the building would change the buildings classification under the NCC, requiring costly modifications to comply with the new classification.
- The electrical infrastructure is designed for one building and accommodating two buildings would strain power supply, causing disruptions to the park. As a result, there would be substantial upgrades to the electrical supply to retain two buildings.
- The ongoing implementation of the Christie Park masterplan, developed with input from stakeholders, would be hindered by retaining the existing building.
- Council would incur added maintenance and operational costs for maintaining two structures.
- User groups were engaged in the design review, acknowledging the demolition of the existing building.

(b) That Council hold a meeting with the Association to discuss storage and extra space requirements and the masterplan for the Park.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Brown)

- (a) That the Council resolve itself into open Council.
- (b) That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolution of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.
- (c) That the Minutes of the Closed Session be adopted.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Chairperson