

Meeting Date: Tuesday 25 July 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, Lane, Lara-Watson, Li, Maggio, O'Reilly, Pedersen and Purcell.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Song.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager – Business and Operations, General Manager – City Shaping, General Counsel, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – City Life, Executive Manager – People and Business, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Executive Officer – City Economy, Manager – Engineering and Project Delivery, Senior Coordinator – Infrastructure Services, Media and Communications Officer, System Support Officer, Civic Services Manager and Civic Support Officer.

PRAYER

Pastor Corin Schut of the Ryde Wesley International Congregation 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

There were no disclosures of interest.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

Councillor Lara-Watson tabled a petition with 15 signatures in relation to Mayoral Minute 13/23 – Request for Expediting Approvals for 146 Bowden Street Project and a copy is **ON FILE**.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Anthony Butteriss (representing Friends of Lane Cove National Park)	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River
Kerrie Lee	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River
Pamela Gilbert	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River
Marie Hodges	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River
Jill Steverson	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River
Clancy O'Donovan	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River
Anita O'Donovan	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River
Robert Parker	Notice of Motion 12 – Urgent report and strategy to mitigate water damage to residents property and to prevent sediment runoff to Lane Cove River

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 Lara-Watson and Deshpande)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 3, Item 4, Item 6, Notice of Motion 4, Notice of Motion 5, Notice of Motion 6, Notice of Motion 7, Notice of Motion 8, Notice of Motion 10 and Notice of Motion 12 listed on the Council Agenda as per the Recommendations in the report.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Council Meeting held on 27 June 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 6/23, held on 27 June 2023 be confirmed.

3 DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOR 2024-2028 TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLUTION:

That in accordance with Section 224(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council confirm the number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office to be 13 (1 of whom is the Mayor).

4 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW IN PREPARTION FOR 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse the Ward boundary change set out in this report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 2**, to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and allow 42 days for submissions to be received.
- (b) That public exhibition commence following consultation of the Ward boundary change with the NSW Electoral Commission and the Australian Statistician (ABS).
- (c) That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting on 26 September 2023 setting out any submissions received and to consider adoption of the Ward boundary change.

6 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING DATES

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council endorse the draft Schedule of Meeting Dates as detailed in the report and provided for in **ATTACHMENT 1**, noting that the schedule may be amended at any time, subject to one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.

- (b) That Council endorse a Council meeting be held on the second Tuesday of December 2023, being 12 December 2023.

NOTICES OF MOTION

4 CITY OF RYDE CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE – Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigate the creation and distribution of a Christmas Gift Guide which will show case the ways to shop within Ryde during the holiday period and include the following considerations:
- i. An economic inclusive range of gifts;
 - ii. Sustainable options;
 - iii. Experiences;
 - iv. A diverse range of ages; and
 - v. Staff recommendation of method of selecting businesses to be included with the Gift Guide.
- (b) That a report be provided back to Council by October 2023.

5 REVIEW OF NORTHERN DISTRICT LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS – Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council review the Northern District Local Business Awards.
- (b) That Council investigates the establishment of its own City of Ryde Business Awards in conjunction with local businesses and all the Chambers of Commerce in the Local Government Area.
- (c) That a workshop be conducted with Councillors to provide feedback and a report be presented to Council in September 2023.

6 E-WASTE COMMUNICATIONS FOR CITY OF RYDE RESIDENTS – Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note e-waste, including discarded solar lights, contains harmful substances such as lead, mercury and other toxic components. When not disposed of properly, these substances can pose significant risks to human health and the environment. It is therefore essential that we educate our community about the appropriate methods for e-waste disposal, particularly solar lights, which are becoming increasingly prevalent in households.
- (b) That Council initiate a comprehensive educational campaign that informs residents about the dangers associated with improper disposal of e-waste and offers guidance on the correct methods for disposing of solar lights. The campaign to be funded from Circular Economy base budget and may include the following components:
 - i. Public Awareness Program: To raise awareness about the potential hazards of e-waste and the proper procedures for its disposal.
 - ii. Online Resources: Create a dedicated section on the City of Ryde Council website that provides residents with up-to-date information, guidelines and resources for e-waste disposal, including solar lights. This section can include videos, FAQs and links to local recycling centres.

7 DIWALI LIGHTS – Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

RESOLUTION:

That Council investigate and report back to Council within 2 months, the feasibility of:

- i. Illuminating City of Ryde Council buildings with decorative lighting during the Diwali festival period. This would involve adorning prominent Council structure with colourful lights, embracing the festival spirit and acknowledging the cultural significance of Diwali.
- ii. Collaborating with Community Groups: Engaging with local community organisations and representative groups to ensure their involvement in the planning and execution of the illumination project. This collaboration will help to ensure cultural authenticity and provide an opportunity for meaningful community engagement.

- iii. Promoting the illuminated buildings and the significance of Diwali through various communication channels, such as the Council website, social media platforms, local newsletters and community announcements. This will help increase awareness and encourage community members to participate and celebrate this joyous festival together.

8 FLAG HOISTING – INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY – Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM write to the Consul General of India, Mr Manish Gupta congratulating India for its Independence Day.
- (b) That Council host a flag-raising civic event for Indian Independence Day, to be held at Kissing Point Wharf on 15 August 2023.
- (c) That an invitation is extended to the Consul General of India Sydney, Mr Manish Gupta to attend the event.

10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE WEST – Councillor Bernard Purcell

RESOLUTION:

That the City of Ryde staff prepare a report, outlining options, funding and a strategy to encourage infrastructure upgrades, tourism and further night-time activity in and around Rowe Street West.

12 URGENT REPORT AND STRATEGY TO MITIGATE WATER DAMAGE TO RESIDENTS PROPERTY AND TO PREVENT SEDIMENT RUNOFF TO LANE COVE RIVER – Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: Anthony Butteriss (representing Friends of Lane Cove National Park), Kerrie Lee, Pamela Gilbert, Marie Hodges, Jill Steverson, Clancy O'Donovan, Anita O'Donovan and Robert Parker made a written submission on this Item and copies are **ON FILE**.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) Council notes that:
 - The function centre and Cafe at Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium is located on land owned by InvoCare at 199 Delhi Road, North Ryde.

- The function centre and related infrastructure sits high above Quebec Road, Chatswood West on a very steep gradient, adjoining Council Road, natural areas and properties along River Road.
- That since the function centre was built, residents have complained about more frequent high volumes of stormwater run-off, that is damaging their property and threatening river health.
- That over the last few weeks starting on Friday 9 June, large heavy machinery was employed by workers at the InvoCare site to remove plants, small trees and earth (damaging some larger native trees), leaving open earth on a steep gradient with no sediment control.
- Council attended the site and stopped their work, requesting that sediment control be put in place, which was carried out (but it has been noted by residents the controls they have delivered are not substantial enough to prevent erosion of the embankment and sediment runoff should there be a high rain/storm weather event.
- Residents have reported foul smelly water emanating from the cleared site which has been reported to the EPA.

(b) That Council:

- i. Prepare a report that considers:
 - How many trees have been removed by InvoCare from the site and did the company have approval to remove them?
 - Was there a proposal to replant native and natural areas on top of the site behind the functions centre (where there is lawn) as a condition, when the development was approved?
 - What infrastructure is in place on the InvoCare site to prevent stormwater runoff from the roof of the function centre, hard surfaces and sloping lawn?
 - What was at the site before the function centre was built (was it ever a fill site?)
 - Is there any utility infrastructure buried or built in the vicinity and could the heavy machinery on loose earth have cracked or ruptured any sewer pipes?
- ii. Investigate the development of a strategy to mitigate:
 - Damage to natural areas on Quebec Road and properties in River Road from excessive stormwater stormwater run-off.

- Sediment runoff to Lane Cove River from clearing and excessive stormwater run-off.

MAYORAL MINUTES

MM13/23 REQUEST FOR EXPEDITING APPROVALS FOR 146 BOWDEN STREET PROJECT - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

Note: A petition with 15 signatures was tabled by Councillor Lara-Watson in relation to this Item and a copy is **ON FILE**.

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

That a letter is formulated and sent from the Mayor's Office to the Local Member of Parliament, Jordan Lane MP, seeking assistance in liaising with the Minister of Water, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC for the expediting of any required approvals from Sydney Water for City of Ryde Council's 146 Bowden Street stormwater works project.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM14/23 REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

(1) That City of Ryde staff prepare a report to the August 2023 Council meeting, outlining options, funding and strategies to upgrade infrastructure, and encourage tourism, economic and cultural activities in Eastwood. The report is to include:

- (a) the current status and progress of the Eastwood Central Project, recognising that replacement of the ageing Glen Street Council car park is a major priority.
- (b) options, funding and strategies to replace remaining zebra crossings in the town centre with traffic lights.
- (c) options, funding and strategies to refresh and upgrade the Eastwood Library building and assets so that it continues to meet the needs of its users in a growing and diverse suburb.
- (d) opportunities identified to provide additional murals and street decorations on the west side of Eastwood town centre reflecting the history and cultural diversity of the area.

(e) Investigate and identify opportunities to further support the Eastwood night market to reinvigorate the night-time economy.

- (2) That Council recognise that this year marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Eastwood Tai Chi group at Eastwood Plaza, which continues to serve the health and recreational needs of locals. Further, that this group be invited to a morning tea at the Council Chambers and that an appropriately worded plaque be presented for installation at Eastwood Plaza. The morning tea to be costed from the Civic Services budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MM15/23 HOSTING OF 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

That Council:

- (a) Condemns the Andrews Labor Government in Victoria for unceremoniously cancelling the 2026 Commonwealth Games;
- (b) Encourages the Minns Labor Government in NSW to urgently consider bidding for the 2026 Commonwealth Games;
- (c) Notes that Sydney Olympic Park was purpose built to host the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, and remains a major sporting and events precinct, earmarked by the NSW Minister for Planning the Hon. Paul Scully MP for further activation;
- (d) Notes that Ryde is home to its very own Sydney 2000 Olympic sporting venue, with our very own Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre playing host to a series of water polo matches during the best Olympic Games ever;
- (e) Writes to the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Chris Minns MP; the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, the Hon. John Graham MLC; the Minister for Sport the Hon. Steve Kamper MP, the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Mark Speakman SC MP; the Shadow Minister for Tourism, Mr Gurmeh Singh MP; and the Shadow Minister for Sport, Ms Eleni Petinos MP, encouraging them to consider the bid, and the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre as a suitable venue to host the 'Commonwealth Water Polo Championships, which have been held in conjunction with the Commonwealth Games since 2002, in Manchester; and

- (f) Subject to a favourable response from the NSW State Government, staff prepare a report outlining any necessary works required to ensure the Centre promotes Ryde in the best possible light on the international stage, which incorporates a joint-funding strategy with the NSW Government for any identified upgrades or improvements.

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: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

MM16/23 PASSING OF BRIAN TABER - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM

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

- (a) That the passing of former Alderman Hedley Brian Taber be noted.
- (b) That a letter of condolence and flowers be sent on behalf of the Mayor and Council to Brian's wife, Fran and family.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: A one minute silence was then observed by the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 27 June 2023

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

3 DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOR 2024-2028 TERM OF OFFICE

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

4 WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW IN PREPARATION FOR 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

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

5 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY - OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION

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

That Council adopt the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy – April 2023 as **ATTACHED**.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillor Pedersen

6 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

7 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION: DOG OFF LEASH AREAS IN RYDE

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

That "Six Additional Dog Off-leash Sites Study" be placed on public exhibition for a period of three (3) months with a report due back to Council in 2023.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 HARMONISING FLOOD STUDIES - PROJECT UPDATE

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

- (a) That Council endorse the Draft Flood Study as **ATTACHED** to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 60 days and allow submissions to be received.
- (b) That at the conclusion of the public exhibition period, should no submissions be received, the Draft Flood Study be adopted by Council as final.
- (c) That should any relevant submissions be received during the public exhibition period, a further report shall be presented to Council summarising these submissions.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 SERVICE NSW PARTNERSHIP

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Brown)

- (a) That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Service NSW for their *Service NSW for Business* program; and
- (b) That if required, any necessary documents be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

INFORMATION REPORT

10 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 TRAFFIC ISSUES - RUTLEDGE STREET, EASTWOOD - Councillor Justin Li

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Lane)

- (a) That Council note local residents have raised concerns regarding traffic issues on First Avenue and Rutledge Street, Eastwood.
- (b) That Council write to Transport for NSW seeking the following changes for Rutledge Street, Eastwood (a State Road) to improve traffic flow and safety:
 - i. Installation of a red/green arrow at the traffic lights for motorists turning right from East Parade into Rutledge Street given regular accidents at that intersection.
 - ii. Installation of a red/green arrow at the traffic lights for motorists turning right from Rutledge Street into Shaftsbury Road in light of Council's preferred location for any new future Eastwood Car Park.
 - iii. Removal of street parking on weekends between Trelawney Street and Shaftsbury Road during peak traffic periods.

- (c) That Council write to Transport for NSW to consider the need for red light cameras and any traffic calming measures on First Avenue, Eastwood (a State Road) to improve traffic safety.
- (d) That a report be provided back to Council on the response from Transport for NSW.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

2 COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMISTICE OF KOREAN WAR - Councillor Daniel Han

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Han and Brown)

That Council:

- (a) Organise a flag raising event at 2.00pm on the 27th July 2023 at Kissing Point Wharf and invite all Councillors to honour and mark the 70th Anniversary of Armistice.
- (b) Organise a special Mayor's Morning Tea to be funded from the Mayor's budget.
- (c) Extend an invitation to Korean War veterans and local Korean community leaders to attend a special Mayor's Morning Tea, to be held in July or August 2023, to express our gratitude for their service and provide them with an opportunity to share their experiences and connect with the local community.
- (d) Continue the investigation of the Korean War Memorial and provide a report back to Council outlining the following:
 - i. Investigate and collaborate with RSL, Korean War Veterans Association and the Korean Veterans Association in Australia to explore the feasibility of installing a Korean War Memorial.
 - ii. Allocate funds and resources for the investigation, planning, design and construction of the Memorial.
 - iii. Identify and assess potential locations within Meadowbank Memorial Park that would be suitable for the Memorial.
 - iv. Engage with relevant stakeholders, including community members, veterans and local historical societies, to gather input and support for the project.

- v. Establish a dedicated Committee or Working Group comprising representatives from the Council, RSL, Korean War Veterans Association and the Korean Veterans Association in Sydney to oversee the Memorial's development.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 EASING CONGESTION AT INTERSECTIONS - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

- (a) That Council note the left hand turn permissible during a red light upon stopping has been removed from the following intersections, causing additional commuting times and frustration to commuters who have not been consulted on the changes:
 - i. Charles Street and Victoria Road
 - ii. Lane Cove Road and Buffalo Road
 - iii. Pittwater Road and Ryde Road
- (b) That the Traffic Committee investigate the reinstatement of the left hand turn permissible during red lights at the intersections listed in part (a) above.
- (c) That if the signs have been removed based on safety concerns, the Mayor write to Transport NSW and encourage them to improve communication when traffic conditions have been modified to reduce inconvenience.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

4 CITY OF RYDE CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE - Councillor Sophie Lara-Watson

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

5 REVIEW OF NORTHERN DISTRICT LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS - Councillor Roy Maggio

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

6 E-WASTE COMMUNICATION FOR CITY OF RYDE RESIDENTS - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

7 DIWALI LIGHTS - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

8 FLAG HOISTING - INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

9 ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Bernard Purcell

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Purcell and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council consult with our own Reconciliation Action Working Group, the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and other identified groups and residents to investigate the delivery a program of Aboriginal place names around and within the City of Ryde.
- (b) That a report, based on this consultation, to be brought back to Council including funding options.

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

That Council:

- (a) Present a report on the Bennelong Putney Project, to be brought back to Council with an update on the progress made by the Bennelong Putney Project team, as we recognise this as a significant cultural site.
- (b) Recognise the initiative to codify and enhance the use of aboriginal language introduced by the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs for his policy initiatives of writing, speaking and embracing aboriginal languages in New South Wales.
- (c) Acknowledge the cultural and historical significance of prominent Aboriginal Australians, such as Woollooware Bennelong by naming the Federal Seat of Parliament in the City of Ryde as the Federal Seat of Bennelong.

- (d) In recognising this historical significance, the City of Ryde Council make a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission advocating for the retention of the name of the seat of Bennelong to be retained and located proximate to the site of Bennelong's burial site in Putney.

On being put to the Meeting the voting on the Amendment was Unanimous. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Unanimous

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Present a report on the Bennelong Putney Project, to be brought back to Council with an update on the progress made by the Bennelong Putney Project team, as we recognise this as a significant cultural site.
- (b) Recognise the initiative to codify and enhance the use of aboriginal language introduced by the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs for his policy initiatives of writing, speaking and embracing aboriginal languages in New South Wales.
- (c) Acknowledge the cultural and historical significance of prominent Aboriginal Australians, such as Woollooware Bennelong by naming the Federal Seat of Parliament in the City of Ryde as the Federal Seat of Bennelong.
- (d) In recognising this historical significance, the City of Ryde Council make a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission advocating for the retention of the name of the seat of Bennelong to be retained and located proximate to the site of Bennelong's burial site in Putney.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EASTWOOD TOWN CENTRE WEST - Councillor Bernard Purcell

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

11 RECOMMITMENT TO ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART - Councillor Penny Pedersen

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Purcell)

1. That Council notes that at the Council meeting on 28 August 2018 Council resolved the following motion put by Councillor Christopher Gordon and seconded by Councillor Roy Maggio and the record of the voting was as follows:

- (a) That Council supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart.
- (b) That Council recognises that the Uluru Statement is a clear expression of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' vision toward Makarrata and reconciliation.
- (c) That Council acknowledges the challenges in the Uluru Statement and calls on our national parliament to rise to these challenges and to establish a First Nations voice to Parliament.
- (d) That a statement supporting the Uluru Statement be submitted to the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition Relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on behalf of Council within the next week.
- (e) That Council submits this motion for the next LGNSW Conference.
- (f) That this week Council provide a press release including the Uluru Statement from the Heart and our support for it.

For the Motion: The former Mayor, Councillor Laxale, Councillor Pedersen, Councillor Purcell, the current Mayor - Councillor Yedelian OAM, Councillor Maggio, Councillor Lane, Councillor Gordon, Councillor Kim, Councillor Clifton and Councillor Zhou

Against the Motion: Councillor Brown and Councillor Moujalli

2. That Council reconfirms its commitment to this motion as follows:

- (a) Supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart.
- (b) Recognises that the Uluru Statement is a clear expression of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' vision toward Makarrata and reconciliation.
- (c) Acknowledges the challenges in the Uluru Statement and calls on our national parliament to rise to these challenges and to establish a First Nations voice to Parliament.

- (d) Submits this motion as a recommitment at the next LGNSW Conference.
- (e) Provides a media release including the Uluru Statement from the Heart and our support for it.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

- (a) That acknowledges this Council has previously discussed the support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.
- (b) That Council respects the decision of Australian voters and it is an individual choice.
- (c) That the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM write to both local Yes and No Campaigns to notify Council of events and materials so Councillors can share across the networks or attend.

ITEM TO BE DEALT WITH IN SERIATIM

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

That this Item be dealt with in Seriatim.

Record of Voting:

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

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

Note: The Item was then dealt with in Seriatim.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

- (a) That acknowledges this Council has previously discussed the support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

On being put to the meeting Councillor O'Reilly and Councillor Pedersen abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion. The Voting on the Amendment was eight (8) For and four (4) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

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: Councillors O'Reilly, Pedersen, Purcell and Song

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

- (b) That Council respects the decision of Australian voters and it is an individual choice.

On being put to the meeting Councillor Pedersen, Councillor Purcell and Councillor Song abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion. The Voting on the Amendment was nine (9) For and three (3) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Pedersen, Purcell and Song

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Brown and Han)

- (c) That the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM write to both local Yes and No Campaigns to notify Council of events and materials so Councillors can share across the networks or attend.

On being put to the meeting Councillor Pedersen, Councillor Purcell and Councillor Song abstained from voting and accordingly their votes were recorded Against the Motion. 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 Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM and Councillors Brown, Deshpande, Han, Lane, Lara-Watson and Li

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

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That acknowledges this Council has previously discussed the support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

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

RESOLUTION:

- (b) That Council respects the decision of Australian voters and it is an individual choice.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

RESOLUTION:

- (c) That the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM write to both local Yes and No Campaigns to notify Council of events and materials so Councillors can share across the networks or attend.

Record of Voting:

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

Against the Motion: Councillors Maggio and O'Reilly

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That acknowledges this Council has previously discussed the support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.
- (b) That Council respects the decision of Australian voters and it is an individual choice.
- (c) That the Mayor, Councillor Yedelian OAM write to both local Yes and No Campaigns to notify Council of events and materials so Councillors can share across the networks or attend.

12 URGENT REPORT AND STRATEGY TO MITIGATE WATER DAMAGE TO RESIDENTS PROPERTY AND TO PREVENT SEDIMENT RUNOFF TO LANE COVE RIVER - Councillor Penny Pedersen

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

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Justin Li

On 6 February 2019, City of Ryde issued a media release regarding the first concepts of a new shopper car park and public plaza on the western side of Eastwood:

Question 1:

What is the approximate total cost of this project?

Answer 1:

In 2019 Council had prepared artist impressions of the proposed carpark and public plaza on the western side of Eastwood. Although some very basic estimates have been provided for some of the concept options, staff are not confident that those preliminary cost estimates could be used with any certainty moving forward. Staff have reinitiated investigations to determine a more certain way to progress this necessary project, including potential funding sources, and will be discussing this with Councillors in more detail in mid to late August this year.

It should also be noted that the current adopted Developer Contribution Plans does allow for 19% of the cost to be funded from Developer Contributions for the below components:

- Eastwood Carpark West Design & Construction and
- Eastwood Multi-purpose Community Centre & Hub, Plaza and Detention Basin.

Question 2:

How much funding (if any) has been set aside by City of Ryde to pay for this project since making this announcement?

Answer 2:

Currently, there are no funds set aside for this project in Council Reserves.

It is also important to note, that although the plan does allow for up to 19% of the above two items being funded by this Plan, at this stage Council does not have sufficient cash in Developer Contributions Externally Restricted Reserves.

2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Question 1:

Has Council resolved to acquire the TG Millner fields from North Ryde RSL regardless of the valuation and costs to ratepayers?

Answer 1:

No.

Question 2:

What projects will be put on hold or cancelled to fund the acquisition of TG Millner fields from North Ryde RSL?

Answer 2:

That is up to Council if the acquisition proceeds, subject to a Council resolution.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF AUGUST 2023

Chairperson