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Venue:	Council's North Ryde office and via TEAMS	
Date:	Wednesday 19 June 2024	
Time:	5.30pm	Started at: 5.30pm Closed at: 6:30pm
Chair:	Kylie McMahon – Manager Environment	
Meeting Support (MS):	Janine Carr Acting 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 Trenton Brown	Councillor - Mayor	City of Ryde
	x	Clr Penny Pedersen	Councillor	City of Ryde
	x	Bev Debrincat	Community Representative	
	x	Amelia Saul	Community Representative	
	x	Annie Sim	Community Representative	
x		Austin Kim	Community Representative	
	-	Balu Moothedath	Community Representative	
x		Chathurkia Perera	Community Representative	
	x	Gary Patni	Community Representative	
	-	George Divisek	Community Representative	
	-	Ho Jun Jang	Community Representative	
x		Hope Ashiabor	Community Representative	
x		Jan Aiello	Community Representative	
	-	Jane Valentine	Community Representative	
x		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
	-	Jo Taranto	Community Representative	
	x	John Herbert	Community Representative	
x		Jordan Hodgson	Community Representative	
	-	Katherine Spencer	Community Representative	
x		Kerri Gallagher	Community Representative	
	x	Pamela Reeves	Community Representative	
x		Peter Davies	Community Representative	
x		Shu-fang Wei	Community Representative	
	-	Vlad Tudor	Community Representative	
	-	Wendy Evans	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		Janine Carr	Acting EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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Details		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Kylie 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 20 March 2024 were adopted, moved by Jan and seconded by Kerri</p>	Noted
3.	<p>Actions arising from the previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandra advised there was one action – water quality monitoring update regarding testing at all 25 sites on 26 March 	Provide water quality monitoring update to members
4.	<p>Focus Areas</p> <p><u>Biodiversity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 3 of Bush Regeneration contracts will be commencing in July - Draft Bush Fire Management Plan – on public exhibition June 2023, still awaiting Bush Fore Coordinating Committee endorsement of the plan. Still using existing plan. - Water monitoring – Sydney water providing their report and presentation later in June - Feral animal control program is expected to continue in 2024/45 at Brush Farm Park, Field of Mars Reserve, Kittys Creek - Field of Mars Nature Trails Project - providing more inclusive trails and improving accessibility <p><u>Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parramatta River Project – Austin has volunteered once a month for 22 years – Congratulations. - Parramatta River Catchment group – Putney Swim Site – issue of contracts soon and commence rollout. - Parramatta River Swimmable by 2025 - currently 5 swimming sites have opened along the Parramatta River 	

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	<p><u>Community Engagement / Behaviour Change</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability Festival – Sunday 2 June 2024 - unfortunately it was a wet weekend, festival was moved to the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club carpark, turnout of around 800-900 people attended (festival normally has 1000-1500 attend). Great feedback. <p><u>Waste Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste Conference – City of Ryde had two presentations this year at the conference in Coffs Harbour – SWAP and Surveillance for Illegal Dumping - Edible Gardens – great to provide schools with a program to build garden beds and host workshops on how to utilise food waste and resource recovery education programs. 	
5.	<p>End of Term Achievements</p> <p>A powerpoint presentation of what council areas have delivered over the last 4 years –</p> <p>City Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability Festival. - Granny Smith Festival. - Adoption of Resilience Plan in 2020. - “Get Ready Ryde” emergency preparedness program. - 10,000 Resilience-Ready Residents by 2025 target. - Summer 23/24, community survey on preparedness for extreme heat and coping methods. - Trialled extended hours in West Ryde and Eastwood libraries on extreme heat days (36+ degrees) that will continue this year. <p>Sustainable Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Transport Strategy 2022. - 38 new car share spots. - EV charging infrastructure at Eastwood, Rowe St Carpark and Top Ryde. - Shop Ryder Bus Service – average of 38,000 passenger trips per year, to be reassessed 24/25. <p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing water consumption in our parks and fields via monitoring water meters to detect leaks and prevent wastage. 	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnered with Sydney Water to trial smart sensors for irrigation under high use sports fields. - Monitor soil moisture, air temperature and other parameters to inform irrigation needs. - Water Quality Monitoring – 5 major creeks and Putney Park. - Putney Park Swim Site. <p>Natural Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salt Marsh Management Plan. - Walking trail audit. - Protection of bushland areas and endangered ecological communities - Corridor planting along Shrimptons Creek. - National Tree Day at Blenheim Park. - Feral animal program. - Early tree canopy mapping. - Weeds action program funding from State Government. - Biosecurity Weeds Officer role funded by the NSW Weeds Action Program. - Weed watch Ryde videos available on the City of Ryde website: https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Animals-and-Plants/Weeds/Weed-Control - Water quality monitoring program at 11 Bushcare sites - Assisted Dharug Women’s group with Cultural burns at Browns Waterhole. - To come – Field of Mars upgrade works which has been fully funded by State Government <p>Circular Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 15 million collection services delivered to the community. - Over 56,000 community requests. - Introduced a digitisation process to improve service delivery and reduce missed services. - Edible Gardens in 4 schools. - Installed 3 solar bins along Meadowbank and Putney foreshore. - Held 25 workshops, programs and events per year engaging over 15,000 people annually. - SWAP – works from 642 artists over the last 4 years, averages 550 attendees, 100 attendees at the art workshops and over 3000 views online. Presented at the Waste 2024 Conference. - REEN – environmental network to provide schools and teachers with learning opportunities, tools and ideas to support sustainability across the school curriculum. <p>Energy and Net Zero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Net Zero Emissions Plan adopted in 2022. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have joined 24 Councils in a Power Purchase Agreement to supply 100% renewable electricity to Council assets. - Achieved 100% renewable energy target 8 years ahead of schedule. - Energy reduction initiatives. - Green Revolving Fund establishment. - Resource Efficiency Target and new Policy. - Net Zero Officer role 	
6.	<p>General Business</p> <p>Staff were congratulated by Mayor Brown and all working group members were thanked for giving up their time to be part of the Sustainability Working Group over the last 4 years.</p>	Noted
7.	<p>Close – 6:30pm</p> <p>This will be the final meeting of the Sustainability Working Group for this term.</p>	Noted