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Venue:	Council's North Ryde office and via TEAMS	
Date:	Wednesday 20 th March 2024	
Time:	5.30pm	Started at: 5.36pm Closed at: 7.16pm
Chair:	Kylie McMahon – Manager Environment	
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	Clr Bernard Purcell	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	
	x	George Divisek	Community Representative	
	-	Austin Kim	Community Representative	
x		Peter Davies	Community Representative	
	x	Jo Taranto	Community Representative	
	-	Chathurkia Perera	Community Representative	
x		Pamela Reeves	Community Representative	
		Wendy Evans	Community Representative	
x		Shu-fang Wei	Community Representative	
	-	Katherine Spencer	Community Representative	
	-	Annie Sim	Community Representative	
x		Amelia Saul	Community Representative	
x		Jane Valentine	Community Representative	
x		Balu Moothedath	Community Representative	
	x	John Herbert	Community Representative	
	x	Hope Ashiabor	Community Representative	
x		Ho Jun Jang	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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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p><u>Acknowledgment of Country</u></p> <p>Kylie welcomed all present and provided the acknowledgement of country. Attendees and apologies are as per above.</p>	Noted
<p>2. Adoption of previous minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 13th December 2023 were adopted with the following notation:</p> <p>Amelia asked that the minutes note her comment at the meeting requesting that all committee members use the services offered by Council and provide feedback. She asked that people access the website for information and then provide feedback where appropriate.</p>	Noted
<p>3. Actions arising from the previous minutes</p> <p>- Nil</p>	Noted
<p>4. Focus Areas</p> <p><u>Biodiversity</u></p> <p><u>Bushcare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since the last meeting, 14 new enquiries from potential volunteers have been received and 8 have attended a Bushcare session. <p><u>Field of Mars Nature Trail Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandstone steps will be installed along the Warada track and in from the Finch Ave entry; new pathways installed across the mown grass areas and the boardwalk upgraded to improve accessibility. The project will improve wheelchair access, especially along the boardwalk. - Construction is expected to commence in April and be completed by the end of December. <p><u>Feral Animal Control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ten sessions have been conducted at Field of Mars Reserve, Kittys Creek and Brush Farm Park with five foxes dealt with. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sessions will continue to the end of June. 	
	<p><u>Water quality monitoring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent testing shows nutrient levels are elevated across many of the catchments - pH and most other scores are consistent. - Buffalo creek showed an improvement with the macroinvertebrate scores. - There was a decline in the water quality and rapid riparian assessment score at Shrimptons Creek (Wilga Park) possibly due to it's proximity to a state significant development at the Ivanhoe Estate. - On 26th March 2024, Council and Sydney Water will both be testing across 25 sites. This will enable a comparison to be made of the Sydney Water results and the Streamwatch results. Bushcare volunteers will be assisting with this blitz. - Bush regeneration contracts are going well 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Sandra to send out information to the group</p>
	<p><u>Bush Fire Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Bush Fire Risk Management Plan is yet been endorsed by the Rural Fire Service 	<p>Noted</p>
	<p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Pedersen advised that she had applied for a grant for Bushcare and a water quality monitoring kit and asked if Friends of Lane Cove NP are using their kits. Sandra P responded that she is not sure but the Ryde Hunters Hill Flora will be applying for their kit. - Myrtle rust has been discovered on Rhodamnia rubescens plants in Darvall Park at Brush Farm Park. 	<p>Noted</p>
	<p><u>Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group has been working on mapping of riparian areas as part of a new grant received to strengthen blue/green links which has long been an aspirational goal of the PRCG involving the 11 councils. - Improved sediment control from building works is also being examined under a government grant across council areas now through a dedicated Stormwater Compliance Officer within the PRCG and also grant funded. - Both grants were assisted with the support of Clr Pedersen 	<p>Noted</p>
	<p><u>Community Engagement</u></p> <p><u>Smarter, Cleaner, Greener Annual Achievements document</u></p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This document is now available and will be attached to these minutes and available via youtube link; https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Plans-and-Publications/Smarter-Cleaner-Greener-Achievements <p><u>Waste Update</u></p> <p><u>Recycle smart program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elspeth advised that this scheme commenced in December 2023. - 3.7 tonnes has been collected from 1000 homes in the LGA to date. - Soft plastics account for 1000kg or 60% of collection - Clothing is 1500kg, ewaste 640 kg and general 600 kg. - Cllr Pedersen asked if there was a limit? Yes, currently to 2 shopping bags of waste which can be collected from each home. - Balu noted that in Lane Cove ‘Homecycle’ is another system which operates in other areas. - Jane V asked: if it is limited to a number of ppl encouraged to participate as her neighbours don’t know about it. Elspeth provided that extensive marketing has been done to encourage citizens through all available channels, reaching full saturation of service ability. Numbers continue to steadily increase and Council is not concerned with participation. - The key benefit of Recycle Smart is in the soft plastic collection as the other items are readily available through various means for the majority of community. The other key benefit is for those who have limited mobility/ accessibility to be able to use the services for recycling normally. 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>5. Presentation – Resilient Sydney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resilience Sydney Strategy and community engagement update <p>A presentation by Yvette and Christabel from Resilient Sydney (RS) provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resilient Sydney works with all Sydney Councils, including COR. - The work between Resilient Sydney and COR started in 2016. - A five year strategy has been undertaken with a government granted needed to complete the next strategy which will be in place for 2025-2030. - The 2nd Strategy has more of a People centric focus from feedback collected and reviewed – findings that people are overwhelmed, struggling to cope, lack of trust/ confidence, housing affordability. Risks- exposure to global supply chain 	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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	<p>impacts, decarbonisation - transitioning economy & instability including shocks, cultural identity, densification of cities, climate risk, international conflict and war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional shocks are stressors; network failures, floods/ fires, international war and conflict - Heatwaves - lack of social impact data to date which needs to change. Storms and east coast lows are expected to decrease but be more intense when do. - Regional stressors: mental health and health pressures are very high. Loss of social cohesion and affordability, diminishing community trust, housing crisis - Assets and services: health infrastructure and affordable housing - Peter D: role of local government – certain level of mistrust in government is represented but local government is the most trusted. It does good things such as Bushcare, sub-regional and regional programs - can draw from existing groups i.e. NSW health and programs building capacity and connectiveness. - Cristobal (RS): post pandemic - people want to get outside and relating to small activities they can jump in/ out of. - KM: immediacy is a big thing, not longer term commitment - BD: to engage with people - you need to present in series of small suggestions and ask 'which would you like us to action', keep it simple. - AS: Noted news report on Taiwan and conflict with China showing images of groups of ppl learning first aid. Following lead of Bev's comment - keeping it simple and together. - JH: ask communities who have lived experience - BD: passive recreational connections, linking other activities, ask groups to deliver activities. - Cristobal: urban corridors for mixed use and connection across the city. - AS: Assisting people with outdoors and stress then combining outdoor activities with yoga/ meditation or similar. - PR: social frustration from silo affect which can only be changed by communities - how can we connect groups with other groups. - It was noted that small achievable actions get the best results eg- people could be encouraged to learn first aid. - Connectedness of groups in the local area was noted, also the desire of people to get outdoors rather than undertake indoor activities. - RS then asked the group if they had any ideas for how the new Strategy could be implemented to increase community cohesion outcomes. The group provided the below ideas; - People are time poor and want an immediacy vibe from activities. - Making use of walking paths and walking in general should be encouraged. - People want green spaces and need hubs across the city. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can skill and information sessions be combined? Eg a yoga session that provides information on other topics? - www.meetup.com can be used for a number of things including resilience. - Parkruns are another way to connect. 	
6.	<p>General Business</p> <p>The following topics were raised in general business</p> <p><u>Train the trainer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relationships Australia is running sessions Climate Resilience for Community workshops on 10th and 11th April with people centric events being arranged – Sandra has more details if interested or by the City Resilience team. <p><u>Cat Control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jane asked if Council has a domestic cat control program and whether council will introduce a cat curfew. Sandra; no, as education is of key importance. If cats became big problem in Wildlife Protection Areas Council could look into trapping as a possibility, but this would need to involve extensive community notification. <p><u>Hazard reduction burns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These can enhance biodiversity and reduce the bush fire hazard if done properly. - Jane noted that cooler mosaic burns could be advantageous at Field of Mars Reserve <p><u>Tree protection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lane Cove Council has a list of trees that people have a permit to cut down. This allows community members to check if tree removals have been approved. COR does not have a similar system. - Sandra: It would take a lot of work to achieve this and very hard to maintain but notes COR has issued a number of penalty infringement notices for illegal tree works. It is hoped word will spread and this will discourage illegal removals. - It was noted that a significant tree register is kept. <p><u>PRCG Swimmable River Masterplan Event:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An event celebrating 10yrs of the Masterplan delivery is being held next week in Canada Bay on Sunday with SWG members invited. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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7.	Next meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19 th June from 5:30pm – 7.00 pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS	Noted
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