

Meeting Date: Tuesday 25 March 2025
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.02pm

Councillors Present in Chambers: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio, Pedersen and Tracey.

Councillors Present via online Audio Visual: Councillor Lo.

Apologies: Nil.

Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Manager – City Development, Executive Manager – City Infrastructure, Executive Manager – People and Business, Manager – Business Assurance and Governance, City Architect, Chief Property Officer, Executive Officer – City Spaces, Senior Coordinator – Social and Cultural Planning, Strategic Planner, IT Systems Support Officer (x2), Civic Services Manager, Feedback and Business Improvement Coordinator and Acting 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 Last disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 – Former Denistone Sports Club – Future Use and Management, for the reason that he lives across the road from the site.

Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 3 – 2025 Australian Local Government Womens Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference - 1 May to 3 May 2025, for the reason that she is the President of ALGWA NSW who are running the Conference in partnership with Griffith City Council.

Councillor Lara-Watson disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 6 – Planning Proposal for Finalisation – Reclassification of Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community to Operational Land, for the reason that she attended the child care as a child.

Councillor Howison disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Mayoral Minute 3/25 – Request for Federal and State Government Funding for the Embellishment of TG Millner Fields at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield, for the reason that she is named as a recipient of a letter from the Mayor on the matter of funding for embellishment of TG Millner Fields.

TABLING OF PETITIONS

No Petitions were tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The following persons provided a written submission to Council:-

Name	Topic
Michelle King	Item 6 – Planning Proposal for Finalisation – Reclassification of Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community to Operational Land
Badrunnesa Begum	Item 6 – Planning Proposal for Finalisation – Reclassification of Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community to Operational Land
Rosemarie Gifford	Item 6 – Planning Proposal for Finalisation – Reclassification of Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community to Operational Land

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 Li and Last)

That Council adopt Item 2, Item 4, Item 5, Item 8, Item 10, Item 11, Notice of Motion 3, Notice of Motion 4 and Item 14 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 February 2025

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 1/25, held on 25 February 2025 be confirmed.

4 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - WILGA PARK SHARED USER PATH AND LIGHTING

RESOLUTION:

That Council approves the allocation of \$47,000 from Councillor Kathy Tracey and \$47,000 from Councillor Cameron Last, being a combined \$94,000 from the Councillor Discretionary Fund to the 2024/2025 Capital Works Program for the shared user path and associated lighting in Wilga Park.

5 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

RESOLUTION:

That Council receive and note the City of Ryde Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Annual report 2023/2024.

8 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION ON A WATER STATION AT EASTERN FORECOURT OF MEADOWBANK STATION

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council notes the allocation of \$50,000 from the Asset Expansion Reserve for the installation of a water station in the forecourt of Meadowbank Station.
- (b) That part (a) is included within the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

10 LOCAL HERITAGE FUND ASSISTANCE - PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ROUND 7

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That the three (3) eligible applications to the Local Heritage Assistance Fund for the December 2024 period (Round 7) be supported and receive funding assistance pursuant to Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993, being:
 - 25 Bellevue Avenue, Denistone, \$15,000.00;
 - 11 Bencoolen Avenue, Denistone, \$14,817.00; and
 - 55 Wharf Road, Gladesville, \$15,000.00.
- (b) That Council allocate the amount of \$44,817.00 from Heritage Reserve for the purpose of part (a) above and that the allocation be addressed in the next Quarterly Budget Review.
- (c) That the successful applicants be advised in writing of the outcomes of their applications to the Local Heritage Assistance Fund.
- (d) That the Heritage Assistance Fund be discontinued following the funding allocation recommended in (a) and any eligible applications already under assessment.
- (e) That the remaining funds from the Heritage Reserve in FY2025/2026 be re-allocated, for the purpose of protecting, renewing and conserving Council owned Heritage Properties for the benefit of the wider community.

11 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION:

(A) DELANGE ROAD AND PHILLIP ROAD, PUTNEY - RAISED INTERSECTION TREATMENT

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) An in-principle approval be provided for the provision of a raised pavement treatment including realignment of the 'STOP' hold lines at the intersection of Delange Road and Phillip Road, Putney, subject to funding availability and further feasibility assessments.

(B) RYEDALE ROAD AT THIRD AVENUE, EASTWOOD - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing NO STOPPING zone on the western side of Ryedale Road to the south of Third Avenue, Eastwood, be extended from 10m to 17m.

(C) COWELL STREET, RYDE - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) The existing NO STOPPING zone on the southern side of Cowell Street, to the west of Gladstone Avenue, Ryde, be extended by 10m.

(D) VIMIERA ROAD, EASTWOOD - INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) An in-principle approval be provided for the conversion of existing pedestrian refuge to a raised pedestrian crossing on Vimiera Road, to the north of Deborah Place, Eastwood, subject to funding availability and further feasibility assessments.

(E) BLAMEY STREET, NORTH RYDE - EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) Extend NO STOPPING by 10m on the northern side of Blamey Street at the side frontage of 157 Coxs Road.
- b) Extend 10m NO STOPPING on the southern side of Blamey Street outside property no 1 Blamey Street.

(F) HERMITAGE ROAD, WEST RYDE - INSTALLATION OF NO PARKING

The Ryde Traffic Committee recommends that:

- a) A NO PARKING zone be installed on the eastern side of Hermitage Road outside property nos. 96 to 78 Hermitage Road, West Ryde.
- b) Double barrier (BB) centre line be replaced with a single dividing (S1) separation line between Sydney Water Driveway and Rhodes Street, West Ryde.

(G) ROAD SAFETY UPDATE - ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS

- a) The Road Safety report outlining programs and community engagements including child car seat checking program, promoting safety around heavy vehicles, school holiday cycle program, senior driver workshop, school zone safety program, and walking and riding routes to school program be received and noted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

3 TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - ABUKLEA ROAD AND WOORANG STREET INTERSECTION EASTWOOD - Councillor Kathy Tracey

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the ongoing safety hazards at the intersection of Abuklea Road and Woorang Street, Eastwood, as raised by local residents, including the high frequency of accidents, near-misses and traffic concerns.
- (b) Recognises key safety concerns, including:
 - i. Poor visibility due to parked vehicles, infrastructure obstructions (Optus communications box), and location and size of nature strip trees i.e. trees overgrown which impairs vision.
 - ii. Excessive speeding despite posted limits, particularly on the downhill section of Abuklea Road towards Woorang Street from the roundabout.
 - iii. Increased congestion resulting from a rise in multi-dwelling residences in the area.
 - iv. The ineffectiveness of recent safety measures, such as no-stopping signage and lane markings, which in some cases have exacerbated safety issues.
 - v. Supports a comprehensive traffic investigation study at the intersection of Abuklea Road and Woorang Street, as well as the downhill section of Abuklea Road leading from the roundabout at Herring/Bridge Road, to assess safety risks and recommend targeted improvements.
- (c) Requests that the traffic investigation study consider the following measures:
 - i. Improved signage and traffic controls to enhance visibility and driver awareness.

- ii. Traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps or other deterrents, to reduce downhill vehicle speeds.
 - iii. Enhance signage such as no stopping / no standing signage to prevent obstructions of line of sight.
- (d) Requests that Council's Traffic Department conduct a thorough investigation and report back to Council by May 2025 on the feasibility of proposed safety solutions.
- (e) Encourages community consultation to ensure residents' concerns and experiences are considered in the study and its recommendations.

4 INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING ON GOODWIN AVENUE/ANZAC AVENUE AND ORCHARD ROAD/ANZAC AVENUE - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council investigate the traffic conditions on Goodwin Avenue and Orchard Street and consult with the community on proposed traffic calming measures, if appropriate.
- (b) That a formal submission be submitted to the Ryde Local Traffic Committee based on the feedback of residents.

COUNCIL REPORT

14 RESPONSE TO BUILDING OF NEW EASTWOOD CAR PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

RESOLUTION:

- (a) That Council note the progress of investigations into best use options for the Glen Street Car Park site in response to the Council resolution of 22 October 2024, regarding 'Building of New Eastwood Car Park and Community Facilities'.
- (b) That a workshop be undertaken with Councillors in July 2025 to discuss spatial optioneering and feasibility options for all of the components that make up the Eastwood Central site.
- (c) That a further report be tabled for Council's consideration by September 2025 with the outcome of the spatial options and feasibility testing for Eastwood Central, and the next steps to progress this project to implementation.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown and Councillor Last)

That Council now consider the following Items, the time being 6.18pm:-

- Mayoral Minute 3/25 – Request for Federal and State Government Funding for the Embellishment of TG Millner at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield.
- Item 6 – Planning Proposal for Finalisation – Reclassification of Public Land at 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville from Community to Operational Land.
- Item 9 – Former Denistone Sports Club – Future Use and Management.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

MAYORAL MINUTE

3/25 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR THE EMBELLISHMENT OF TG MILLNER FIELDS AT 146 VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD - Mayor Trenton Brown

Note: Councillor Howison disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is named as a recipient of a letter from the Mayor on the matter of funding for embellishment of TG Millner Fields.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

That in anticipation of the compulsory acquisition of TG Millner Fields located at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield, the Mayor Trenton Brown write to the following Federal and State Members / Candidates requesting funding assistance for the embellishment of TG Millner Fields:-

- The Prime Minister, The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
- The Opposition Leader, The Hon. Peter Dutton MP
- The NSW Premier, The Hon. Christopher Minns MP
- The Federal Member for Bennelong, Mr Jerome Laxale MP
- The Liberal Candidate for Bennelong, Mr Scott Yung
- The State Member for Ryde, Mr Jordan Lane MP
- The 2023 Labor Candidate for Ryde, Ms Lyndal Howison

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Lo and Pedersen

COUNCIL REPORTS

6 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR FINALISATION - RECLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC LAND AT 4 PITTWATER ROAD, GLADESVILLE FROM COMMUNITY TO OPERATIONAL LAND

Note: Michelle King, Badrunnesa Begum and Rosemarie Gifford provided written submissions in relation to this Item and copies are ON FILE.

Note: Councillor Lara-Watson disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she attended the child care as a child.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Howison)

- (a) That City of Ryde defer the request pending a meeting between Hunters Hill Council, City of Ryde Council, the General Manager of the Gladesville Occasional Care Centre, the President of the Gladesville Occasional Care Centre with the view to the Gladesville Occasional Care Centre remaining operational for a full cycle of the school year.
- (b) That an update be provided at a Councillor workshop on 8 April 2025.
- (c) That a report to be brought back to the 29 April 2025 Council meeting.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

9 FORMER DENISTONE SPORTS CLUB - FUTURE USE AND MANAGEMENT

Note: Councillor Last disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that he lives across the road from the site.

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Last)

- (a) That Council advertise Expressions of Interest (EOI), seeking submissions from suitable organisations for the management and operation of the former Denistone Sports Club site (operational) and the top (northern) Bowling Green (community) in accordance with the framework for use outlined in this report.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council following the receipt of submissions through the EOI process.
- (c) That Council allocate funding of \$60,000 sourced from general reserves to meet the cost of commencing and undertaking the EOI process and this be consolidated in the next quarterly review.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Pedersen)

- (a) That Council advertise Expressions of Interest (EOI), seeking submissions from suitable organisations for the management and operation of the former Denistone Sports Club site (operational) and the top (northern) Bowling Green (community) in accordance with the framework for use outlined in this report.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council following the receipt of submissions through the EOI process.
- (c) That Council allocate funding of \$60,000 sourced from general reserves to meet the cost of commencing and undertaking the EOI process and this be consolidated in the next quarterly review.
- (d) That Expressions of Interest with usage proposals of 10, 20 and 30 years are considered compliant and considered on their merits on other criteria.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was five (5) For and eight (8) Against. The Amendment was LOST. The Motion was then put and CARRIED.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

Against the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Li and Last)

- (a) That Council advertise Expressions of Interest (EOI), seeking submissions from suitable organisations for the management and operation of the former Denistone Sports Club site (operational) and the top (northern) Bowling Green (community) in accordance with the framework for use outlined in this report.
- (b) That a further report be submitted to Council following the receipt of submissions through the EOI process.
- (c) That Council allocate funding of \$60,000 sourced from general reserves to meet the cost of commencing and undertaking the EOI process and this be consolidated in the next quarterly review.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

COUNCIL REPORTS

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 February 2025

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

3 2025 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMENS ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 1 MAY 2025 TO 3 MAY 2025

Note: Councillor Pedersen disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is the President of ALGWA NSW who are running the Conference in partnership with Griffith City Council.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Deshpande and Tracey)

That Council:

- (a) Declines to send any delegates to the 2025 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Annual Conference.
- (b) Writes to the ALGWA NSW Conference organisers to express concern that the event remains exclusionary to working women by failing to offer single-day or digital ticketing options. The letter requests that ALGWA NSW considers more accessible participation options in future conferences to ensure that all women, particularly those balancing work and caregiving responsibilities, can engage in professional development and contribute to the advocacy ALGWA undertakes on their behalf.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

4 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - WILGA PARK SHARED USER PATH AND LIGHTING

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

**5 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2023/2024**

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

**6 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR FINALISATION - RECLASSIFICATION OF
PUBLIC LAND AT 4 PITTWATER ROAD, GLADESVILLE FROM
COMMUNITY TO OPERATIONAL LAND**

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

**7 CITY OF RYDE DRAFT SOCIAL STRATEGY 2025-2030 AND DRAFT
CREATIVITY STRATEGY 2025-2030 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

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

- (a) That Council endorses the City of Ryde Draft Social Strategy 2025-2030 and Draft Creativity Strategy 2025-2030 for public exhibition for a period of 60 days.
- (b) That following the exhibition period, Council receives a further report on the outcomes of the consultation, including any proposed amendments.
- (c) That a Councillor workshop be held during the exhibition period to outline the financial implications of the strategies and any potential funding commitments.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

**8 RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION ON A WATER STATION AT EASTERN
FORECOURT OF MEADOWBANK STATION**

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

9 FORMER DENISTONE SPORTS CLUB - FUTURE USE AND MANAGEMENT

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

10 LOCAL HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND - PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ROUND 7

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

11 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS APPROVED BY THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY 2025

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

INFORMATION REPORTS

12 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

13 REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL - EXCLUSION OF AN ITEM OF BUSINESS

Note: An Information Report was presented to Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1 PUBLIC FORUM POLICY - Councillor Roy Maggio

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Kordrostami)

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer be delegated by the Council to adopt a Public Forum Policy.
- (b) That the Public Forum Policy be brought back at the June meeting.

AMENDMENT: (Moved by Councillors Li and Last)

- (a) Council notes a workshop was held on the 2 February 2025, that outlined the options for Public Forums which most Councillors attended and expressed their views.

- (b) Council notes that the Code of Meeting Practice is currently under review, which provides an opportunity to address the same issues as the Public Forum Policy.
- (c) That Council defer any further consideration of a Public Forum Policy until the time when the report and review process is completed.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was eight (8) For and five (5) Against. The Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

- (a) Council notes a workshop was held on the 2 February 2025, that outlined the options for Public Forums which most Councillors attended and expressed their views.
- (b) Council notes that the Code of Meeting Practice is currently under review, which provides an opportunity to address the same issues as the Public Forum Policy.
- (c) That Council defer any further consideration of a Public Forum Policy until the time when the report and review process is completed.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Kordrostami, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

2 WATER STATIONS IN CHRISTIE PARK - Councillor Roy Maggio

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Tracey)

- (a) That a report be brought back to the May 2025 Council meeting investigating the reinstatement of the filtered water station and the installation of an extra one at Christie Park, Macquarie Park.

- (b) That the report include options for either a freestanding or a wall mounted water station at a suitable position adjacent to the amenities and outline costings and an appropriate funding source.
- (c) That an additional report be prepared and presented to the May Council meeting providing a review of all sportsgrounds that do not currently have water stations available for public use with further investigation of future funding source and outline costings for these grounds for future installation.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

3 TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - ABUKLEA ROAD AND WOORANG STREET INTERSECTION EASTWOOD - Councillor Kathy Tracey

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

4 INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING ON GOODWIN AVENUE/ANZAC AVENUE AND ORCHARD ROAD/ANZAC AVENUE - Councillor Shweta Deshpande

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

5 RYDE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - Councillor Lyndal Howison

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Pedersen)

That Council:

- (a) Bring a report to Council on a community consultation process that would take place in conjunction with the Market Testing for 1 Devlin Street and 150-156 Blaxland Road, with the goal of providing transparency and accountability to our community about the proposed long term change of use of a prominent and much-debated public site.
- (b) Conducts a Councillor workshop with any relevant staff or consultants who are responsible for this community consultation, in order that Councillors, as community representatives, are informed about the community consultation process described in (a).

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

Council notes:

- (a) That a comprehensive Community Consultation process has been designed as part of the EOI process.
- (b) That the project is currently in Phase 2 and that key external consultants for Communications and Engagement are being employed currently.
- (c) That a Councillor Workshop will be scheduled when all due diligence is completed and staff will present key insights and findings prior to going to market.
- (d) That this motion has been rejected twice before because the community consultation process has been included as part of the EOI project.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was twelve (12) For and one (1) Against. The Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio, Pedersen and Tracey

Against the Amendment: Councillor Lo

RESOLUTION:

Council notes:

- (a) That a comprehensive Community Consultation process has been designed as part of the EOI process.
- (b) That the project is currently in Phase 2 and that key external consultants for Communications and Engagement are being employed currently.
- (c) That a Councillor Workshop will be scheduled when all due diligence is completed and staff will present key insights and findings prior to going to market.
- (d) That this motion has been rejected twice before because the community consultation process has been included as part of the EOI project.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

6 ACCIDENTS AND VISIBILITY FOR MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS AT THE CORNER OF DELANGE AND PHILLIP ROADS, PUTNEY - Councillor Penny Pedersen

Note: This Item was dealt with in Item 11 – Traffic and Parking Matters
Approved by the Ryde Traffic Committee Meeting – February 2025
earlier in the meeting as detailed in these Minutes.

7 RYDE YOUTH MENTORING WORKSHOPS - Councillor Penny Pedersen

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Han)

That City of Ryde prepare a report that explores the following:

- (a) Opportunities to host a regular youth mentoring program for the City of Ryde like the 'Streetwork Kickstart Mentoring program', that was featured in the 2024/25 'Prevention is the Cure' report prepared by the Insight Centre.
- (b) Hosting a Ryde Mayor's Youth Mental Health Summit in 2025 where interested Councillors, local MP's, relevant Ministers and State and Federal agencies responsible for this issue, local school Counsellors, Ryde Youth Council members, service providers and youth organisations would be invited.
- (c) The development of a Youth Mental Health Action Plan for the City of Ryde.
- (d) Obtains information regarding access to early diagnosis of neurodiversity for children.
- (e) Identifies current state, federal or local government grants to cover any related costs.
- (f) Funding the Ryde Mayor's Youth Mental Health Summit from the Mayor's Budget.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

8 ADDRESSING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ISSUES CAUSED BY THE BUS SHELTER AT TRIM PLACE, GLADESVILLE - Councillor Penny Pedersen

MOTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Maggio)

That City of Ryde:

- (a) Bring back a report to Council exploring options for moving the bus shelter at Trim Place Gladesville, to a position that complies with accessibility standards under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) but also allows pedestrians (prams and mobility aids) to move freely in front and behind the shelter.
- (b) Liaise with Transport for NSW, if required, to move the bus stop so that the outcome in part (a) can be achieved.

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

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the concerns raised by residents regarding pedestrian access issues caused by the bus shelter at Trim Place, Gladesville.
- (b) Recognises that the cost of relocating or modifying the shelter would outweigh the overall community benefit, given existing investments made to improve accessibility in Ryde. The Council has voluntarily complied with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).
- (c) Notes there is only 10 centimetres remaining between the sandstone flower bed and the shelter this would not increase the distance substantially and the removal of the flower bed is not supported by this Council. Additionally, the old shelter has been removed which improved accessibility.
- (d) Notes that the Ryde community has prioritised and invested in supporting residents living with a disability, ensuring broader accessibility improvements across the city.

On being put to the meeting, the voting on the Amendment was nine (9) For and four (4) Against. The Amendment was CARRIED and then became the Motion.

Record of Voting:

For the Amendment: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Amendment: Councillors Howison, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

- (a) Acknowledges the concerns raised by residents regarding pedestrian access issues caused by the bus shelter at Trim Place, Gladesville.
- (b) Recognises that the cost of relocating or modifying the shelter would outweigh the overall community benefit, given existing investments made to improve accessibility in Ryde. The Council has voluntarily complied with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).
- (c) Notes there is only 10 centimetres remaining between the sandstone flower bed and the shelter this would not increase the distance substantially and the removal of the flower bed is not supported by this Council. Additionally, the old shelter has been removed which improved accessibility.
- (d) Notes that the Ryde community has prioritised and invested in supporting residents living with a disability, ensuring broader accessibility improvements across the city.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Howison, Lo, Maggio and Pedersen

POINT OF INDULGENCE

Councillor Kathy Tracey provided the meeting with the below reflection:-

I would like to take a small moment to acknowledge the tragic events which took place in the village of Kocani, North Macedonia, where 59 lives were lost last week.

These included people as young as 14 years.

My heart goes out to the victims, their families and all those grieving, including members of our Ryde community who have been impacted.

In this time of immense sorrow, I stand in solidarity with my Macedonian community those affected and extend my deepest condolences.

I hope for strength and healing for the survivors and for meaningful action from local authorities to prevent such tragedies in the future.

No community – anywhere in the world – should have to endure such devastating loss.

QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS AS PER POLICY

1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Kathy Tracey

Tree Planting and Maintenance near Driveways and Footpaths

There is growing concern about the types of trees planted on nature strips near driveways and footpaths, as their overgrowth can obstruct visibility for vehicles exiting properties, while their roots may damage footpaths and nearby structures.

Could Council clarify its approach to the following:

Question 1:

What measures are in place to ensure appropriate tree selection and placement on nature strips, particularly in areas where trees may grow several metres in height and girth?

Answer 1:

Council selects street tree species for planting based on the pre-approved species list outlined in the Council's adopted *Street Tree Master Plan*. The *Street Tree Master Plan* is available on Council's website in the following link:

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/publications/street-tree-masterplan.pdf>

The selection process, outlined below, involves community consultation and site assessment to ensure appropriate species placement:

- **Resident Input:** Council notifies residents of the proposed street planting programs, providing a list of two (2) suitable species from the *Street Tree Master Plan* that residents are able to select from, to plant in front of their property. The type of suitable species can vary between suburbs and are based on factors such as soil type, surrounding habitat, street hierarchy and land use.
- **Site Inspection:** Once preferences are received, a Council Tree Management Officer assesses the site to confirm the suitability of the selected species, ensuring it aligns with location requirements and long-term management considerations.
- **Default Selection:** If no feedback is received from residents, a Council Tree Management Officer conducts an independent site inspection to confirm that the location is suitable for planting and selects an appropriate species from the Street Tree Master Plan.

This process ensures that tree selection is informed by community preferences while maintaining best practices in urban tree management.

Question 2:

How is Council addressing the risks posed by overgrown tree roots that encroach on driveways, lift footpaths, and potentially damage property fences? Additionally, how is Council managing the safety hazards created by uneven and hazardous footpaths for pedestrians?

Answer 2:

Council mitigates the risks associated with urban planting and pedestrian infrastructure as follows:

- Responding to reported feedback from internal and external customers in a timely manner.
- Carrying out inspections by qualified arborists and engineers to assess the condition of the tree/vegetation and risk to public. If a footpath or driveway lifting is identified and tree roots are exposed, Council's arborists assess the tree and its root system to determine the most appropriate course of action. Where possible, roots are approved for removal, allowing the path or driveway to be repaired in its original alignment. In cases where root removal is not viable, alternative engineering solutions, such as footpath realignment or ramping, are considered to maintain pedestrian safety while preserving the tree where possible.
- Similarly, When Council is notified of an uneven or hazardous footpath or driveway, a Council officer inspects the site to determine if the displacement is within acceptable limits. If rectification is required, the works are prioritised based on risk and scheduled accordingly.

These processes ensure that tree management and pedestrian infrastructure issues are managed effectively, balancing public safety, urban tree health, and long-term streetscape sustainability.

Question 3:

What steps is Council taking to improve the timeliness of tree maintenance, given that some trimming requests take over a year to be actioned? Will Council implement a regular trimming schedule to address ongoing safety concerns related to overgrown trees?

Answer 3:

Council is undertaking the following business improvements:

- Review of Service level agreements and timeframes around the delivery of services.
- Reviewing of determination letters being sent to residents to inform of the parameters around the work that may be assigned, the time required to undertake the work and any potential delays (such as obtaining permits for roach occupancy or working near the overhead network).
- Contacting Network providers to discuss the service clearing time frames and timelines for their work to address tree risk.

Tree assessment is currently done on a case-by-case basis and requires an arborist to attend site to assess the tree using industry accepted methodologies. Council assesses tree risk under the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) framework, which is an internationally recognised risk assessment tool specifically designed for trees and used by Local Governments across Australia.

It should be noted that Council currently undertakes general tree maintenance work in accordance with the Australian Standard for Pruning Amenity Trees 2007 (AS4373-2007), to address removal of deadwood, diseased or damaged parts of a tree. Additionally, arboricultural science indicates that effective tree management does not always require pruning work to be undertaken on a regular basis, rather the focus should be on addressing specific issues associated with a tree.

In this regard, the implementation of a more proactive pruning program is not necessary under AS4373-2007. Such a measure would also be resource intensive, requiring increases in both the number of staff to physically undertake the assessments and the subsequent budget to implement/deliver the work being generated. This initiative could cost in excess of \$1M, which would affect the financing of other Council services and projects.

2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - Councillor Lyndal Howison

In September 2023, Council considered and endorsed the North Ryde Traffic Study, which identified a range of vehicle and pedestrian safety issues in part arising from the use of these local streets as rat runs.

The Council agreed at the time to undertake “further investigations (including community consultation) to determine the feasibility and appropriateness” of a range of different measures to improve safety. (See Item 15 in the Minutes of the September 2023 meeting).


Question 1:

What further investigations or works have been undertaken as an outcome of the North Ryde Traffic Study of September 2023?

Answer 1:

The key recommendations from the adopted North Ryde Traffic Study and the follow-up actions undertaken to date are stated in the table below.

No.	Recommendations from the Council adopted North Ryde Traffic and Parking Study	Actions to Date
1	Traffic signals and lane adjustments at the junction of Kent Road and Herring Road.	Further investigations have led this project to be included in the S7.12 contributions plan that is currently on public exhibition. Formal adoption of the new S7.12 plan will ensure a funding source can be secured to further progress with this project (e.g. undertake detailed civil design and construction).
2	Traffic calming measures such as a speed hump along Paul Street between Epping Road and Lane Cove Road.	There have been several inspections undertaken on Paul Street following Council's adoption of the North Ryde Traffic Study. The most recent inspection was conducted on 17 and 18 March 2025. There were no speeding issues observed from these site investigations, which is partly due to the parking along both sides of Paul Street, which provides a traffic calming function. A review of the crash data from Transport for NSW's <i>Centre for Road Safety</i> website indicates that there have been no reported crashes on Paul Street over the last five (5) years. Based on these considerations, traffic calming measures on Paul Street is not warranted at this point in time.
3	Lane Cove Road/Trevitt Road Intersection - Extend existing "NO STOPPING" restrictions along both sides of Trevitt Road by another 10m.	There are two developments near the intersection of Trevitt Road and Lane Cove Road (being 332 Lane Cove Road and 3 Trevitt Road) that are currently under construction. See aerial image below for reference. The "NO STOPPING" signs will be installed following the completion of these developments.

		
4	Paul Street/ McGregor Street Intersection - Extend existing "NO STOPPING" restrictions along the southern side of Paul Street to the east of McGregor Street by another 10m.	Completed.
5	New footpath on northern side of Napier Crescent between Lane Cove Road and David Avenue	The footpath on the northern side of Napier Crescent, between Lane Cove Road and David Avenue, North Ryde, was initially scheduled for delivery in the current 2024/25 financial year. However, Council resolved at its meeting on 23 July 2024 to defer this project to prioritise the delivery of a new footpath on Olive Street. The proposed footpath on Napier Crescent is scheduled for delivery in the 2025/26 financial year, subject to the formal adoption of the 2025/26 Operational Plan.
6	New footpath on Southern side of Adelphi Road between Herring Road and ELS Hall Park	The proposed footpath along Adelphi Road, between Herring Road and ELS Hall Park, is scheduled to be delivered in the 2025/26 financial year as part of the four (4) year delivery program and 2025/26 Operational Plan. This project will proceed following the formal adoption of the 2025/26 Operational Plan.
7	A new shared (pedestrian/cyclist path) along the eastern side of Whiteside Street between Epping Road and Parklands Road	Based on the Austroads Guide, the provision of pedestrian and cyclist paths are determined based on demonstrated need, user demand and the function of the road. Whiteside Street performs a local street function, providing connectivity between Lane Cove Road in the north and Parklands Road in the south. Based on recent investigations undertaken during February 2025, the vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist demand on Whiteside Street

were observed to be low. The observed vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist activity does not meet the threshold specified within the Austroads Guide for a shared path to be installed on Whiteside Street.

Further to the above, it is noted that a large portion of Whiteside Street belongs to Transport for NSW as shown in the highlighted section in the diagram below. As such, Council are continuing to liaise with Transport for NSW to ensure that any future active transport improvements on Whiteside Street are aligned with Transport for NSW plans for future works on their land.



CLOSED SESSION

MATTER OF URGENCY – BRUSH FARM BOWLING CLUB

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: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

MAYORAL MINUTE 4/25 - CEO CONTRACT

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: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Howison)

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

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 9.07pm. The public and media left the chamber and the webcast.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTER OF URGENCY

Councillor Howison advised the meeting that she wished to raise a Matter of Urgency regarding Brush Farm Bowling Club.

Mayor Brown accepted this matter as an Urgent Item.

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Last)

That Council consider a Matter of Urgency, raised by Councillor Howison, regarding Brush Farm Bowling Club, the time being 9.08pm.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONFIDENTIAL MATTER OF URGENCY – BRUSH FARM BOWLING CLUB

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Howison and Last)

- (a) That Council staff approach the owners of the Brush Farm Bowling Club at 77 Rutledge Street, to explore the potential of Council acquiring the site.
- (b) That a report be brought back to Council outlining the outcomes of this discussion.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORT

14 RESPONSE TO BUILDING OF NEW EASTWOOD CAR PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

CONFIDENTIAL MAYORAL MINUTE

4/25 CEO CONTRACT - Mayor Trenton Brown

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Mayor Brown)

- (a) That in accordance with clause 5.2 of the Chief Executive Officer's contract, Council offer, on the existing terms of employment and remuneration, the Chief Executive Officer a new Contract of Employment consistent with the Standard Contract of Employment issued by the Office of Local Government (June 2022), for a period of five (5) years effective from 25 March 2025.
- (b) That the Mayor be delegated the authority to finalise and sign all documentation, and affix the seal of Council, as required.

Record of Voting:

For the Motion: Mayor Brown and Councillors Arya, Deshpande, Han, Howison, Kordrostami, Lara-Watson, Last, Li, Maggio and Tracey

Against the Motion: Councillors Lo and Pedersen

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Pedersen and Last)

- (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 9.34pm.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 29TH DAY OF APRIL 2025

Chairperson