

and birds not previously seen in the area for decades, such as lace monitors, tree snakes and blue fairy wrens.

The Council's Wild Things urban biodiversity program was also awarded a high commendation in the Environmental Leadership and Sustainability category.

Since 2008 the Wild Things programs has been boosting Ku-ring-gai's biodiversity by providing native bee hives to residents and teaching them how to convert unwanted backyard swimming pools into ponds filled with native marine life.

The program also hosts a You Tube channel called EnviroTube which promotes ways residents can boost biodiversity in their gardens and live a more sustainable lifestyle.

In the ten years of its existence Wild Things has distributed 1223 native bee hives to residents and converted 72 backyard pools into thriving ponds. It has aroused the interest of councils across Australia and even overseas.

The technical competence and high level of innovation displayed in both projects led to the awards.

I congratulate the Council staff involved – both past and present – for their commitment and dedication and I commend these projects to the Ku-ring-gai community as examples of how the Council is always striving to find new ways to help our natural environment and to manage our assets for maximum benefit to the community.

Resolved:

That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL BUSINESS

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Draft Community Strategic Plan 2038 - Post Exhibition

File: S11275

Vide: GB.1

For Council to adopt the exhibited Community Strategic Plan 'Our Ku ring-gai 2038' with minor amendments and corrections.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Szatow/Pettett)

- A. That pursuant to Section 402 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Council adopts the *Community Strategic Plan 'Our Ku-ring-gai 2038'* with recommendations discussed in this report.

- B. That Council post a copy of the Community Strategic Plan '*Our Ku-ring-gai 2038*' on Council's website and provide a copy to the Departmental Chief Executive within 28 days of Council's adoption of the Plan.
- C. That Council writes to all residents and groups that made submissions in relation to the draft Community Strategic Plan '*Our Ku-ring-gai 2038*' and respond to the authors with the outcomes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Draft Resourcing Strategy 2018-2028 - Post Exhibition

File: S11276

Vide: GB.2

For Council to adopt the exhibited *Resourcing Strategy* 2018-2028, incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy and Workforce Management Strategy.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Szatow/Pettett)

- A. That Council adopts the amendments to the Long Term Financial Plan to include the community projects at East Lindfield Community Centre, Wellington Road, East Lindfield, Marian Street Theatre, Marian Street, Killara and the joint use indoor sports facility - St Ives Indoor Sports Complex, St Ives High School, Yarrabung Road, St Ives.
- B. That pursuant to Section 403 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Council adopts the Resourcing Strategy 2018-2028, incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy and Workforce Management Strategy.
- C. That Council writes to all residents and groups that made submissions in relation to the draft Resourcing Strategy 2018 – 2028.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Draft Delivery Program 2018-2021 and Draft Operational Plan 2018-2019 - Post Exhibition

File: FY00382/10

Vide: GB.3

For Council to adopt the draft Delivery Program 2018-2021 and draft Operational Plan 2018-2019, incorporating the Budget, Capital Works Program, Statement of Revenue Policy and draft Fees and Charges for 2018-2019.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Szatow/Greenfield)

- A. That Council adopts the Delivery Program 2018 - 2021 and Operational Plan 2018 – 2019, incorporating the Budget, Capital Works Program, Statement of Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges for 2018 – 2019, with recommendations discussed in this report.
- B. That an ordinary rate in the dollar of \$0.00066010 on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land categorised as residential in the Council area be made for the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- C. That an ordinary rate in the dollar of \$0.00454921 on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land categorised as business in the Council area be made for the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- D. That the minimum ordinary rate for both residential and business be set at \$526.00 for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- E. That an infrastructure - primary rate in the dollar of \$0.00030548 on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land categorised as residential or business in the Council area, with a \$272 base amount be made for the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- F. That an infrastructure special rate in the dollar of \$0.00003726 on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land categorised as residential or business in the Council area, with a \$32 base amount be made for the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- G. That an environmental special rate in the dollar of \$0.00007126 on the unimproved capital value of all rateable land categorised as residential or business in the Council area, with a zero base amount, be made for the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- H. That the voluntary pensioner rebate be granted to all eligible pensioners as a flat percentage of 8.5% of total rates and charges in 2018 - 2019.
- I. That Council writes to all residents and groups that made submissions in relation to the draft Delivery Program 2018 – 2021 and draft Operational Plan 2018 – 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY