

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

HOUSING PLANS

The threats of our neighbouring Ku-ring-gai Council to take legal action over the State Government's Transport Oriented Development (TOD) plans shows just how heated and emotive the housing debate has become across this city.

City of Ryde is not a NIMBY Council, and we have, and will continue to, consistently exceed our housing targets.

Our masterplans for West Ryde-Meadowbank and Eastwood include provisions for the essential extra accommodation required to help ameliorate the housing crisis that is gripping Sydney. But we have done so in a well-balanced planning manner that also takes into consideration commensurate infrastructure, essential services, open space, and employment opportunities for new and existing residents.

I am asking that the State Government uses the same planning principles in rolling out its radical housing proposals.

I am aware that there are at least 23 State Significant developments for Macquarie Park with about 20,000 apartments stuck in the State's planning portal because other agencies can't deliver the necessary infrastructure to support this uplift.

Genuine collaboration between State and Local Government is the only way to make this significant generational change work.

CORK & FORK

One of Council's most popular annual events, Cork & Fork by the Riverside, is taking place on Sunday 26 May at picturesque Kissing Point Park, Putney, so keep the calendar free for a fantastic

day of family-friendly fun, music, food, and drink.

Once you purchase a \$10 Cork & Fork glass, you'll be able to enjoy free tasting samples from a range of boutique Orange and Hunter Valley wines, as well as locally made spirits and craft beer.

Bring a picnic rug and grab some delicious offerings from our food trucks as you listen to music from our talented artists. And there are plenty of activities for the kids, including ponies and amusement rides.

Running from 10.00am - 4.00pm at a wonderful location on the banks of the Parramatta River, this is an event not to be missed.

Full details here: ryde.events/corkandfork

BEE DAY

World Bee Day is being celebrated on Tuesday 21 May and to help bring attention to the vital role these tiny insects play in sustaining our ecosystem, Eastwood Library is holding a talk presented by Amateur Beekeepers Australia.

You'll discover the secrets of beekeeping, with fascinating insights on how to nurture and maintain these vital pollinators. The talk goes from 10.00 - 11.30am. For more information and to register, go to: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/worldbeeday

Sincerely,

Trenton Brown

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EVENTS IN OUR CITY



[RYDE.EVENTS/CORKANDFORK](https://ryde.events/corkandfork)

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HAVE YOUR SAY

OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- 2022-2026 Four-Year Delivery Program, Draft 2024-2025 One-Year Operational Plan, Draft 2024-2025 Fees and Charges, and Draft 2024-2034 Long Term Financial Plan (Closes 26 May 2024)
- Draft Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy (Closes 28 May 2024)
- Proposed Classification of Land - Part of 59 Chatham Road, Denistone (Closes 30 May 2024)
- Integrated Open Space Plan Update (Closes 5 June 2024)

Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

LIBRARY NEWS

WEAVING CONNECTIONS WITH MURRAWARRI ARTIST - DR VIRGINIA KEFT (ALL AGES)

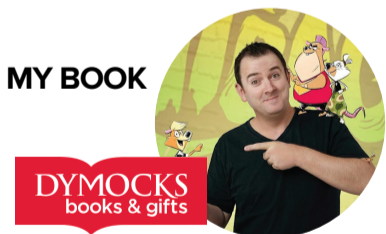
THUR 30 MAY
WHEN: Thursday 30 May
TIME: 12.45 – 3.00pm
WHERE: Ryde Library



Join us at Ryde Library in recognition of National Reconciliation Week for a special workshop event. Murrawarri artist, Dr Virginia Keft presents Weaving Connections. Connect with others while you learn about Aboriginal weaving techniques, share a story, and discover a new skill. Participants are invited to take their creations home or contribute to a collaborative weaving artwork. No prior experience is necessary; whether this is your first time or you are a master weaver, all are welcome. Weaving materials will be provided. Bookings essential at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/weavingconnections

STORYTIME WITH TIM HARRIS - THIS IS MY BOOK

SAT 25 MAY
WHEN: Saturday 25 May
TIME: 10.30 – 11.45am
WHERE: Ryde Library



Join us for a fun morning of Storytime with author Tim Harris as he introduces his new picture book *This is my Book*, illustrated by Heidi McKinnon, followed by a craft session. *This is my Book* sparks imagination and cultivates a passion for storytelling and creative writing. There will be an opportunity to purchase the book at the event and Tim will be available for Q&A and book signing. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/StorytimeTimHarris



GARAGE SALES

SAT 18 MAY
Where: 45 Ford Street, North Ryde
When: 8.00am
Where: 4/323A Blaxland Rd, Ryde
When: 9.00am - 3.00pm