

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

RYDE CENTRAL TIMELINE

In this part of my series documenting the history of Ryde Central, I'm going to be looking at the timeline of the project from 2011 until the development application approval in 2021.

It was a decade of flip-flopping, controversy and, ultimately, inactivity. In July 2011, an independent assessment estimated that \$38.4 million worth of refurbishments were needed to make the ageing 1960s era Ryde Civic Centre and Civic Hall fully Building Code of Australia compliant.

On 12 June 2012, a detailed proposal to develop the Civic Centre site was endorsed by Council and was to return, at minimal cost, a new multi-purpose facility valued at \$79 million.

But following Local Government elections on 25 September 2012, the 12 June resolution was rescinded and during 2013 and 2014 Council further explored maintenance and refurbishment options which ranged in cost from \$4.3 million to \$11.91 million.

At an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 20 October 2015, Council resolved to relocate from the Civic Centre because of the ongoing health and safety issues and substantial refurbishment costs and secured alternative accommodation in North Ryde.

By July 2017, redevelopment was back on the table with the project officially named Ryde Central and in May 2019 Council resolved to commence consultation on the plan, which was to be financially sustainable.

In January 2020, the development application for 'The New Heart of Ryde' was referred to the Sydney North Planning Panel, with the capital investment estimated at \$108 million. The DA was approved in February 2021, with the Panel stating the project, "will make a significant positive contribution to the Ryde Town Centre".

Council was to retain 100 percent ownership of the site and the project was to be completely funded without raising rates or reducing services.

Next week: the demolition of Ryde Civic Centre.

OUR YOUNG STARS

As patron of the Ryde Sports Foundation, it was my pleasure to attend the latest Sports Star of the Month Award night at North Ryde Golf Club where the impressive achievements of touch footballer Mikayla Kelleher, wheelchair tennis player Hayley Slocombe, and steeplechaser Adam Bruntsch were recognised.

All our talented young athletes will come together at the Foundation's Annual Presentation Dinner on Friday 16 August at North Ryde RSL Club where the eagerly anticipated announcement of the Sports Star of the Year will take place. For more details go to:

www.rydesportsfoundation.com.au



Sincerely,

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LIBRARY NEWS

SUPPORTING CHILD DEVELOPMENT: PARENTING WORKSHOP

**THUR
6
JUNE**

WHEN: Thursday 6 June
TIME: 6.30 – 7.30pm
WHERE: Ryde Library
COST: \$6.00



City of Ryde LIBRARIES

Hey new parents! Are you curious to learn about the development milestones for your baby and toddler and wonder how to watch out for them? Join us in this interactive workshop, presented by Northcott's Early Childhood Service and learn how you can support your child's needs.

Book now: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ParentingWorkshop

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.

- Proposed Classification of Land – Part of 59 Chatham Road, Denistone (Closes 30 May 2024)
- Integrated Open Space Plan Update (Closes 5 June 2024)
- Blenheim Park Masterplan – Regional Playground Upgrade (Closes 10 June 2024)
- Proposed Stormwater Drain Easement Over Dunbar Park, Marsfield (Closes 23 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.

EVENTS IN OUR CITY



National Reconciliation Week is a time for the community to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. The City of Ryde will celebrate National Reconciliation Week from the 27 May to 3 June 2024 with a range of events.

To find out more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NRW



GARAGE SALES

**SAT
1
JUNE** **TIME:** 9.00am – 2.00pm
WHERE: 9 Balaclava Rd, Eastwood

**SUN
2
JUNE** **TIME:** 10.30am – 12.30pm
WHERE: 10 Stuart St, Ryde