

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

DEMOLITION JOB

Today, my series looking back at the events that led to the Ryde Central project becoming and remaining a 'hole in the ground' takes in the demolition of the former Ryde Civic Centre building at 1 Devlin Street.

Demolition was set to begin on 1 March 2021 after the Sydney North Planning Panel unanimously approved the Ryde Central project's development application, but a stop work order was issued at the 11th hour after lobby group Urban Taskforce claimed the old building had heritage significance.

About a week later, the NSW Government lifted the stop work order, enabling work to commence immediately on the redevelopment, which was to sustain more than a thousand jobs.

By September 2021, the demolition was complete. The centrepiece of the project was to

be a multi-purpose and cultural building dedicated to community use, featuring a performance hall that was to seat up to 700 people.

The multi-purpose and cultural building was to include public activity rooms, meeting rooms, function space capable of hosting art exhibitions, amenities, and food premises. An additional commercial building was planned for the site which was to house Council staff as well as external tenants.

Other features included a centrally located public plaza, extensive landscaping works, direct and accessible pedestrian links, as well as on-site basement car spaces.

In October 2021, then City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, was joined by long-serving former Mayor and Councillor, Edna Wilde OAM, and Arts Advisory Committee Chairperson Clr Christopher Gordon to turn the first sod for Ryde Central.

Next week: the discovery of financial mismanagement.

ADVANCING INNOVATION

At the May Ordinary Council Meeting, Council endorsed the next steps in a groundbreaking planning proposal aimed at the protection and enhancement of innovation precincts, not only in the City of Ryde, but throughout NSW.

We are now seeking collaboration on our Innovation State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) with other metropolitan and regional councils, as well as the State Government.

Areas like the Macquarie Park Innovation District are the lifeblood of our local economies, fostering cutting-edge technology industries and creating vibrant, mixed-use communities that blend residential living with dynamic employment opportunities. They need to be recognised as such and protected.



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LIBRARY NEWS

LIVE @ THE LIBRARY VARIETY NIGHT

**FRI
14
JUNE**

WHEN: Friday 14 June
TIME: 6.00 – 8.30pm
WHERE: Ryde Library
AGE: 18 years+
COST: \$10.50



City of Ryde Libraries is proud to present a special after hours variety night for adults and seniors featuring a selection of performers, film screening and musical genres. Enjoy some light refreshments like wine and cheese while you be amazed by the different performances of local Ryde artists. Bookings essential.
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Live@theLibrary

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.

- Blenheim Park Masterplan - Regional Playground Upgrade (Closes 10 June 2024)
- Proposed Stormwater Drain Easement Over Dunbar Park, Marsfield (Closes 23 June 2024)
- Economic Development Strategy and Night-Time Economy Strategy (Closes 30 June 2024)
- Draft Local Infrastructure Strategy (Closes 30 June 2024)
- Draft Media and Social Media Policy for Councillors (Closes 30 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Holiday Closure

King's Birthday, Monday 10 June

Our Customer Service Centre and all City of Ryde Libraries will be closed on Monday 10 June.

Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) will be open from 9.00am to 5.45pm.

Need assistance?

Report an issue online www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report
For urgent queries, please call our after-hours service provider on 9952 8222

