

## COMMUNITY MESSAGE

### RYDE SHINE ABILITY

Talented people with a disability who are living, working, studying, or doing social activities in the City of Ryde are encouraged to enter Council's new Ryde Shine Ability Competition.

If you live with a disability and can sing, dance, play an instrument or have another unique talent sign up now and compete for \$4,500 worth of prizes, a three-month contract with Diverse Talent Management and an opportunity to perform at Council's events in 2025.

Applications close on Friday 18 October 2024, with finalists selected by 1 November 2024 to take part in the grand finale at North Ryde School of Arts on Tuesday 3 December 2024.

For more details and to enter, go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeShineAbility](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeShineAbility)

### EARNING A CRUST

If you have an insatiable appetite for apple pie

combined with a strong competitive drive, then this year's Granny Smith Festival – being held in the heart of Eastwood on Saturday 19 October – is offering an irresistible opportunity.

Registrations are now open for the Festival's Apple Pie Eating Contest, a delicious way to showcase your digestive superiority which takes place at 1.15pm on the Plaza Stage. The contestant who can demolish their pie the fastest will win a \$50 Woolworths gift card, with the runner up receiving a \$20 gift card. It's just one of the many fun events taking place during the biggest day on the City of Ryde calendar, kicking off at 9.30am with the famous Grand Street Parade and culminating with an amazing fireworks finale at 8.00pm.

In between, there's the official welcome at 11.00am, the Bluey Live Experience at noon and 2.00pm, and a special performance by The Wiggles Sound System at 6.00pm, all on

the Oval Stage.

To register for the Apple Pie Eating Contest and to start planning your day, go to:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GSF](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GSF)

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

It's spring school holiday time and, once again, the City of Ryde is providing some fantastic activities to keep the kids active, engaged and energised during their break from the classroom.

Spring's Active Kids program includes hip hop, skateboarding, bike, and fencing activities as well as an Aussie Wild Treasure Hunt at the Field of Mars on Thursday 10 October and a Space Week: Rocket Build and Launch at Ryde Park, also on Thursday 10 October.

Ryde's libraries also have some great programs themed around Backyard Buddies.

For full details, go to:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SchoolHolidays](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SchoolHolidays)

## LIBRARY NEWS



### RYDE HISTORY HUB LAUNCH

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**WHEN:** Friday 11 October  
**TIME:** 6.00 - 8.00pm  
**WHERE:** Ryde Library

Discover Ryde History Hub, an online collection of resources about the history and heritage of our area: its people, places and events. Join us for the launch event at Ryde Library to learn about our new platform and discover how you can contribute your stories to this growing collection! The night will also feature a special talk on the History of Granny Smith, presented by Angela Phippen, Local Studies Librarian. Light refreshments will be served. FREE, but bookings essential.

Book now: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HistoryHubLaunch](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HistoryHubLaunch)



## 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 Relocation of Existing Bus Stop on Taylor Ave, Melrose Park (Closes 9 October 2024)
- Draft Amendments to Development Control Plan 2014 - Tree Preservation (Closes 27 October 2024)
- Ryde to 2035 (Closes 2 February 2025)

#### 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](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay) or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

## EVENTS IN OUR CITY



### RYDE SHINE ABILITY TALENT COMPETITION - APPLICATIONS OPEN

Calling all talents with disability who live, work, study or engage in social activities in the City of Ryde. Join our talent competition which features prizes totalling \$7,500! Winners will receive: FREE recording sessions/music lessons, three-month contract with Diverse Talent Management and will be invited to perform at Council's events in 2025.

Find out more: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeShineAbility](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeShineAbility)



### OCTOBER MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mental Health Month offers an opportunity to support our own well-being and the well-being of others.

Join us for an interactive event where you can learn more about maintaining good mental health. The event will feature:

- Chair yoga, stretching, and meditation
- A guest speaker from the Black Dog Institute
- Stalls from Lifeline, Headspace, and Mission Australia

Find out more: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Mental-Health-Month](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Mental-Health-Month)