

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

NEW COUNCILLORS ELECTED

The City of Ryde will welcome six new Councillors and the first popularly elected Mayor since 1965 following the official declaration of results from the 2024 Local Government Election, held on 14 September.

The new Councillors for the next four-year term are Tina Kordrostami (Central Ward), Lyndal Howison (Central Ward), Keanu Arya (East Ward), Kathy Tracey (West Ward), Cameron Last (West Ward), and Felix Lo (West Ward).

They join re-elected Councillors Shweta Deshpande (Central Ward), Daniel Han (Central Ward), Sophie Lara-Watson (East Ward), Penny Pedersen (East Ward), Roy Maggio (East Ward), and Justin Li (West Ward).

Trenton Brown won the popular Mayoral vote, securing 56.51 percent of the vote.

BLenheim PARK CLOSURE

Blenheim Park in North Ryde will remain closed until further notice following a

draft report from Council's environmental consultants which revealed the discovery of additional asbestos, hydrocarbons, and heavy metals within the park grounds.

The park has been closed since Monday 26 August 2024 while this comprehensive investigation is carried out in accordance with best practices and expert guidance.

The Blenheim Park Masterplan aims to improve recreational facilities to enhance access and promote active community use. During the design phase of the Masterplan implementation, routine due diligence testing revealed isolated contamination, leading to further detailed investigations that began in September.

City of Ryde will now implement interim site management measures in preparation for the final report, due at the end of October. This report will aid Council in determining a plan for the remediation of the site and construction of the park as per the Masterplan.

RYDE HISTORY HUB

The story of our City is about to be told like never before with the introduction of the Ryde History Hub, an online collection of resources about the history and heritage of our area, its people, places and events.

Initiated by City of Ryde Libraries, the Ryde History Hub will not only provide new ways for the community to research and connect with our history collections but will also enable the ongoing digital preservation of historical items, articles, and oral histories.

This exciting and vital new resource is being launched at Ryde Library on Friday 11 October 2024 from 6.00 - 8.00pm where the community will learn about how it can contribute stories to this growing collection.

For more details, go to:

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HistoryHubLaunch

LIBRARY NEWS

EVENTS IN OUR CITY



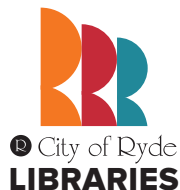
RYDE HISTORY HUB LAUNCH

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

Who is Granny Smith? Join us for the Ryde History Hub Launch, as our Local Studies Librarian Angela Phippen, shares the history of Granny Smith and how you can discover more stories of Ryde in our new local history collections. Ryde History Hub is an online collection of resources about the history and heritage of our area: its people, places and events. Be the very first to explore this platform, browse an exhibition of our collections, and contribute your memories of Ryde.

Book now: 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.

- 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 or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL - PLAN YOUR TRIP

The Granny Smith Festival will be bustling with activities and large crowds are expected over the day. To fully enjoy the event, we advise planning your trip in advance. Scan the QR code to find essential information on parking, walking or cycling, accessible drop off zone and important road closures to help with traffic management and safety or visit: ryde.events/GSFPlanYourTrip



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Every year the City of Ryde publicly acknowledges and recognises the outstanding accomplishments by individuals in our community who have excelled in their chosen field. Categories include:

- Citizen of the Year 2025
- Young Citizen of the Year 2025
- Sportsperson of the Year 2025
- Environmental Citizen of the Year 2025

Entries close on Sunday 10 November.

Find out more: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Citizen