

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

WHITE RIBBON DAY

Australia recognises its annual White Ribbon Day on 25 November and, on the same day, the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins.

These are important and essential causes aimed at ending violence against women and families and this Council wholeheartedly supports both of them.

The issue of Domestic Violence in Australia has been described as a scourge and the statistics are both shocking and deeply lamentable, with an average of one woman a week being killed by her intimate male partner.

I'm proud to say that the City of Ryde is a White Ribbon Australia Accredited Workplace, achieving successful accreditation in July 2021. White Ribbon is the world's largest movement engaging men and boys to see that men's violence against women is their problem to fix, not a women's problem to tolerate.

On Thursday 28 November, Council is supporting the Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Committee's Make a Stand Against Abuse walk from 11.00am - 1.00pm in the Macquarie Park precinct.

We've also launched a community awareness campaign that aims to empower survivors and encourage support, as well as encourage the users of violence to seek help.

And we've partnered with Women's Community Shelters to introduce the 'Walk the Talk' program in two Ryde secondary schools. This is a relationships and consent program for young people designed to help break the cycle of gender-based violence.

It's up to all of us to do something about this horrific pattern of violence, which impacts every Australian community, including our own.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The winners of City of Ryde's 2024 Diwali Festival of Lights competition were announced

last week after some spectacular entries were received from households across the Ryde LGA.

The winners in the Best Home Lighting category were Manish Shrestha, West Ryde (House Exterior) and Rashmi Dhongade, Meadowbank (Apartment), while West Ryde's Krupa Kotecha, and Rashmi Dhongade claimed first and second, respectively, in the Rangoli Artwork category.

Ryde residents from all backgrounds were encouraged to light up and decorate their homes and apartments to celebrate the 2024 Festival of Lights, which is the biggest and most important holiday on the Indian calendar.

I was extremely impressed by the hard work that went into all of our entries and I'd like to congratulate the winners and also City of Ryde Councillor Shweta Deshpande, who initiated this fun and creative competition.



Sincerely,
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HAVE YOUR SAY

OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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.

- Ryde to 2035: Community Strategic Plan (Closes 2 February 2025)
- Waste, Recycling and the Circular Economy (Closes 23 February 2025)

Want to find out more?

To find out more about the project above 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

MAKE A STAND AGAINST ABUSE

**THUR
28
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WHEN: Thursday 28 November
TIME: 11.00am – 1.00pm
WHERE: Macquarie University School of Engineering



The annual Make a Stand walk acknowledges the commencement of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence annual international campaign.

Kicking off with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November, the campaign runs until Human Rights Day on 10 December 2024.

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

EVENTS IN OUR CITY



City of Ryde
Cinema
IN THE PARK

Disney THE SANTA CLAUSE
Saturday 7 December
The Santa Clause
Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park

• Photobooth • Kids inflatables
• Food and ice cream trucks • Live entertainment

EVENT STARTS AT 6PM | MOVIE STARTS AT SUNDOWN

For wet weather updates and/or cancellation notices, visit ryde.events/cinema

LIBRARY NEWS

SEED SAVING BASICS | EASTWOOD SEED LIBRARY

**TUE
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WHEN: Tuesday 3 December
TIME: 10.30 – 11.30am
WHERE: Eastwood Library



Seed Saving may seem like a daunting task but let our speaker from Permacultures Sydney North show you just how simple it is! Seed saving is a sustainable gardening practice and you can start seed saving from a variety of seeds. Save seeds from your favourite plants to share with friends and family, or store the seeds to prepare them for the next season.

Book now: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Seed-Saving-Basics