



# City of Ryde Your City News

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### KOREAN FORUM

Along with senior Council staff, I was delighted to attend the 2024 Australia-Korea Local Diplomacy Forum at State Parliament House last week, which was organised by the Korea Local and State Government Office, GAROK Oceania.

This prestigious event provided Korean and Australian local and state government professionals with a vibrant and unique platform to compare best local governance practices, while exploring sustainable visions that will enable local communities to prosper and thrive.

City of Ryde was honoured at the forum by winning GAROK Oceania's Best Program award for our International Relations Program.

Council looks forward to furthering its relationship with this impressive and innovative nation, which already has a significance presence in our LGA. The Australian headquarters of global motoring giants Hyundai and

Kia are situated in the Macquarie Park Innovation District and there are 150 Korean businesses in Eastwood's famous Koreatown precinct.

### DIWALI FESTIVAL 2025

Following the success of Council's Diwali Festival of Lights competition over the past two years, I'm excited to announce that we will now be planning an annual celebration for Diwali in the City of Ryde.

At the Ordinary Meeting on 26 November, it was resolved that Council will engage with the Indian Ocean Society of Australia and local residents, community leaders, and community groups to establish a Diwali Community Committee to organise the celebrations, beginning in 2025.

Diwali is a major cultural and religious festival, celebrated by many community members of Indian, Hindu, Sikh, and Jain backgrounds.

Annual Diwali celebrations will give Council another wonderful opportunity to bring together our

local community in the spirit of inclusivity and togetherness.

### SAFE SWIMMING

With hot summer weather already upon us, it's about to hit peak swimming season, with many members of our community taking the chance to cool off in rivers, creeks, and other inland waterways within Sydney or at holiday destinations.

Swimming can be refreshing and fun, but it's essential to prioritise safety.

You can find some key tips and strategies to ensure safe and enjoyable swimming experiences for you and your family at: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SummerSwimSafety](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SummerSwimSafety)

For those who can't swim or need to improve their swimming skills, the brilliant learn-to-swim programs available at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) are a must. Swimming skills save lives, and I strongly encourage you to sign up.

Go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LearnToSwim](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LearnToSwim)



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## WHAT'S ON IN YOUR CITY

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### FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

**WHEN:** Saturday 14 December  
**TIME:** Arrive at 10.30am  
**WHERE:** Eastwood Plaza, Eastwood



Join us for a special flag raising ceremony in Eastwood Plaza. Terry Ryan is generously donating a new Australian flag as a Christmas gift to the community. All are welcome to attend as we also honour and pay respect to one of our last remaining WW2 heroes, Colin Moir.

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

### EMPOWER RYDE

Empower Ryde is a community initiative designed to foster greater engagement and collaboration among people with disability who live, work, or study in the City of Ryde area. It is an opportunity for individuals with shared experiences to collaborate, discuss, and solve complex challenges related to employment, whether they are seeking a job, looking to change roles, or aspiring to start a business.



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

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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.

- 2023 – 2024 Financial Statements (17 December 2024)
- Ryde to 2035: Community Strategic Plan (Closes 2 February 2025)
- 24/7 Library – Afterhours Access (Closes 9 February 2025)
- Waste, Recycling and the Circular Economy (Closes 23 February 2025)
- Urban Heat Survey 2024 – 2025 (Closes 16 March 2025)

#### Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the projects above 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.

## GARAGE SALES

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**WHEN:** Saturday 14 December  
**TIME:** 9.00am – 12.15pm  
**WHERE:** 93 Marsden Road, West Ryde

List your garage sale for free at: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### SUMMER SUSTAINABILITY FUN 2025 JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

8 – 22  
JAN  
2025

**WHEN:** 8 – 22 January 2025  
**WHERE:** City of Ryde Libraries



Join us at City of Ryde Libraries for our *Summer Sustainability Fun* line up of programs for the whole family. Junkyard Beats has a high energy music show, using recycled materials to make new and exciting instruments. Plus, there's a host of interactive workshops such as the emergency preparedness pillowcase workshop, renewable energy sources workshop, KUBO Robotics workshop, sustainable food practices in the kids food adventure workshop and learning how to create 3D art in a virtual reality environment.

Book in now as spaces are limited.

View the full program at:

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



## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**Property:** 302 Pittwater Road, East Ryde  
**Local Development Application Number:** LDA2024/0261

**Applicant:** George Ganiatsas

**Description:** Proposed 4 lots Torrens Title subdivision and minor demolition of structures in the access handle.

The proposal is integrated development under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as the subject site is within 40m of bushfire prone land. The relevant approval body is Rural Fire Service.

Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than **26 January 2025**.

Documents will be accessible directly from Council's DA Tracker:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DA-Tracker](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DA-Tracker). Click "Search our online DA Tracking System" and enter the Application ID as referenced above.

Anyone may make submissions to Council. Submissions are required to be in writing. They should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and sent by post, email or delivered in person to the Customer Service Centre. A submission by way of objection should specify the grounds of objection. The City of Ryde has resolved that all submissions received in relation to rezoning and development applications will be publicly accessible on request. The supply of personal information is voluntary. However if you choose to make an anonymous submission it may be given less weight (or no weight) in the overall consideration of the application. Development Applications are available for inspection electronically and without charge at the Customer Service Centre, 1 Pope Street, Ryde (within the Top Ryde Shopping Centre) between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday (2nd Thursday of each month – 10.00am to 5.00pm). To make an appointment go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness) or call 9952 8222.