



City of Ryde Your City News

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

OUR CIVIC CENTRE

After more than a decade of inaction, poor decision-making, and financial mismanagement by previous Council bodies, the time has come to finally solve the puzzle that is Ryde's much-needed civic centre.

During 2024 I enlightened the community, via a series in this column, about the events that have led to us lamenting the 'hole in the ground' at 1 Devlin Street.

This Council is now delivering on its promise to move ahead with this project for the benefit of our community for generations to come. Soon, we will engage a suitably qualified company for an Expression of Interest campaign to test the market potential for a long-term leasehold of the 1 Devlin Street site. The campaign will also test other options put forward by the market, where Council retains ownership of the site.

There will also be schematic designs and related investigations made for a potential town hall and any additional cultural and community facilities at the adjoining 150-156 Blaxland Road site.

I will keep the community updated as these exciting new plans take shape.

TG MILLNER FIELDS

I have been frustrated by the mixed messaging coming out from the State Government in relation to TG Millner Fields, which Council wants to retain as essential open space ahead of an exponential population and density growth in and around our Macquarie Park Innovation District.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has previously promised to collaborate with Council to assist with the compulsory acquisition of TG Millner but more recently the State Government has stonewalled this collaboration.

Without any support from either the Federal or State government of

NSW, Council has now reassessed its priorities around critical infrastructure for open space and has identified the additional funding required for the purchase of TG Millner.

We will now be seeking to recommence the acquisition process for this critical 6.2ha of open space, which must be protected from developers' bulldozers.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

As 2024 winds down, I'd like to wish all TWT readers and our wider community a wonderful Christmas holiday period and a prosperous new year.

It has been another successful and eventful year in the City of Ryde and I'm already looking ahead to a busy January when we celebrate our Citizen of the Year awards, the eagerly anticipated opening of our Putney Park swim site and, of course, Australia Day.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2025!



Sincerely,
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WHAT'S ON IN YOUR CITY

Meadowbank
New Year's Eve Fireworks Display
TUE 31 DEC 2024 | 9PM AT MEADOWBANK PARK

City of Ryde **RYDE.EVENTS/NYE**

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.

- 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 or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

GARAGE SALES

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WHEN: Saturday 22 December
TIME: 9.00am – 2.00pm
WHERE: 7 Herring Road, Macquarie Park

List your garage sale for free at:
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales

LIBRARY NEWS

SUSTAINABILITY FAMILIES FESTIVAL



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WHEN: Wednesday 15 January
TIME: 10.00am – 2.00pm
WHERE: Ryde Library
All ages welcome

City of Ryde Libraries Summer Holiday fixture, the *Sustainability Families Festival*, is back again for 2025! Join us for a fun filled day of eco-friendly and educational activities, games and workshops. Special guests Spaghetti Confetti will be performing on the day. From composting and worm farming workshops to waste sorting and recycling activities – there's something to keep the whole family entertained!

Find out more www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SustainabilityFamiliesFestival



THE CITY OF RYDE
WISHES YOU A
Merry Christmas

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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
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