

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The City of Ryde honoured its 2025 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, and Environmental Citizen of the Year at a special ceremony held at North Ryde Golf Club on 20 January. Community leader Nora Etmekdjian was named Citizen of the Year for her more than 20 years of dedication to Ryde, growing community events, preserving heritage, and championing safety initiatives. Young Citizen of the Year Rajmallan Thiagarajan was recognised for raising \$45,000 for leukemia research, promoting diversity, and mentoring peers. Sportsperson of the Year Linda Ham was honoured for her work in transforming community fitness through inclusive programs and award-winning initiatives, while Environmental Citizen of the Year Pamela Ward was celebrated for 35

years of ecological preservation, including co-founding The Habitat Community Nursery and leading bushcare programs.

I was incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of this year's nominees and winners.

Our winners have each made extraordinary contributions to our community, embodying the values of leadership, inclusivity, and sustainability that make Ryde such a vibrant and diverse place to live.

Their dedication inspires us all, and I thank them for their tireless efforts to make our City a better place.

PUTNEY BEACH OPENS

The City of Ryde community gathered in force on 22 January for the official opening on the new Putney Park swim site on a beautiful Sydney summer's day.

Along with a number of City of Ryde Councillors, I was excited to be

among the first to take a dip in this wonderful new Parramatta River site, which provides a much-needed place for our residents and visitors to cool down.

I can report that it was a highly enjoyable and refreshing experience. Putney Beach is free, the swimming area is netted, there's plenty of shade, and the steps to the water's edge provide easy access for everyone. Regular water quality testing ensures the beach is healthy and safe for humans, but Council advises people not to swim for three days after significant rain events. I'd like to thank the NSW Government for its Places to Swim grant, and to the Parramatta River Catchment Group, which has worked tirelessly to clean and protect this delicate ecosystem. I am hoping that scenic Putney Beach now becomes one of Council's must-visit destinations.



Sincerely,
Trenton Brown – Mayor
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HAVE YOUR SAY

Your views and suggestions are important in shaping the City of Ryde's future. We invite you to have your say on initiatives, plans and proposals that are open for community feedback, including:

- 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)
- Eastwood Town Centre – High Pedestrian Activity Area (Closes 26 Feb 2025)
- City of Ryde Libraries – Collections Survey 2025 (Closes 28 February 2025)
- Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrade (Closes 5 March 2025)
- Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2025 (Closes 12 March 2025)
- Urban Heat Survey 2024 – 2025 (Closes 16 March 2025)

Want to find out more?

Please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay or call Customer Service on 9952 8222 to learn more about the above project(s) and for information on how to have your say.

LIBRARY NEWS



CELEBRATING LIBRARY LOVERS IN FEBRUARY!

WHEN: Monday 3 February – Friday 28 February
WHERE: All Ryde Libraries

We're inviting all library lovers back to the library with a month of special library loving programming. Join us for our Lunar New Year workshops, Author's Platform, Musical Morning Tea, Storytimes, Rhymetimes, Knitting Groups, Book Clubs, Crafternoons and more!

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

Signalisation of Constitution Road and Bank Street Intersection

City of Ryde welcomes your feedback under Section 38C of the *Roads Act 1993* on the upgrade works to the Constitution Road and Bank Street intersection.

The Constitution Road and Bank Street intersection, on the western side of Meadowbank station, provides important connections through the Meadowbank precinct to surrounding industrial, commercial, and residential areas. The upgrade of this roundabout to traffic signals delivers safety and traffic flow performance improvements, allows for future growth, and enhances the overall amenity of the road corridor. The upgrade involves:

- Removal of the existing four arm roundabout and replaced with traffic signals comprising:
 - Signalised pedestrian crossings across Constitution Road/Bank Street and Meadow Crescent
 - Provision of a dedicated right turn into Meadow Crescent
 - Dedicated left and right turn lanes to be included out of Meadow Crescent
- Relocation of the Kiss and Ride facility on Bank Street, to the northern side of Constitution Road, near Bank Street
- Implementation of a "left-in left-out" arrangement into and out of Bank Street (north) adopting central median and associated line marking
- Banning of left turn from Bank Street (East) to Bank Street (West)

To find out more information and to provide your feedback, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HYS/ConstitutionRd. Feedback closes at 11.59pm Wednesday 5 March 2025.

For more information on the above proposal, contact Customer Service on 9952 8222 during business hours or email ConstitutionRd@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

EVENTS IN OUR CITY

SAFER DRIVING FOR SENIORS WORKSHOP

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WHEN: Monday 10 February
TIME: 10.00am – 1.30pm
WHERE: Marsfield Community Centre

Seniors preparing for the Aged Driving Test are encouraged to attend this free workshop. Light lunch provided. Parking available.

Book now: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SeniorDrivers or call 9952 8222.

