

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

MAYORS' ROUNDTABLE

I was proud to represent the City of Ryde at an important gathering of Sydney Mayors last week to discuss and respond to the disturbing outbursts of violence, hatred, and extremism we have seen recently in parts of the metropolitan area.

The Sydney Mayors' Social Cohesion Roundtable, which was hosted by Waverley Council, provided a vital and inspirational forum for Mayors from a diverse array of communities with many different socio-economic, cultural, and religious backgrounds to talk about the impact of racism.

At the end of the meeting, we released a joint statement calling on our communities to stand together to support one another during these challenging times.

We unequivocally condemned the alarming rise in antisemitic attacks as well as acknowledging the broader escalation of racism and violence

against racial and faith-based communities including Muslims, Christians, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhists. There is no place for hate in our society.

It made me feel extremely lucky to represent a community that is among the most culturally diverse in Sydney yet co-exists peacefully with a wonderful and tangible sense of harmony.

DISABILITY AWARD

I'm delighted to announce that City of Ryde has received a Silver Level Award for our efforts in disability inclusion from the Physical Disability Council of NSW.

This recognition highlights our strong work in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan and several key initiatives, including the Supporting Inclusive Volunteering program, Ryde Shine Ability competition, and the Inclusive Employment project.

We have exciting upcoming plans

to further support people with disability, such as the Accessible Events and Facilities plan, the Empower Ryde peer-led employment support program, and an inclusive employment toolkit for employers. We remain committed to further enhancing inclusion and accessibility for everyone in our community.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

The City of Ryde welcomed the Year of the Snake in spectacular style on Saturday 8 February when the community – joined by special guests Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and NSW Premier Chris Minns – celebrated our Lunar New Festival at Eastwood Oval.

It was another wonderful representation of our welcoming and inclusive community with people of all ages and backgrounds enjoying a great evening of fun, entertainment, and good food.

I wish good luck and prosperity to all!



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:

- Waste, Recycling and the Circular Economy (Closes 23 February 2025)
- Eastwood Town Centre – High Pedestrian Activity Area (Closes 26 February 2025)
- City of Ryde Libraries – Collections Survey 2025 (Closes 28 February 2025)
- Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025 (Closes 2 March 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

AUSLAN STORYTIME AT NORTH RYDE LIBRARY

WHEN: Fortnightly during term, next session Saturday 22 February
TIME: 10.15 – 10.45am
WHERE: North Ryde Library



Auslan Storytime at North Ryde Library, run in partnership with DeafConnect, is back in 2025 with a NEW time!

Auslan Storytimes are fun interactive storytelling sessions, aimed at supporting early literacy development in Auslan and written English. Everyone is welcome. Bookings no longer required.

Learn more: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/AuslanStorytime



WASTE SERVICES SURVEY

WASTE, RECYCLING AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY SURVEY

Have your say on Council's Waste Services and the future of the Circular Economy in Ryde!

Visit myryde.info/hys4a6 or scan the QR code to complete the survey, and enter to win one of five \$100 gift cards.



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Property: 169 Rowe St EASTWOOD NSW 2122

Local Development Application Number: LDA2025/0012

Applicant: Myles Docker

Description: Proposed alterations and addition to an existing commercial building, including external façade changes and signage. The development also includes a change of use to a Pub and Hotel, known as the Grand Hotel Eastwood. The business will operate between 10.00am – 2.00am Monday to Sunday for the ground floor and 10.00am – midnight for the rooftop space. The venue will have a 300 person capacity.

Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than **Wednesday 19 February 2025**.

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

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DATracker. 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 or call 9952 8222.