

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

MEET THE MAYOR

I'm inviting the community to join me at Putney Beach on Saturday 22 March between 10.30am – 12.00pm for the second of my Meet the Mayor gatherings.

These informal, family-friendly meetings are a great way for me to learn first-hand about the interests and concerns of City of Ryde residents and your feedback about Council's services, events and strategies is welcomed and appreciated. There will be free refreshments available.

For those of you who've yet to visit Putney Beach – situated within Putney Park on Pellisier Road – it's also a wonderful opportunity to check out this popular new addition to Sydney's growing number of inland swim sites so don't forget your swimmers, towel and sunscreen. I look forward to seeing you all there!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

I was delighted to attend City of Ryde's International Women's Day (IWD) Forum on 8 March, which was a wonderful tribute to the strength, resilience and achievements of women both here and all over the world.

Keynote speakers Simone O'Brien and Dr Juliette Tobias-Webb delivered powerful and inspirational messages to an enraptured North Ryde School of Arts audience and there was a terrific performance by former Australian Idol finalist Cosima De Vito.

On 7 March, Council staff also attended an IWD lunch hosted by Local Government NSW to celebrate the leadership of women in government.

This year's IWD theme of 'March Forward' was wonderfully represented at both events.

MUSICAL MANOEUVRES

Entries are now open for City of Ryde's annual Battle of the Bands competition, which is one of the highlights of next month's Youth Week activities.

Open to young people aged 12-24 years, the competition will be held at Lachlan's Line Auditorium on Wednesday 16 April, and is a brilliant opportunity for local young musicians to showcase their talents.

Winners of the competition will receive a professional recording studio package with Katcha Music Studio valued at \$2,000. Runners Up will receive a \$1,000 gift voucher and Third Place will receive a \$500 gift voucher from Mall Music Macquarie Centre.

I attended last year's event and was left highly impressed by the amazing musical talent on display. For more details on Battle of the Bands and all of Council's Youth Week events, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/YouthWeek



Sincerely,
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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 (Extended – Closes 23 March)
- Draft Macquarie Park Section 7:12 Contributions Plan 2025 (Closes 30 March)
- Men's Health and Wellbeing Survey (Closes 30 March)
- Seniors Survey (Closes 30 March)

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



INFOCUS: UNDERSTANDING YOUR ENERGY BILL

THUR 27 MAR **When:** Thursday 27 March
Time: 10.30am – 12.00pm
Where: West Ryde Library

Suffering from energy bill shock? Learn how to understand your bill and ways to save money with simple steps.

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



EVENTS IN OUR CITY

City of Ryde
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
Entries closing soon!

For young people aged 12 – 24.
Registrations close Tuesday 1 April 2025.
Find out more
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/BOTB

City of Ryde
WEST RYDE
Easter CELEBRATIONS

- Kids rides
- Animal farm
- Face painting
- Food trucks and BBQ
- Ice-cream
- Easter concert
- Competitions and prizes to be won!

SAT 12 APRIL 2025 | 9.00am - 3.30pm
Anzac Park, West Ryde
Find out more ryde.events/Easter

City of Ryde
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS
Connecting Communities

Awards to acknowledge the contribution made by our volunteers who give their time and skills to our community. **Entries close Sunday 6 April.**
Find out more ryde.events/VolunteerAwards