

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

### HOUSING UPLIFT

Proposed residential developments at Gladesville, Macquarie Park and Ryde which will deliver more than 1,600 new homes in the City of Ryde were recently declared State Significant Developments by NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully. As a result, these projects – which were fast-tracked by the State Government's new three-member Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) – completely bypass the normal Council development approval process.

While Council is fully supportive of housing uplift in our local government area to help ease Sydney's crippling housing crisis, I am concerned that we may lose vital infrastructure funding through the HDA process. Developers and Council often enter into Voluntary Planning Agreements in which developers fund or provide essential supporting infrastructure such as footpaths, roadworks, and open space as part of project

delivery. Under the HDA structure, this support is now uncertain, and its loss could impose a significant financial burden on our community.

I want to let the community know that I will continue to advocate strongly for collaboration with the NSW Government to 'strike the right balance' between housing uplift, local employment opportunities, and the infrastructure we need to accompany growing density and population.

### NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

I was delighted to attend Council's inaugural Nowruz celebration at Top Ryde City shopping centre on Thursday 20 March.

Nowruz, meaning "new day," is a traditional festival marking the beginning of spring and the Persian New Year, and is celebrated by over 300 million people worldwide. With over 3,000 years of history, it symbolises hope, prosperity, and new beginnings.

It was wonderful to see so many members of our Persian community

gathered together for this meaningful occasion, which further enhances City of Ryde's well-earned reputation as a uniquely diverse and harmonious place where all cultures are welcomed and celebrated.

### MEET THE MAYOR

I had another enjoyable and constructive morning with members of our community at my latest Meet the Mayor event at Putney Beach on Saturday 22 March. These informal, family-friendly gatherings offer a terrific opportunity for me to hear first-hand your concerns and your ideas about how we can work together to make the City of Ryde an even better place to live, work and play.

I'll be holding another Meet the Mayor on Saturday 5 April at Meadowbank Park. Everyone is welcome, so bring the kids and enjoy a cup of coffee along with a friendly chat.



Sincerely,  
**Trenton Brown – Mayor**  
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Phone (via Customer Service): 9952 8222

## 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:

- 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](http://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

### THE GREAT GATSBY 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: JAZZ NIGHT AT RYDE LIBRARY (18+)

**FRI  
11  
APR**

**When:** Friday 11 April 2025  
**Time:** 6.30am – 8.30pm  
**Where:** Ryde Library



Celebrate 100 years of The Great Gatsby with live jazz, cocktails, mocktails and trivia! Wear your finest flapper attire and come ready to celebrate with Moondance jazz trio, a jazz demonstration from the Jitterbug Club and light refreshments.

Book now: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GreatGatsby](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GreatGatsby)

## 2025 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

City of Ryde  
**VOLUNTEER  
RECOGNITION  
AWARDS**  
Connecting Communities

Nominations for the 2025 Volunteer Recognition Awards are now open! To nominate someone you think has made an outstanding contribution to the community scan the QR code or visit [ryde.events/VolunteerAwards](http://ryde.events/VolunteerAwards)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:  
SUNDAY 6 APRIL**



## REQUEST FOR TENDER



### Request for Tender

#### PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES PANEL

**Ref: COR-RFT-03/25**

The Council of the City of Ryde is seeking submissions from suitably qualified and experienced respondents for the provision of legal services panel in accordance with this request for tender.

All legal work will be requested through Council's Legal Services unit. A law firm may only be engaged following approval by Council's General Counsel.

Successful tenderers may only accept initial instructions from Council's legal officers, although Council's non-legal officers may provide instructions once a law firm has been engaged.

All costs agreements provided by a successful tenderer in relation to a matter must be consistent with the terms of this tender document. If there is an inconsistency between the costs agreement and this tender document, the tender document will prevail.

The term for appointment to the Council's legal services panel will be for an initial three (3) year period with the option to extend for a further two (2) periods of one (1) year each, subject to a satisfactory performance.

Council will be utilising the TenderLink e-Tendering portal for this RFT process and all Tenderers must create an on-line profile with TenderLink. Any Addenda to this RFT will be provided to Tenderers through TenderLink.

Tenderers are to submit their Tenders in response to this RFT via TenderLink, by the Closing Date and Closing Time. Any enquiries related to this tender should be directed through Tenderlink Forum. The closing time and date for submissions is 2.00pm on Thursday 17 April 2025.

Interested parties can download the tender via <https://portal.tenderlink.com/ryde>

Where Tender link is unavailable, any correspondence and queries regarding this RFT may be forwarded to the City of Ryde contact Rozana Sabrin, [RozanaS@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:RozanaS@ryde.nsw.gov.au)  
**Wayne Rylands, Chief Executive Officer.**

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