

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

I'm looking forward to joining the Ryde community at Meadowbank Park from 4.00 – 9.00pm on Sunday 26 January for Council's annual Australia Day celebration.

It promises to be a fantastic day of fun activities and great food. You'll be able to test your sporting skills, enjoy live bands, dance groups, cultural performances and an 'Aussie Adventure' show where you can sing along to some Australian classics before a spectacular fireworks finale closes out the evening.

I'm also proud to be presiding over a special Citizenship Ceremony on the morning of Australia Day during which we will welcome 100 new arrivals to our country and to our amazingly diverse and inclusive City. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/AusDay

BLENHEIM PARK UPDATE

I want to update the community on the ongoing and important

remediation works taking place at Blenheim Park, North Ryde, which has been closed following the discovery of contaminants, including asbestos, heavy metals, hydrocarbons, and hazardous ground gases during investigative excavation work for the park's upgrade in August last year.

After extensive assessments by Council's Subject Experts and independent Environmental Consultants, it was determined that the Park will need to be closed until the identified safety risks have been satisfactorily resolved.

Council is finalising investigation reports and engaging specialist contractors to carry out the necessary remediation works. While the park is tentatively scheduled to reopen in mid to late 2025, this reopening will be temporary. The park is expected to close again in early 2026 to allow for construction activities associated with the exciting Blenheim Park Masterplan, which will amplify activity on this popular recreation

area for the long-term benefit of our community.

I appreciate your patience and understanding as we address these challenges and work towards delivering a safe and improved park for everyone to enjoy.

STORM RELIEF

The storm that battered Sydney last week had a major impact on the City of Ryde, with widespread power outages, ongoing internet disruptions and the SES having to deal with 210 requests for assistance, as of 20 January.

Council also stepped in to help, extending library hours so people could recharge their devices and access the internet as well as making other Council facilities available for impacted residents to have hot showers.

Some power outages are expected to continue this week. Please go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au for details on how we can assist.



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:

- 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)
- 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

AUTHOR'S PLATFORM: AN EVENING WITH LOTTIE DALZIEL

**TUE
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WHEN: Tuesday 11 February
TIME: 6.15pm – 8.00pm
WHERE: Ryde Library
COST: Free



Join us at Ryde Library to live your best sustainable life and spend less doing it, with the help of sustainability expert and founder of Banish, Lottie Dalziel. Lottie will be presenting her new book *365+ Ways to Save the Planet and Your Money at the Same Time*. Lottie offers both the encouragement and the knowledge we all need to do a few little things to make a big difference.

Attendees on the night have a chance to win a signed copy of her book.

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



EVENTS IN OUR CITY

City of Ryde

LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY
4PM – 9PM | EASTWOOD OVAL

- AMUSEMENT RIDES • SNAKE AND LION DANCE
- MARKET STALLS • FOOD TRUCKS
- 9PM FIREWORKS

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THIS WEEKEND

City of Ryde

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

SUN 26 JAN | 4PM – 9PM | MEADOWBANK PARK, MEADOWBANK

- FREE FACE PAINTING | WORKSHOPS
- FOOD TRUCKS | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | FIREWORKS

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