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 City of Ryde

Mayor's Message

A MESSAGE FOR THE CITY OF RYDE

Welcome to the summer edition of City of Ryde's *Live.Work.Play* magazine.

There are some great articles in this issue, including how you can give your feedback to Council's proposed 24/7 library, the launch of our groundbreaking community initiative Empower Ryde, and some important summer swim safety tips.

This is the season for fun and relaxation after a long, busy year and Council has you covered with plenty of great events for the whole family to enjoy.

On 20 January, we acknowledge some of our most outstanding residents at our Citizen of the Year Awards. This is always one of my favourite events of the year as we get a chance to honour some truly amazing people in our community.

Our Australia Day celebration on 26 January provides an annual opportunity to get together with friends and family, coinciding with the

most meaningful Citizenship Ceremonies of the year, which enable us to reflect on the remarkably diverse and harmonious place we are all proud to call home.

And the celebrations continue on Saturday 8 February when we welcome the Year of the Snake at our famous Lunar New Year Festival in the heart of Eastwood, heralding a year of wisdom, mystery, and transformation, emphasising introspection, strategic planning, and personal growth.

That sounds like the perfect formula for a wonderful 2025.

Sincerely,

Clr Trenton Brown – Mayor
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News

Ryde History Comes to Life

The story of the City of Ryde is being told like never before with the introduction of the Ryde History Hub, an online collection of resources about the history and heritage of this vibrant, diverse area, its people, places, and events.

Launched by City of Ryde Libraries in October 2024, the Ryde History Hub is not only providing new ways for the community to research and connect with the libraries' history collections, but it also enables the ongoing digital preservation of historical items, articles, and oral histories.

Ryde History Hub is an evolving and growing collection, as the online catalogue and newly digitised items are brought over in phases.

By registering as a member of the Ryde History Hub, members of the community can add vital contributions to this growing digital collection. Go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeHistoryHub

Parkrun Fires up Macquarie Park

Parkrun Australia, which stages popular organised running events at more than 500 locations throughout the country, established its latest weekly Sydney event at a new course in Macquarie Park in October and it has quickly proved to be a huge hit with the City of Ryde community.

This free, fun, and friendly community activity is held every Saturday at 8.00am and people of all ages and athletic ability who can walk, jog, or run around the 5km course situated within the scenic Macquarie University campus are welcome. Opportunities to volunteer are also available.

The start/finish line is on Wally's Walk, near the intersection of Sir Christopher Ondaatjie Ave and the predominantly flat course is on sealed surfaces. For more details about this fantastic community initiative, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ParkRun



HAVE YOUR SAY - 24/7 Library Afterhours Access

City of Ryde invites your feedback about a 24/7 library trial that will provide afterhours access to an unstaffed library facility*.

Council prides itself on providing services that meet the needs of our community.

Our libraries aim to inspire and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, participate and engage in a variety of library programs and services.

We are seeking the views from a broad range of community members such as existing library users, students, workers, professionals, local businesses and families.

Your feedback will help continuously improve our library services and contribute to how our libraries are shaped in future. Find out more and Have Your Say at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay/247Library

**Please note, the 24/7 library facility is yet to be selected.*



White Ribbon

City of Ryde reaffirmed its commitment to ending violence against women through our active support of White Ribbon Day and the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. As a White Ribbon Accredited workplace, we hosted a series of events including:

- Breakfast BBQ with speaker Darryl Gardiner sharing his journey of overcoming violence.
- Afternoon tea with Ryde Police discussing domestic violence prevention.
- Make A Stand community walk at Macquarie University with employees and leaders.

Our efforts also included:

- Awareness campaigns across council buildings and social media.
- A toy drive for children escaping domestic violence.
- Staff completing Domestic Violence Awareness Training.

Together, we're building safe and equal communities. Read more at

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WhiteRibbonWorkplace





Recycling Products with Batteries

If your appliance or device lights up, makes noise or requires charging, then it has a battery. Think smart watches, electric toothbrushes, children's toys and hair straighteners just to name a few. When it's time to say goodbye to those batteries, don't bin it in your kerbside bin! All batteries, including embedded ones, can catch fire while in garbage trucks and waste facilities - and cause significant damage and safety risks! They also contain chemical substances that can harm our health and the environment.

Instead, bring them to our Community Recycling Centre (CRC) in Artarmon for safe recycling as part of the Embedded Batteries Trial. The trial will run until September 2026.

If you're not sure if your item qualifies, check the website below or give the CRC a quick call at 9936 8100. Learn more about the trial by visiting www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CRC



Empower Ryde

The City of Ryde is proud to announce the launch of Empower Ryde, a groundbreaking community initiative designed to foster greater engagement and collaboration among people with disability who live, work, or study in the City of Ryde area.

This initiative continues Council's longstanding commitment to inclusivity and aligns with key actions outlined in the City of Ryde's Economic Development Strategy and Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2022 - 2026).

Empower Ryde is a peer-led program offering valuable resources and connections to help participants thrive in their professional journeys, whether they are seeking a job, looking to change roles, or aspiring to start a business. The City of Ryde invites all residents to participate in this initiative and contribute to the continued growth and development of our community. For more information and to get involved, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/EmpowerRyde

Thriving in an Inclusive Environment

Ben Pilipowski, who has an intellectual disability, has been employed by City of Ryde as the Community Development Project Administrator within the Community Services team working on projects and events, like Mental Health Month.

Through a thoughtful, inclusive approach to recruitment and by providing ongoing, expert support, we are helping build careers and changing lives. Ben's success in his role is a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when everyone is given the opportunity to shine. Find out more about Ben's experience with the City of Ryde by visiting www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/EmpoweredToThrive



Water Monitoring Around Putney Beach

City of Ryde has been working to ensure the water is ready for swimming at the soon to be opened Putney Beach Swim Site and testing has turned up good results.

Council has undertaken water quality monitoring and testing over the past several years to ensure the site's suitability. The testing program involves Council working with the EPA, NSW Health and Sydney Water to demonstrate swimability.

Water quality monitoring and testing will continue as an ongoing program and community members can view the results via our interactive water quality dashboard at myryde.info/PutneyBeach. While testing will continue, as a general rule it is not advisable to swim after rain in any waterways or beaches for up to three days.



Summer Swim Safety Tips

Swimming in rivers and creeks can be fun, but safety should always be the priority. Always assess water conditions for hidden currents, sudden depth changes, and submerged hazards. Gradually enter cold water to avoid shock and acclimate properly. Active supervision is crucial, especially for

children and inexperienced swimmers. Teach water safety rules, stay close, and model safe habits. Enrolling in learn-to-swim programs like those at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre equips children with essential swimming skills and water safety knowledge.

Angel rings (life buoys) at swimming spots can save lives. Use them effectively by maintaining distance from distressed swimmers and safely pulling them to shore. Learn to spot drowning, which is often silent, with signs like glassy eyes, head low in water, and lack of leg movement.

Finally, know CPR, swim with a buddy, avoid alcohol, and use life jackets. Following these tips ensures a safe and enjoyable summer by the water. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SummerSwimSafety



Rashmi Dhongade, Meadowbank

Diwali Lights up Ryde

The worthy winners of City of Ryde's 2024 Diwali Festival of Lights competition were announced in November 2024 after some spectacular entries were received from households across the Ryde LGA.

The winners of the Best Home Lighting category were Manish Shrestha, West Ryde (*House Exterior*), and Rashmi Dhongade, Meadowbank (*Apartment*), while Krupa Kotecha of West Ryde took out first prize in the Rangoli Artwork category with Rashmi Dhongade a close second.

At Council's November Ordinary Meeting it was resolved that a Diwali Community Committee will be established to deliver a Diwali celebration each year in the City of Ryde.



Rae Roy (Best in Show)

Spring Gardens Bloom

The City of Ryde's 2024 Spring Garden Competition winners were announced during a glittering ceremony at Macquarie Park's Eden Gardens in October 2024.

The winners were: Scott Leishman (*Front Garden*), Nilgun Tarpis (*Back Garden*), Sarah Hyland (*Courtyard and Balcony*), Sarvnaz Karimi (*Native Garden*), The Habitat (*Habitat-friendly Garden*), Leisure Lea Gardens (*Commercial Garden*), North Ryde Community Preschool (*Preschool Garden*), West Ryde Public School (*School Garden*), Amy Lou (*Succulent Garden*), The Habitat (*Community Garden*), Friends of Lane Cove (*Bushcare Regeneration*).

Mini category winners were: Etty Coleman (*Sensational Succulent*), Conrad Kosek (*Jr Gardeners*), Brandon T (*Jr Sustainable Waste 2 Art*) Etty Coleman (*Sustainable Waste 2 Art*), and Rae Roy (*Best in Show*).



'Refractions' Flora Gao (16 - 19 years)

Our Creative Youth

The winners of City of Ryde's second annual Youth Creative Competition were announced in November 2024, revealing another batch of incredibly talented young artists and writers who live, work, or study in our LGA.

A strong field of entries was received across both the art and writing categories, with works responding to the overarching theme of 'Health and Wellbeing'.

The art category winners were: Cathy Chen (*12 - 15 years*), Flora Gao (*16 - 19 years*), and Stephanie Henderson (*20 - 24 years*), while the top writing prizes went to Sophia Shi (*12 - 15 years*), Amelia Mayne (*16 - 19 years*), and Thuhashini Celia Thirimanna (*20 - 24 years*).

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY
4PM – 9PM | EASTWOOD OVAL

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- 9PM FIREWORKS

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Eastwood Library – 9952 8375

Address: Cnr Hillview Road and West Parade, Eastwood

Gladesville Library – 9952 8378

Address: 6 Pittwater Road, Gladesville

North Ryde Library – 9952 8377

Address: 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde

West Ryde Library – 9952 8376

Address: 2 Graf Avenue, West Ryde

Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

Address: 504 Victoria Road, Ryde

Enter carpark from Karen Moras Drive, Ryde
(between Margaret and Weaver Streets)

Phone: 8878 5111

City of Ryde acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Wallumedegal Clan of the Darug nation. Council also pays respect to Elders both past, present and emerging and extends that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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