

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## City of Ryde offers storm assistance to affected residents

In response to the devastating storms that swept across Sydney for much of last week, the City of Ryde provided vital support to hundreds of residents who were impacted by power outages and other challenges.

To assist the community, Council extended operating hours across key locations to provide shower facilities, electricity to charge personal electronic devices and internet access.

Residents had access to the amenities blocks including showers at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Eastwood Park Upper and Lower and Ryde Park 1, as well as use of facilities at Council's Libraries for extended hours.

"As we addressed the aftermath of these storms, it was evident there was a need to extend our library hours and ensure Council facilities were accessible to the many residents who faced prolonged electricity blackouts in their homes," said City of Ryde Mayor Trenton Brown. "I am proud that Council was able to assist residents cope during this challenging time. City of Ryde remains committed to supporting residents during emergencies and providing essential services to ensure their safety and wellbeing."

Mayor Brown also expressed gratitude for the tireless efforts of emergency service personnel, the Ryde SES, and contractors who worked around the clock to remove fallen trees, clear debris, and protect the community's road network, people, and property.

"My heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to protect our community and supported recovery efforts to restore our electricity, roads, property and more," said Mayor Brown. "On behalf of the City of Ryde, I thank you for your unwavering commitment to our community."

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