

City of Ryde

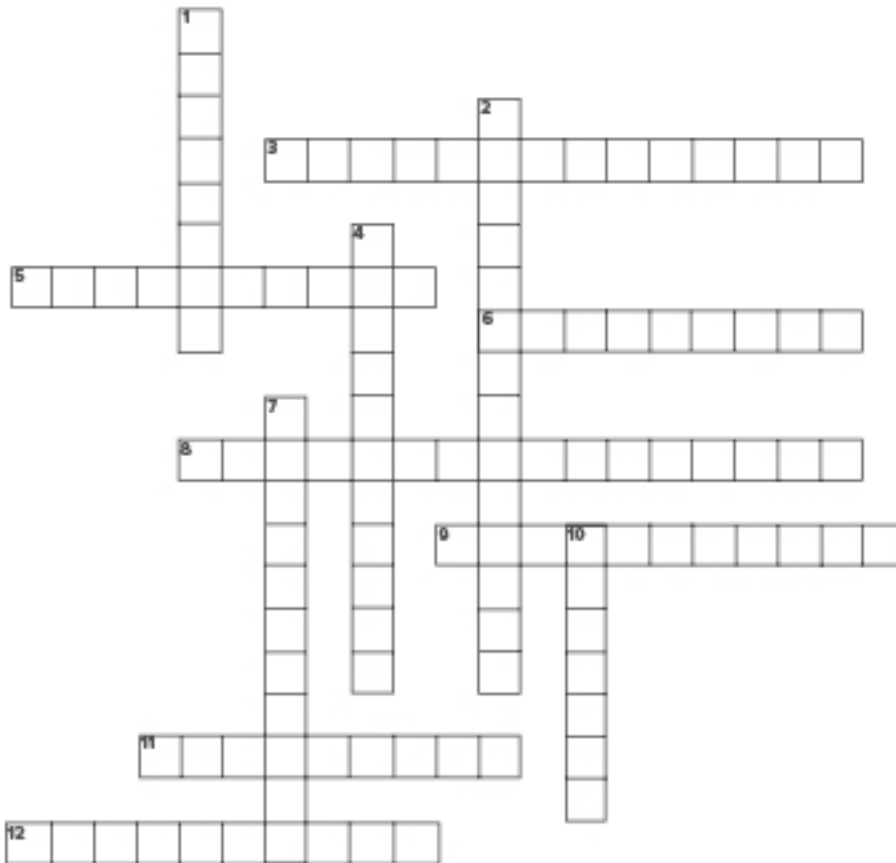
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October 2019

FUN IN SPRING WITH ANIMALS AND BIRDS

Let's have some fun! See if you can name some animals and birds found locally in the crossword below.



Across

- A nocturnal mammal often found in our native trees
- An iconic Australian bird known for its very distinctive call
- Often referred to as a fruit bat due to its love of fruit
- The largest member of the skink family known for its unique tongue
- Australia's largest owl species
- Ryde Library Services' new mascot animal
- The only Australian parrot where the male has a completely red head

Down

- Can produce high frequency sound pulses through the nose or mouth
- A nocturnal bird that is a master of camouflage
- Has the ability to create mounds the size of a car
- This mammal can glide more than 50 metres due to a special membrane between their front and back legs
- This animal and the platypus are the world's only monotremes, or egg-laying mammals

New Wildlife Protection Areas declared in the City of Ryde

Three bushland corridors in the City of Ryde have been declared as Wildlife Protection Areas to help better protect our unique native wildlife. Wildlife Protection Areas are public places set aside for the protection of native wildlife under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

Field of Mars Reserve, near East Ryde, has been declared as a Category 1 Wildlife Protection Area, meaning dogs and cats are prohibited from the area.

Meanwhile Kittys Creek Corridor, in East Ryde, and Terry's Creek Corridor, which borders Marsfield and Macquarie Park, have been declared as Category 2 Wildlife Protection Areas, prohibiting cats but permitting dogs that are on a leash along established tracks.

The decision by the City of Ryde follows community consultation which found that there was overwhelming support for the declaration of Wildlife Protection Areas at the three locations.

The Wildlife Protection Areas will come into effect on 25 November 2019. For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WPA.



Protecting native wildlife

You can help protect our special and unique wildlife in the City of Ryde by following these tips:

- Keep cats indoors at night and contained on your property during the day.
- Keep your dog on a leash and remain on established tracks.
- Place special cat netting along walls and fences to prevent your cat climbing over enclosures.
- Create an adventure playground for your cat in your garden using mesh enclosures
- Report any stray animals to the City of Ryde
- Avoid feeding stray animals.
- Consider installing wireless pet containment systems at your home.

Crossword answers
Across: 3 Ring tail Possum, 5 Koala, 6 Flying Fox, 8 Blue Tongue lizard, 9 Powerful Owl, 11 Bandicoot, 12 King Parrot
Down: 1 Microbat, 2 Tawny Frogmouth, 4 Bush Turkey, 7 Sugar Glider, 10 Echidna

City of Ryde

UPCOMING EVENTS

White Ribbon

March

22 November 2019

11.00am - 12.30pm



The City of Ryde, with the support of local businesses and community groups, will stage a White Ribbon March event in Macquarie Park to help raise awareness in the community about domestic violence and what can be done to prevent it from occurring. The event will feature live music, stalls and a sausage sizzle. For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whiteribbonmarch.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any form of violence, there is 24/7 free and confidential support available. Please call the Domestic Violence Hotline on 1800 656 463 or 1800 RESPECT on 1800 737 732.

Social Inclusion

Week

23 November – 1 December 2019



Join City of Ryde to 'Connect, Collaborate and Celebrate' as part of Social Inclusion Week Australia, which is dedicated to promoting the shared benefits of social inclusion. Events include an inclusive fashion parade, LGBTIQ+ party, silent disco and an all-abilities disco.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/socialinclusionweek.

Sunset Sounds at Wilga Park

29 November 2019

4.00 - 8.00pm



Welcome in the weekend at Wilga Park with this intimate event to celebrate the recently completed upgrade of the popular Macquarie Park venue. There will be live music, an on-site bar as well as food trucks serving up a range of cuisines. For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sunsetsounds.

Community Christmas Celebration

8 December 2019

3.00 - 7.00pm



Get into the festive spirit by heading down to Ryde Park for our beach-themed Community Christmas Celebration. There will be something for everyone with live entertainment, food, rides, slides and craft activities. Plus, don't miss a visit from Santa! For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/christmas.

Community Grant

Christmas Events

NOV
SUN
24

2019 Light Up
East Ryde,
Seger Place

DEC
SUN
15

2019 Carols on the
Common, North Ryde
Common

DEC
SAT
21

2019 Christmas
Carols in
West Ryde

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/events.

Citizen of the Year Awards

26 January 2020



— **Hassib Elias** Citizen of the Year 2019

The City of Ryde Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards recognise outstanding accomplishments by individuals in our community who have excelled in their chosen field. The awards are open to all Australian citizens living in the City of Ryde and are held under the auspices of the Australia Day Council of NSW and judging is conducted by a local selection panel.

The awards are presented during the City of Ryde Australia Day celebrations. Nominations are open now and will close on Monday 25 November. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen.

Australia Day

Concert

26 January 2020

5.00 - 9.00pm



The community is invited to the City of Ryde Australia Day Family Concert at North Ryde Common.

A great line-up of entertainment is planned for the evening featuring modern Australian rock performances and a return of the popular Ryde Battle of the Bands competition. There will also be rides, sports, food trucks and a thong-throwing competition. The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9.00pm.

For more information, including how to apply for the Battle of the Bands competition, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/australiaday.

Lunar New Year

Grand Celebration

8 February 2020

3.00 - 9.00pm



Kung Hei Fat Choi! Be sure to make your way down to Eastwood Oval to join the City of Ryde and local Chinese and Korean communities as we celebrate the Year of the Rat. The celebration will include music and dance performances, martial arts, dragon parade, lion dance, fire crackers and a visit from the God of Wealth.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Resilient Ryde



Resilience is the capacity to withstand and recover quickly from difficulties. Council has joined forces with Resilient Sydney to become one of 33 councils from across the Sydney metro region to be actively engaging in resilience planning to help our community to be more resilient. Find out more below.

Ryde Resilience Plan 2030

There are a number of chronic stresses that affect the City of Ryde, from climate change to housing affordability, mental health and more. Major shocks and emergency situations include heatwaves, bushfires, storms, floods and infrastructure failures.

The City of Ryde is developing a Resilience Plan in order to strengthen the community to become more resilient to the challenges that are presented from chronic stresses and acute shocks.

A better prepared community and its stakeholders will help with its ability to survive, adapt and thrive in the face of such uncertainties.

Council is undertaking a community engagement program to better understand awareness about resilience, levels of preparedness and priorities of people living, working and studying in the local government area, and to listen to their ideas.

Find out more about the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ResilientRyde.

New Climate Wise Communities Ryde website

Assess your unique situation and get information to make your household and neighbourhood more resilient to unforeseen weather events with our new Climate Wise Communities website!

Climate Wise Communities Ryde brings together emergency management agencies and government to offer a range of online resources to ensure households and communities are better prepared for extreme weather events.

The Ready Check tool is an online tool to help you assess your unique situation and build resilience to extreme weather events. Ready Check displays information that is sourced directly from City of Ryde's mapping system, meaning it's always up-to-date and relevant.

Simply enter your address and find out what hazards your property is exposed to.

You will then be asked a series of questions about your personal situation, property and neighbourhood to help you determine your property's strengths and weaknesses and better plan according to your circumstances. The tool will offer tips as you go along.

At the end, you can download a PDF of your results which provides information to help you develop a survival plan.

Check it out at climatewisecommunitiesryde.com.au.



Do you own or rent an apartment?

Do you want to do more to help the environment?

Are you looking for ways to lower your energy bills?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes' then you should consider a free home assessment from the City of Ryde's Home Waste and Sustainability Advisory Service.

This free service offers tailored efficiency advice and solutions from a Council advisor that will help you increase comfort within your apartment while saving you money on your energy bills.

The home assessment will also identify ways in which you can reduce your household waste and water usage.

Anyone who undertakes a free home assessment goes into the running to win one of three \$1,500 eco-home improvement prizes. In addition, anyone who refers three people to the free home assessment receives a free sustainable gift.

More information, including on how to apply for a free home assessment, is available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa.

LIBRARY NEWS

Ryde Library refurbishment

The excitement is "building" as the date approaches for the commencement of the Ryde Library refurbishment.

The refurbishment will mean the Ryde Library branch at Top Ryde Shopping Centre will be closed for a short period of time between the middle of November and early December.

During the closure, members of the public will not be able to access the library, however, online resources will still be available to all members.

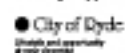
The library branches at Eastwood, Gladesville, North Ryde and West Ryde will remain open throughout the duration of the refurbishment.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL



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1000 Books Before School coming soon

The Ryde Library Service is excited to be launching a new early literacy program early in the new year in the new year for children aged 0-5 years.

The 1000 Books Before School program is a free early literacy program designed to build important skills in readiness for starting school.

The program aims to encourage parents and carers to read with their child with incentives for the child's progress.

So Register, Read and be Rewarded.

This program will be launched by the Ryde Library Service on 14 February 2020 and is available for sign up from Tuesday 28 January 2020.

Further information will be available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library.



New Banjo Bandicoot Library membership cards now available

It has never been a better time to get a library membership with the launch of our new Banjo Bandicoot library cards.

Kids will love Banjo the new library mascot and also having their own personal library card featuring the loveable bandicoot.

The card is free for new members and provides all the benefits that being a member of the Ryde Library Service brings. This includes borrowing from a wide collection of books, free online access to eBooks and eAudio, free online magazines and newspapers from around the world and much more.

Available at your nearest library branch.



Great Libraries, Great Communities: Stories and Songs Celebration

Ryde Library will be hosting a special pantomime-style stories and songs session as part of celebrating and sharing our new strategic plan with our community.

All are welcome to join in the fun as we rock along to your favourite nursery rhymes and enjoy a much-loved story brought to life. There will be giveaways on the day as well as cake for everyone to enjoy.

Don't miss this fun event!

When: Friday 1 November

Time: 10.30am

Where: Ryde Library

RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE



Learn to swim and save at the RALC

There are 100 more reasons to enrol your child into Learn to Swim program at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC).

RALC is now an approved provider for the NSW Government's Active Kids program, which provides \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

As an approved Active Kids provider, all eligible children enrolled in the Learn to Swim program are able to use the rebate voucher for any session this year.

To receive the \$100 discount, a printed copy of the voucher will need to be provided when enrolling a child into RALC Swim School.

Download the voucher at www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/active-kids

Enrolments can be made by phone with the voucher being emailed to ralc@ryde.nsw.gov.au or swimschool@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

If RALC staff do not receive the printed voucher, full payment of fees will be charged.

RALC's Learn to Swim program provides swimming programs suitable for infants, children and adults of all abilities. The programs are structured to promote water familiarisation, safety, correct stroke technique and personal development within an enjoyable and safe environment.



RALC Community Christmas Party

Celebrate the festive season with the RALC Community Christmas Party on Saturday 22 December.

There will be plenty of activities taking place on the day with a colouring competition, inflatables, giant water slide, wave pool, free face painting as well as plenty of prizes to be won.

In addition to being able to use all the great facilities at the RALC, there will also be special offers exclusive to people who attend the Community Christmas Party. This includes 10% off RALC's Swim School, a RALC membership or a multi-visit pass.

When: Sunday 22 December 2019

Time: 1.00 – 5.00pm

Where: Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ralcxmasparty.

PLANNING RYDE



Eastwood Shopping Centre development application approved

The independent Sydney North Planning Panel approved an application to redevelop the Eastwood Shopping Centre.

Under the approved proposal, the existing shopping centre will be demolished and replaced with a new mixed-use development at 152-190 Rowe Street and 3-5 Rutledge Street that will feature retail, commercial and residential components.

It will contain approximately 11,449m of retail space, 3,629m of commercial space including a gym and medical centre, as well as 409 residential apartments. In addition, four levels of basement car parking for 1,035 vehicles will be included.

As part of a voluntary planning agreement entered into with the City of Ryde, the developer will also undertake a range of public benefits for Eastwood town centre, including a \$5.06 million redevelopment of Eastwood Plaza as well as civic and urban improvements in streets surrounding the existing shopping centre to Council's specifications.

For more information visit the Eastwood Shopping Centre development application page on the NSW Government Planning Panel's website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning-panel/eastwood-shopping-centre.

Heritage Fund

The City of Ryde has allocated an additional \$500,000 to its Local Heritage Assistance Fund and increased the size of individual grants available from the fund from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The Local Heritage Assistance Fund was established to assist with the cost associated with conserving, repairing and enhancing privately-owned heritage-listed items.

The purpose of the increase is to ensure sufficient funds are available for owners of existing and newly listed heritage-items in the event that proposed heritage reforms proceed (see article below).

Discover City of Ryde's history and heritage on foot

Step into the sunshine this Spring and rediscover Ryde and Gladesville through their past with the City of Ryde's Heritage Trail Booklets. These free downloadable guides will take you on self-guided walking tours to significant local historical sites, and offer glimpses into the little-known stories of communities and individuals who once built their lives in our neighbourhoods.

One of the highlights in the Ryde trail guide is St Anne's Church and Cemetery, a five-minute walk from Top Ryde City. The site is associated with the establishment of the original township we now know as Ryde, as well as the naming of the city. Don't forget to bring a copy of the booklet so that you can compare photographs of the original structure with its current splendour.

You could also step away from our busy streets and explore the Wulaba Track, which runs alongside Parramatta River. The refurbished walkway will lead you through magical places where evidence of its original inhabitants, the Wallumdegal people, has been preserved.

Aside from important heritage sites, the guides will also take you past memorials and places of interest. You can also admire the architecture of old and restored homes that still speak of their rich heritage. The booklets map out suggested routes but you're welcome to make your own path and enjoy the walk at your own leisure.

To download the booklets, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heritagetrail.



PLANNING PROPOSAL

HERITAGE

REVIEW 2019



Reforms that will offer stronger protections for places of heritage significance in the City of Ryde are set to be considered by Council following a period of community consultation.

The reforms will result in the Ryde Local Environment Plan being amended to create six new heritage conservation areas and 44 new heritage items across the City of Ryde.

The former Squire's Brewery and Halvorsen's Boat Yard in Putney and the Glades Bay Baths in Gladesville will also be listed as archaeological sites.

The reforms are based on the findings of a comprehensive heritage review commissioned by the City of Ryde to protect the community's heritage and provide greater certainty to current and prospective home owners.

They also address concerns raised by the community and outlined in Council's Community Strategic Plan for more to be done to protect the City of Ryde's heritage and character.

If the reforms are formally adopted, they will provide the heritage conservation areas and heritage items with greater statutory protection.

Following extensive community consultation on the reforms, a report will now be prepared for Council. The final determination on the reforms will be made by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

For more on the reforms, including details on the on the proposed new heritage conservation areas and new heritage items visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heritagereview.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wilga Park reopened



Wilga Park has re-opened to the public following an extensive upgrade by the City of Ryde which has transformed the venue into a dynamic outdoor space with first-class facilities and amenities.

Wilga Park is located in the heart of Macquarie Park and is a popular outdoor space for local residents and employees based in the business hub.

Included in the Wilga Park upgrade is amphitheatre terracing with concrete seating walls, a new amenities building, a picnic area with barbecue, a filtered water station and free public Wi-Fi. The upgrade also includes the installation of two eye-catching artworks named Mandala and Burst.

The Wilga Park upgrade is part of the Shrimptons Creek Activation project, which connects parkland and open space along the Shrimptons Creek Corridor while also creating more recreation space for public use.

Don't miss our Sunset Sounds at Wilga Park event on 29 November from 4.00 - 8.00pm, with live music, an on-site bar and food trucks.

More at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sunsetsounds

Zero Litter to River



The City of Ryde has become the first Council in Australia to adopt a 'Zero Litter to River' target by 2030.

Adoption of the target will result in the implementation of a range of initiatives that will reduce litter and the flow of pollution into local waterways, with Council striving for zero discharge of gross pollutants into any waterway in the City of Ryde during a rainfall event.

Council hopes to meet the target through a number of actions including installing new stormwater treatment assets and modifying existing stormwater treatment assets.

Each year, at least eight million tonnes of plastic flow into the ocean and rivers, which is equivalent to dumping the contents of one garbage truck into the ocean every minute.

New speed signs installed



Six new speed check signs have been installed by the City of Ryde to encourage motorists to obey speed limits and increase pedestrian safety.

The speed check signs inform motorists the speed that they are travelling and notify them to slow down if they are over the speed limit.

These traffic calming devices have proven to be highly effective at slowing motorists down particularly in school zones and neighbourhood streets.

Each new location for the speed check signs were determined by speed counts, resident concerns and other traffic data collected by Council.

Even easier to do business in the City of Ryde



A new program designed to simplify the process to establish a new small business has been launched by the City of Ryde and Service NSW.

The Easy to do Business program is a free service that makes it faster for business owners to get their business up and running through streamlining and designing simpler forms, while also removing the duplication of dealing with multiple regulations and agencies.

The program also offers specialised advice from a business concierge who helps navigate the complexities of starting or growing a business.

More information on the Easy to do Business program is available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/easybusiness.

Meadowbank pedestrian crossing to be built

A new raised pedestrian crossing will be built on Constitution Road West, opposite the Meadowbank Skate Park.

The pedestrian crossing was approved by Council after pedestrian and vehicle counts taken following the opening of the skate park exceeded levels stipulated by RMS guidelines.

The Meadowbank Skate Park opened in April and due to its popularity has seen a significant increase in the number of pedestrians and vehicles in the area.



Current crossing



The crossing will be similar to the one built on Oxford Street Gladesville (above)

July – Sept 2019

WORKS IN OUR CITY



For full details visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/projects

Wilga Park

As part of the Shrimptons Creek Precinct Activation Program, Wilga Park has been upgraded. This project has enhanced and activated the open space area along Shrimptons Creek corridor between Waterloo and Epping Road.

Works included:

- Earthworks and landscaping works
- Construction of terraced seating
- Installation of toilet and amenities building
- Realignment of pathing and additional lighting
- Installation of various artworks and staging.



Pittwater Road Shops

As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to creating neighbourhoods that thrive and grow through sustainable design and planning, Council has upgraded Pittwater Road Shops (near Harvard Street) in the Pittwater Road neighbourhood centre.

Works included:

- Resurfacing of footpath
- Reconstruction of kerb and gutters
- Installation of additional drainage pits
- Installation of night-light planter boxes.





Scones with a smile at Eastwood's CWA tea rooms

We dropped by the Country Women's Association (CWA) tea rooms in Eastwood to chat with Jan, Branch Secretary, and Helene, Branch Publicity Officer, to find out about their experiences volunteering.

The CWA was established in 1922 and is Australia's largest women's organisation. The tea rooms in Eastwood are run by volunteers of the Eastwood-Epping branch and proceeds are donated to charities and community projects.

What can people visit the tea rooms for?

Helene: Some people come for meetings as it's close to public transport and the town centre. Our \$5 Devonshire teas are very popular. You can also buy local honey, homemade jams, handicrafts and second-hand books.

Who do you have volunteering for you?

Jan: We get people from many different cultural backgrounds, interests and ages. It's a safe space to interact and we all learn from each other.

Helene: Sometimes there's an assumption that people with grey hair are boring but the stories and the history they bring can be incredible. We've had great travellers and people with amazing careers. They can then keep those skills going in their work as volunteers.

What do you love about volunteering?

Jan: The fact that it can keep your mind going. My parents both had dementia so I try to push that out of my life. It's also about meeting different people.

Helene: I do also work other jobs but I love to give back to the community and meet people I wouldn't normally meet. It's good to interact with people of different ages and just see what's happening in the community.

Where does the money raised from the tea rooms go?

Jan: Any money we make from the tea rooms goes towards charities, including Ryde Hospital and other local organisations. We give away some \$20,000 each year just from our Eastwood tea rooms. The education of rural kids is also a big focus for us and we know how much it means to those that receive assistance. I got a lovely letter from a student who received a grant from us for a deposit for a school trip and was so grateful.

The CWA tea rooms are located at the Women's Rest Centre, 2 West Parade, Eastwood, open every week day, 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Interested in volunteering? Check out our volunteering page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteering or visit the CWA website at www.cwaofnsw.org.au.



On air with a local volunteer

We dropped by local radio station 2RRR to hear from volunteering legend Tasnia Ahmad. Tasnia was our 2019 Young Citizen of the Year winner and sits on Ryde Youth Council.

How did you get into volunteering?

I started with lots of little activities at school. I have found volunteering a very valuable journey and have become more interconnected and happy overall.

What kind of volunteering do you do?

I've been volunteering at 2RRR radio station for more than a year as a host for the Youth Jukebox program.

I have volunteered at the Granny Smith Festival and I also sit on Ryde Youth Council, which is a representative voice for young people in the City of Ryde, and I volunteer at Youth of Sydney, which is a photojournal project that aims to debunk myths and stereotypes about today's youth.

What do you love about volunteering?

I like the giving-back aspect of volunteering. I feel like I can make a tangible difference in the community through my volunteering work, and it's a great feeling to have all these people working together to do this.

Why do you think people should nominate local heroes for the Ryde Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the Year awards?

It's important to recognise people's accomplishments, and with this recognition, there is an exchange of inspiration and congratulations from the community. Such recognition inspires and furthers the value of connection and volunteering in the community. We often overlook the value of people in our micro worlds yet these are the people that change lives everyday, be it in a local dog shelter, connecting with elderly people, providing opportunities to young people, and more!

Interested in volunteering in the City of Ryde? Check out our volunteering page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteering.

Know a local hero? Nominations are now open for our 2020 Citizen of the Year Awards and close on Monday 25 November 2019.

Visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen to find out more.

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

It was an absolute honour to be re-elected as City of Ryde Mayor for another term in September.

Being given the opportunity to serve this fantastic City is a tremendous privilege and I look forward to working with Deputy Mayor, Cnr Simon Zhou, and my fellow Councillors as we continue to deliver projects that matter for the entire community.

This Council has achieved a great deal in the past two years, but we understand that there is still so much to do.

The next 12 months in particular will be extremely important as we hopefully finalise plans for the Ryde Civic Centre site and address chronic parking issues in Eastwood.

We also want to reform our current heritage rules so that we can introduce greater protections for items that are of significant heritage value to the City of Ryde while also providing more certainty to homeowners and prospective homeowners.

Improving the local environment will be a continued focus as well as we introduce more initiatives to reduce waste, protect our native flora and fauna, and embrace renewable energy sources.

Of course, throughout this period Council will continue with its ambitious capital works program to improve our open spaces, community facilities, roads, footpaths, cycleways and drainage to help meet the growing needs of the community.

An example of what we can achieve through this program can be seen with the recently completed projects at Wilga Park and Morrison Bay Park, which have both been transformed into first-class outdoor spaces via significant improvement works and the introduction of modern and engaging facilities.

It's a big agenda, but here at the City of Ryde we would not have it any other way.



Sincerely,

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