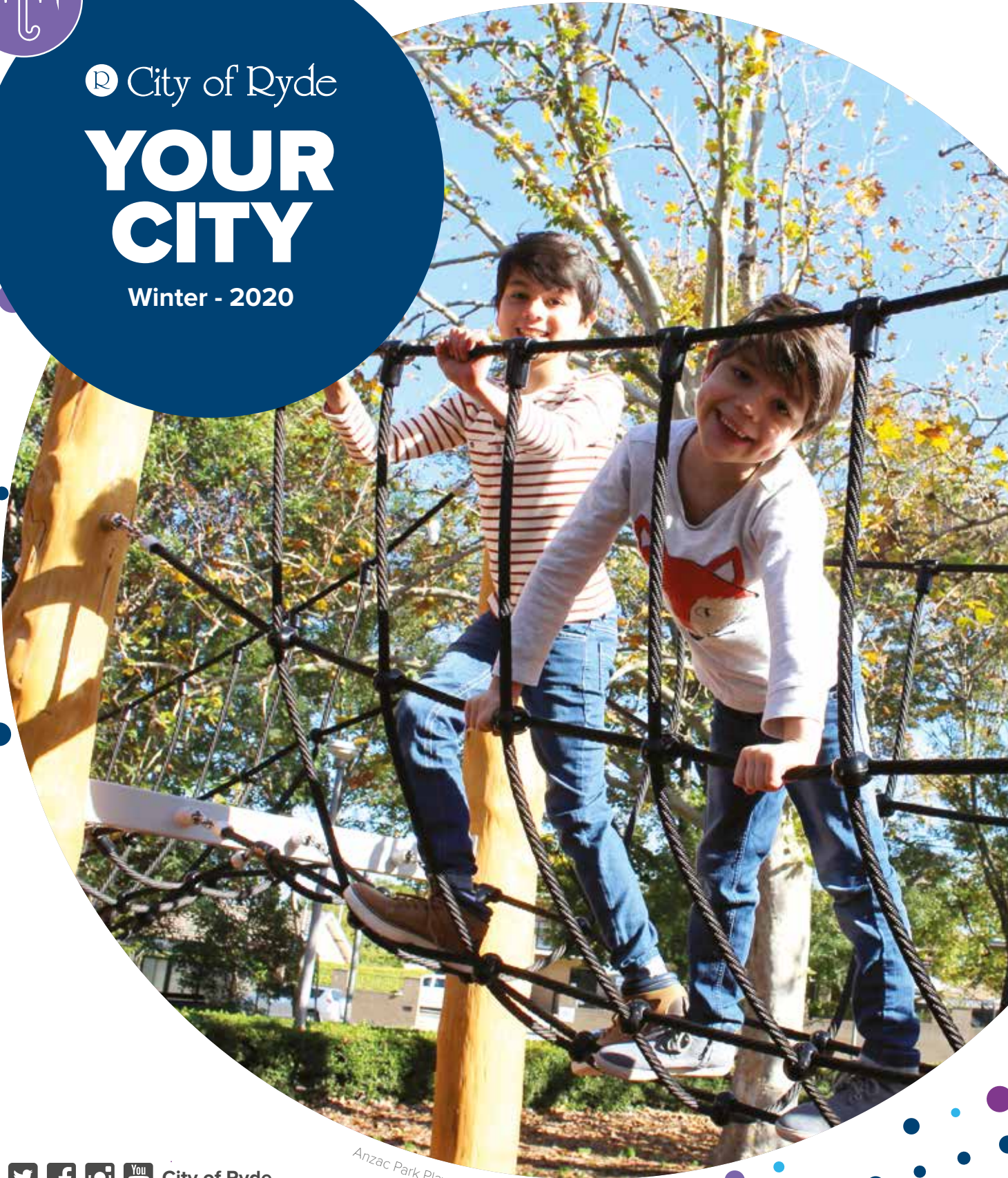




City of Ryde

# YOUR CITY

Winter - 2020



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Anzac Park Playground, West Ryde

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# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Find out what the City of Ryde has been doing to support our community during this difficult time.



## COVID-19 AND DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an immediate impact on frontline services supporting women and families experiencing domestic and family violence.

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, organisations have responded to increasing demands for their services as many individuals and households across Australia experience increasing anxiety, emotional stress, financial hardship and unemployment. Unfortunately, these stresses can, and have, led to an increase in domestic and family violence.

The City of Ryde is against violence of any kind and firmly believes there is no excuse for abuse or violence. Our message to all survivors, family and friends is that support is available and family violence services and other support services are open and available for support and advice for anyone experiencing family violence.

If you feel unsafe or are concerned for someone's safety, please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/domesticviolence](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/domesticviolence) for contact details on who to call to access help and support.

For more information, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/covid19](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/covid19)

## CITY OF RYDE COVID-19 HUB

The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in a number of changes to the way Council services are delivered.

To assist all residents, the City of Ryde has created the COVID-19 hub on Council's website.

The COVID-19 hub has the most up-to-date information for the City of Ryde including news, frequently asked questions, business and community support tools, as well as up-to-the-minute status updates on Council services.

## Six tips for staying safe during the COVID-19 outbreak



1. Clean your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitiser.



2. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Alternatively cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.



3. Stay home and avoid close contact with people if you feel unwell.



4. Try to maintain a 1.5 metre distance from others as much as possible.



5. Avoid touching your face as much as possible and avoid shaking hands with others.



6. Download the COVIDSafe app, which is available on Apple and Android devices.



To celebrate the Granny Smith Festival, a month-long celebration of 'Granny Smith' (Maria Ann Smith), count the number of apples that appear throughout the newsletter and find the answer at the end! (Hint: includes the apples in all instances of the Granny Smith Festival logo, illustrations and photos of apples).



## YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our community is at the heart of what we do. Find out what opportunities are currently available and discover local talent.



## COMMUNITY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**City of Ryde Community Grants aim to support not-for-profit community groups (and in some instances small businesses) to conduct projects that build capacity and address community need.**

Round two of the Community Grants for 2020 is now open and will close on 7 August. This round is for projects taking place between November 2020 and November 2021.

Applications must be made online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/communitygrants](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/communitygrants)

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Grants Coordinator to discuss their grant application on 9952 8048 or email [commgrants@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:commgrants@ryde.nsw.gov.au). Interpreters can be arranged on request.

**Project ideas:** Community Grants are available through the City of Ryde to assist you to undertake activities for Social Inclusion Week (21-29 November 2020) and the Seniors Festival (17-28 March). Activities must be open and accessible to the general public, held within the City of Ryde and meet the Community Grants criteria. For further information about applying for a grant for Social Inclusion Week or the Seniors Festival, contact the Community Grants Coordinator on 9952 8048 or [commgrants@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:commgrants@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

For more information, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/community](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/community)

## TEAMING UP WITH HARRIS FARM MARKETS TO DELIVER HAMPERS

Hunter's Hill Council and the City of Ryde have partnered with Harris Farm Markets at Boronia Park to deliver 100 hampers every weekday to help those most in need during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The free hampers are part of Harris Farm Markets' 100 Box Program and include fresh produce and vital food items to be distributed to vulnerable communities throughout Hunters Hill and the City of Ryde.

Both councils have been working with local community organisations to distribute the Harris Farm Markets' hampers. Organisations which received the hampers include:

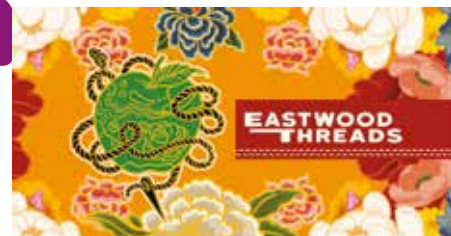
- CASS Group for seniors from CALD backgrounds
- Link Housing. The Salvation Army will include the hampers in the care packages it currently provides to Link Housing tenants
- Macquarie University for international students
- North Ryde Community Aid for senior citizens and financially disadvantaged community members
- Relationships Australia for disadvantaged families
- Resolution Community Services for newly arrived migrants, refugees and people impacted by domestic violence
- Sydney Community Services for disabled and vulnerable members of the community.



## PEOPLE OF RYDE

**The City of Ryde has teamed up with Macquarie University's Department of English to create the People of Ryde project.** People of Ryde aims to share the stories of people who live or have a close connection to the City of Ryde. Each story touches on different themes, such as personal development, migration, cultural identity and community service, as well as the memories about places and spaces that make our City so special. Many of the stories are extremely moving and will resonate with many within the community.

For more information about the People of Ryde project and to read each story visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/peopleofryde](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/peopleofryde)



## EASTWOOD THREADS HIGHLIGHTS THE CREATIVE SIDE OF EASTWOOD

**Talented artists and community members who live, work, study or play in Eastwood have taken part in a unique art project known as Eastwood Threads.**

Eastwood Threads is a collaborative and communal project undertaken by the City of Ryde and community organisation CASS, in which the artists were asked to submit artwork portraying what they believe makes Eastwood unique.

A total of 36 artworks were received with each one highlighting the diverse Eastwood community. While the artworks varied in topics, many referenced common themes including food, cultural heritage and family.

The artworks have since been skilfully incorporated into digital tapestries by East Ryde artist Chris Yee, with these tapestries displayed as flags throughout Eastwood as part of an interactive art exhibition.

*"As an artist born and raised in Ryde, it's always been a goal of mine to do something creative in my home community and to especially highlight the diverse cultural backdrop we inhabit,"* Mr Yee said.

*"It was amazing to involve the people I love and communities I am greatly influenced by in my work. During this odd, unpredictable year it's been a personal relief hearing the shared stories and experiences of our wide generational community. I hope this experience sparks more creative exercise in our bright community and does justice to the fabric and stories of our people."*

To celebrate Eastwood Threads, the City of Ryde has launched a People's Choice competition.

As part of the competition, members of the public are asked to choose their favourite flag design for the Eastwood Threads project.

The artists who designed the four most popular entries will win a voucher for West Ryde art shop, Art Scene. The People's Choice competition is open until 2 August.

For more information on Eastwood Threads, including details on the People's Choice competition, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eastwoodthreads](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eastwoodthreads)



# NEWS IN BRIEF



The City of Ryde has achieved a lot over the last couple of months. Here is a summary of a few of them.



## TENDER AWARDED FOR RYDE CENTRAL

The Ryde Central project continues to progress with the City of Ryde awarding the tender to design and construct the project, to Taylor Construction Group.

Known as 'The New Heart of Ryde', the project will redevelop the current Ryde Civic Centre site to deliver a four-fold increase in community space, as well as contemporary office accommodation, commercial floor space, a public plaza, on-site parking and better access to the Top Ryde Shopping Centre and its surrounds.

Council's decision to proceed with The New Heart of Ryde follows a comprehensive community consultation process undertaken throughout 2019, which found there was overwhelming support for the project, with 85 percent of respondents in favour.

In addition to awarding the tender, Council has also resolved to name The New Heart of Ryde's performance centre after long-serving Ryde Eisteddfod Chairman and former City of Ryde Mayor, Edna Wilde OAM.

For more information on The New Heart of Ryde, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart)



The Mayor with former Mayor Edna Wilde, who will have a performance space named after her

## BUSINESSES RECEIVE SUPPORT GRANTS VIA THE EASTWOOD HARDSHIP FUND

More than 230 eligible businesses have received a support grant via the City of Ryde's Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund.

The Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund was established by Council to assist businesses that are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Eastwood was hit earlier and harder than most small businesses, with disinformation and rumours leading to the town centre resembling a ghost town well before lockdown measures were implemented.

Each eligible business that successfully applied for a grant received \$1,906, which represented an equal share of the total funding made available under the Hardship Fund.

For more information on the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/esbhf](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/esbhf)

## CITY OF RYDE ADOPTS 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET

The City of Ryde has taken another major step in the fight against climate change with Council adopting a 100 percent renewable energy target by 2030.

A report requested by Council found that meeting a 100 percent renewable energy target by the end of the decade was very achievable. It based its findings on a review of the extensive work Council had already undertaken in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.



## NEW PLAYGROUND OPENS AT ANZAC PARK

A new playground has opened at Anzac Park in West Ryde.

The playground is already a big hit with kids of all ages and abilities, with lots of exciting features and inclusive elements.

Key features include a rope bridge, climbing tower, slides, swings, a shade cloth, a rocker as well as a nature play area that comprises balancing timber elements. A dedicated toddler area is completely accessible and includes a sandstone water play feature that will be a hit with children when the weather warms up once again.

There is also seating, naturally shaded areas and a drinking fountain.

The new playground at Anzac Park aligns with the strategic direction outlined within Council's Children's Play Implementation Plan, which aims to ensure all families within the City of Ryde have access to safe, accessible and high-quality playgrounds.

For more information on Anzac Park, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/anzacpark](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/anzacpark)

For more news, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/news](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/news)



Last year, the City of Ryde was placed second for the highest number of kilowatts of solar installed across the northern region of Sydney and Council is already on track to source more than 60 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources by 2030 based on no further interventions taken.

## SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE

**The City of Ryde has implemented its Small Business Support Package to help local businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak and assist business recovery.**

Under the Small Business Support Package, more than 40 different fees and charges will be waived for six months. This includes:

- Waiving outdoor dining fees payable by cafés and restaurants
- Waiving administration fees payable by food premises
- Waiving health inspection, health compliance and fire safety certification fees. The inspections will still be undertaken during this time.

In addition, Council will also negotiate financial assistance support for café and restaurant owners operating from Council premises and other commercial tenants of Council.



## COUNCIL SWITCHES ON SPORTING FIELD LIGHTS

**The lights at popular sporting fields in the City of Ryde will be switched on during weeknights as part of an ongoing trial to help members of the community stay active and adhere to physical distancing measures.**

Lights will be in operation between 5.00pm and 8.00pm, Monday to Friday at the following fields:

- Eastwood Park Upper, Eastwood
- ELS Hall Park Field 1 and 3, North Ryde
- Marsfield Park Field 1, Marsfield
- Meadowbank Park Field 9, Meadowbank
- North Ryde Park, North Ryde
- Ryde Park Field 1, Ryde
- Westminster Park, Gladesville.

In addition, lights will be in operation between 5.00pm to 8.00pm, Monday to Thursday at the following fields:

- Meadowbank Park Netball Courts, Meadowbank
- Morrison Bay Park Fields 4 and 5, Putney
- Waterloo Park, Marsfield.

## PARKING ENFORCEMENT RESUMES

**A reminder that the City of Ryde has resumed full parking enforcement to ensure everyone has safe, fair and equal access to parking.**

In April this year, Council made temporary changes to its parking enforcement guidelines to reflect COVID-19 restrictions introduced by the NSW Government and advice from health authorities to stay at home where possible.

However, with restrictions easing, residents and businesses have told Council that it is now appropriate to resume enforcing parking restrictions.

This means that everyone will be required to park legally, obey all parking signs (including time restrictions) and pay for parking in ticketed areas.





## SUSTAINABILITY & WASTE NEWS



## HELP KEEP CITY OF RYDE CLEAN

We all know dumped rubbish is unsightly, harmful to the environment and costs Council a lot of money to remove. But did you know dumping rubbish is a finable offence with penalties in excess of \$2,000?

Council has increased patrols in hot spot areas and is deploying a mobile surveillance trailer and installing bollards with enclosed cameras in an effort to catch and deter offenders.

If you witness someone dumping rubbish, please call Council on 9952 8222, email [cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au) or report online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report) and provide as much detail as possible.

Visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste) to learn how to rehome or dispose of your items the right way.



City of Ryde is committed to making our City more sustainable and reducing plastic waste.



## WASTE AND RECYCLING MOBILE APP

The City of Ryde is currently investigating options to introduce a Council waste and recycling app for your mobile phone.

We would like to hear your feedback regarding how you source waste information and whether you would use a Council waste app through this short survey at [www.ryde.nsw.au/haveyoursay/wasteapp](http://www.ryde.nsw.au/haveyoursay/wasteapp). If you don't have access to a computer or internet, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222 and we will send you a copy of the survey.

The survey should take approximately five minutes to complete and will be available until Sunday 9 August 2020.

Additional information about the waste and recycling services provided by Council can be found at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste)



*Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize*

## SWAP

The City of Ryde's annual Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP) is back for its 10th year! With larger prizes and more opportunities to get creative, this environmental art competition is not to be missed.

Make an artwork and submit it for consideration in the 2020 SWAP exhibition at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE. There's \$5,000 in prize money up for grabs across six categories – Open (18+ years), Youth (14-17 years), Junior (10-13 years), Functional, People's Choice and our new Schools Participation Award for the school with the most entries.

We've created an educational resource aligned with the NSW curriculum and workshop videos with great ideas to help get you started.

For more information about the competition and how to enter, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap)



## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The City of Ryde continues to invest in a cleaner and greener future, with the introduction of two new electric vehicles (EVs) and accompanying charging stations into its fleet.

The introduction of the two EVs is a long-term, sustainable and cost-effective investment that will lead to significantly lower fuel and maintenance costs.

The charging stations will be powered by solar energy generated at a Council facility to ensure the process is renewably sourced. This means both EVs will have zero emissions produced from their use compared to more than one tonne of carbon emissions that their fuel-based versions would produce per year combined.

The City of Ryde intends to roll out public EV charging stations in the near future that will complement existing community charging locations at key spots across the local government area.

For more information on the new EVs visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/evs](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/evs). You can also visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/evcharging](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/evcharging) to download a brochure and learn about the different types of EV chargers, considerations for installation, and more.

For more information, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste)



## RYDE COMMUNITY PROTECTS LOCAL BUSHLANDS WHILE AT HOME

Although COVID-19 may be isolating us in our homes, the City of Ryde community has finally had time to focus on something closer to home — weeds.

Weeds are unwanted plants that can rapidly take over our bushland areas and waterways, and in turn negatively impact our local ecosystem. As weeds vary in invasiveness and abundance, Council has a targeted approach to dealing with them.

We are concentrating our efforts on managing priority weeds listed in our newly adopted Local Priority Weed Management Plan.

Many households that adjoin our local bushlands have engaged with Council during their free weed inspection, gaining advice and information on weed issues on their property.

This is where our community is stepping up to learn more about priority weeds and how to control them on their own land. This collective effort greatly reduces the risk of weeds spreading into our protected bushlands.

The inspection process involves a Council officer inspecting the front yard and backyard with the resident to identify priority weeds that require urgent treatment. The officer will also explain how to effectively treat identified weeds, answer queries and provide educational material. A small number of properties may also benefit from a weed management plan that can be collaboratively developed with council.

Council's Biosecurity Weeds Officer, Viniana, said, "It's amazing to see first-hand the enthusiasm and efforts of people in our community in tackling the spread of weeds. These times, as tough as they may be, have given our residents the opportunity to make a difference in their own backyards that have positive flow-on effects on our natural environment.

Although weeding may seem like a mundane task, the more contained the spread is, the greater chance our native flora and fauna have to survive."

Visit Council's website for useful resources that can help you learn how to control weeds in your backyard. Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/weedcontrol](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/weedcontrol)



## SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

We know how difficult the COVID-19 pandemic has been for everyone in our community. However, it has also presented opportunities for many of us to develop new hobbies, including gardening.

This year's Spring Garden Competition is a great chance for green thumbs to be recognised for the hard work and love they have put into their garden.

With multiple categories to suit every kind of gardener and garden size, this annual competition is a popular community event that has a unique 'hands-on' quality, with great prizes to be won.

To find out more and to check out last year's winners, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

The COVID-19 outbreak has changed the way the City of Ryde stages many of its events to ensure the safety of everyone in the community. This means many events have moved online, meaning everyone can still take part, but from the safety and comfort of your own home.

All face-to-face events that are due to take place will have physical distancing measures in place and comply with any relevant restrictions in place at the time.

## **COPYRIGHT 101 FOR ARTISTS WORKSHOP** **26 August 2020**

**6.00 - 7.00pm**

This digital workshop walks you through owning and using your own copyright, knowing your moral rights as well as creating copyright with other people. Using practical examples, case studies from artists' experiences and hypothetical scenarios, we will try to make copyright accessible and maybe even a bit of fun for creatives.

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/copyright101](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/copyright101)

## **COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING WORKSHOP**

**29 August 2020**

**9.45am - 12noon**

With many of us spending more time at home, tending to the garden has never been so popular.

At this workshop you will learn how to set up and maintain your own compost bin or worm farm and produce compost for your garden, which will help your plants blossom.

Participants who are City of Ryde residents will also receive a 50 percent discount voucher to purchase a compost bin or worm farm after attending the workshop.

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/compostworkshop](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/compostworkshop)



2019 SWAP Exhibition



## **PLASTIC-FREE LIFE WORKSHOP**

**12 September 2020**

**9.45am - 12noon**

Learn how to eliminate plastic from your life by finding out sustainable alternatives to common products at this workshop. Participants will also learn how to make beeswax food wraps.

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/plasticfree](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/plasticfree)

## **SWAP EXHIBITION**

**17 September - 1 October 2020**

**Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00am - 4.00pm**

The Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) exhibition returns for another year, showcasing the work of short-listed entries for this year's competition.

The exhibition showcases fantastic artwork and designs that have been transformed from repurposed waste material that explores the theme of sustainable living.

Those that attend the exhibition will also be able to vote for their favourite artwork and design.

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap)

For more information and to register for these events, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/events)





## GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL October 2020

This year, we are looking forward to bringing you a month long celebration of Granny Smith.

October will see the creation of new events in Eastwood where attendees can safely participate and continue the tradition of celebrating Maria Ann Smith's famous apple.

Across the month of October there will be a selection of:

- Street Art
- Pop-up Performances
- Competitions
- Ticketed Events

Of course, we will need to abide by any changing restrictions regarding COVID-19 at the time and may need to adjust our programming accordingly.

We look forward to sharing the October program of events in the near future.

## WHO WAS GRANNY SMITH?

**'Granny Smith' was born Maria Ann Sherwood in England in late 1799.**

In 1838, Maria and her husband Thomas Smith were recruited by government agents looking for people with agricultural and trade skills sorely needed in the colony of New South Wales.

They arrived in Sydney on 27 November 1838 aboard the *Lady Nugent*.

In 1855 and 1856, Thomas bought two blocks of land [Lots 12 & 13] totalling around 24 acres on the edge of the Field of Mars Common.

Thomas and Maria Smith, like their neighbours, were orchardists. From the earliest days of European settlement, the district of Ryde had enjoyed a reputation for fruit growing.

Some orchardists specialised in fruit varieties of their own raising, including seedling apples. One such was the Granny Smith. The earliest account of the origin of the Granny Smith appeared in the *Farmer and Settler* of 25 June 1924, in an article by Herbert Rumsey, a Dundas orchardist and local historian. He interviewed local fruit-grower Edwin Small who recalled that in 1868, he and his father had been invited by Maria to examine a seedling apple growing by a creek on her farm. She explained that the seedling had developed from the remains of some French crab apples grown in Tasmania. The Granny Smith is today recognised as a fixed mutation or 'sport'.

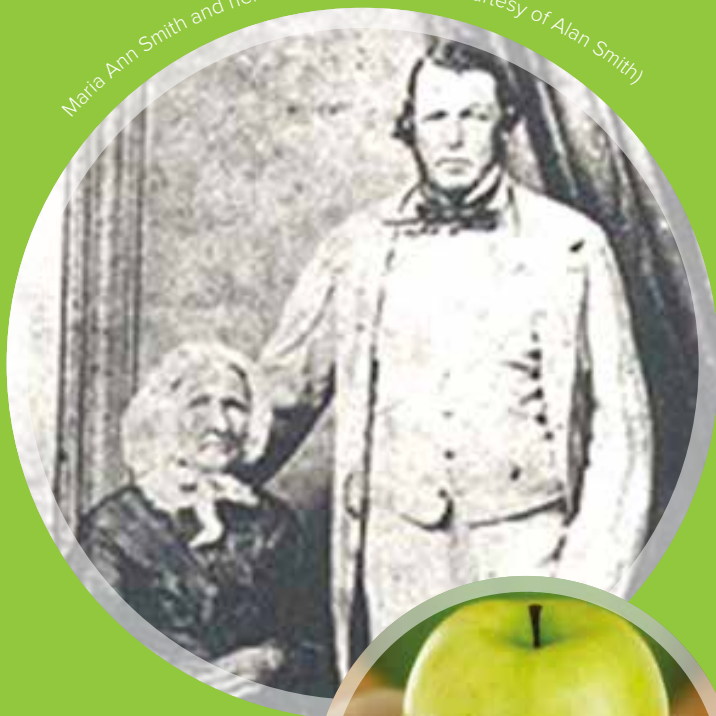
Maria Smith died in 1870. Her apple never became a commercial variety in her lifetime but continued to be cultivated by local orchardists.

Maria Ann Smith died on 9 March 1870 and was buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Ryde. Her husband died six years later. Their headstone still stands in the churchyard.

For more information, visit

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whowasgrannysmith](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whowasgrannysmith)

Maria Ann Smith and her eldest son Thomas (courtesy of Alan Smith)



For more information, visit [ryde.rocks/gsf](http://ryde.rocks/gsf)



# LIBRARY NEWS



With five branches across our City, our libraries provide a range of services, books, events, information, programs and content in our community languages.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, pictured with Council's Rangers who are helping deliver books through the new Library2U service



## LIBRARY2U AND HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

The City of Ryde has launched the Library2U service, which delivers books direct to the homes of library members who live in the City of Ryde.

The service has been launched as part of Council's efforts to support the community during the COVID-19 outbreak.

All deliveries are contactless and abide by strict physical distancing measures.

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library2U](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library2U).

City of Ryde residents aged 65 years and above can alternatively access the City of Ryde Home Library Service. This service offers both delivery and pick up free of charge on a monthly schedule.

For more information on this service, contact the Home Library Service Officer on 9952 8365 or email [rhomelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rhomelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

## #Ryde AT HOME

### RYDEATHOME – HISTORY IN THE MAKING

COVID-19 is affecting every aspect of how we live, work, study, socialise and play in the City of Ryde.

What we are all experiencing now will become history for the future.

The City of Ryde would like everyone's help in creating a photographic record of what it was like to live through this once-in-a-generation event.

You may have already taken photos that relate to the topic from Easter and ANZAC Day, about life at home during this period or as things started to change around you.

Upload your photos and videos and help us build the history of tomorrow for our community by visiting

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/rydeathome](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/rydeathome)

Mother's Day drawing in Marsfield taken on 9 May 2020. Photo taken by D Douglas



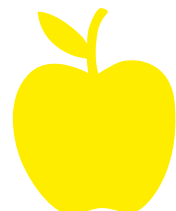
### ONLINE MEMBERSHIP – JOIN UP ONLINE

Local residents are reminded that they can become a library member online and use a temporary membership number to access the 24/7 online library.

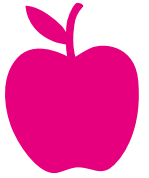
The online library provides access to thousands of free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and other online resources.

Once temporary members have signed up online, all they have to do is visit any of the five City of Ryde library branches and provide their temporary membership number and a form of identification to receive their physical library card.

To become a library member online, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onlinelibrary](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onlinelibrary)



For more information, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library)



# WORKS IN OUR CITY

Apr - Jun 2020



The City of Ryde delivers an ambitious program of works to meet the needs of our growing City.

Anzac playground has been redesigned and relocated towards Wattle Street to take advantage of large trees providing natural shade while giving due consideration to its history and community.

Key features of the new playground include a rope bridge, climbing tower, slides, swings, a shade cloth, a rocker as well as a nature play area that comprises balancing timber elements.



## ANZAC PARK PLAYGROUND, WEST RYDE

## NORTH RYDE SCHOOL OF ARTS, NORTH RYDE

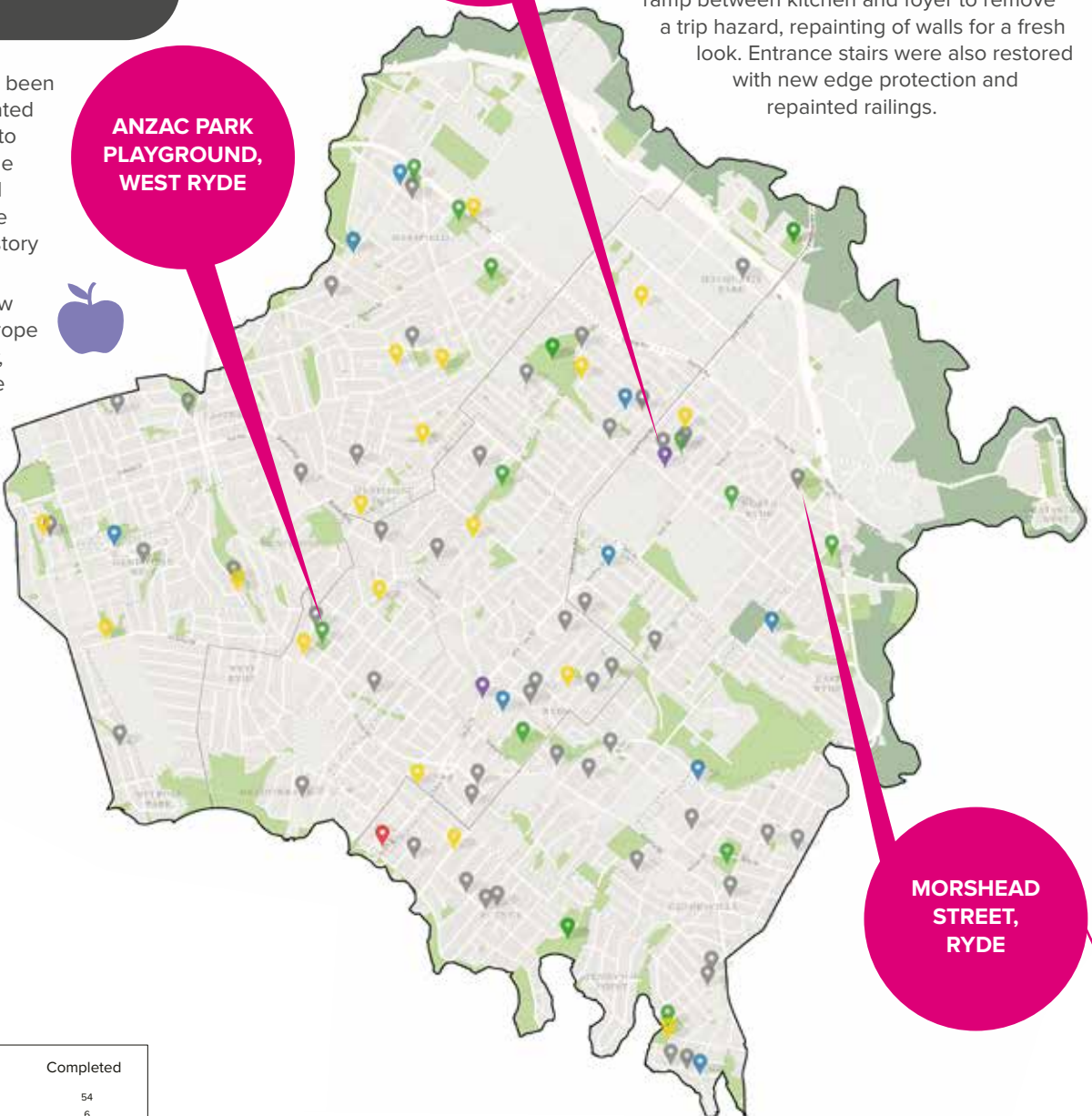
The North Ryde School of Arts has been renovated to restore the building and make it accessible for disabled persons.

Upgrades include: A major upgrade to existing toilets at the front and rear of the hall to make them DDA compliant; installation of a small ramp between kitchen and foyer to remove a trip hazard, repainting of walls for a fresh look. Entrance stairs were also restored with new edge protection and repainted railings.

## MORSHEAD STREET, RYDE

Morshead Street, Ryde has been refurbished between Berryman Street and Blenheim Road with improved road realignment works undertaken.

Upgrades include: Reconstruction of kerb and gutter as well as driveway adjustments on both sides of the street; adjustment of stormwater pits to match new kerb alignment and design levels and reconstruction of kerb ramps and resurfacing of the road pavement.



Program	Completed
Roads, Bridges and Carparks	54
Building Upgrades	6
Stormwater Works	11
Parks, Playgrounds and Sportsfields	19
Traffic & Transport, Footpaths and Cycleways	24
Town and Neighbourhood Centres	1

\* Projects with multiple locations may not be visible



# COMMUNITY MESSAGE



**From fires and climate change, to a health and economic crisis, 2020 will go down as one of the toughest years in recent memory.**

Both events have unleashed enormous ramifications on how we live and interact. As we move into 2020/2021, we now need to turn our mind towards a cautious economic recovery and getting people back into work.

As you will read in this newsletter, this Council is determined to provide support where we can.

Key to this is a \$400 rebate for eligible ratepayers for 2020/2021. This rebate will provide financial assistance for those who need it most.

We have also teamed up with Hunter's Hill Council and Harris Farm Markets to deliver 100 hampers each day to those in the community who need them most.

For local businesses, we have launched a range of initiatives to help them get through this extremely challenging period.

This includes Council's new Small Business Support Package, which waives more than 40 different fees and charges, and the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund, which provided support grants to more than 230 eligible businesses.

These initiatives will help keep staff employed and ensure businesses can keep their doors open.

We are also determined to inject jobs into our local area quickly and efficiently. In short, we will do this by building stuff!

This year we will see more parks, playgrounds, affordable housing, community facilities, footpaths and roads. These projects will deliver great community benefits, whilst also putting people back into work.

Central to this is the Ryde Central project. Known as The New Heart of Ryde, this project will result in the creation of jobs and once completed will deliver a four-fold increase in community space, while also revitalising this key area of Ryde.

As we get back on the road to recovery, I can assure you that Council will continue to work hard in identifying ways that we can support everyone in the local community get through these extremely challenging times.

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