



YOUR CITY

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NEWS IN BRIEF



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE CITY OF RYDE

In November 2020, the City of Ryde celebrated the 150th anniversary of its formation as a council - which is also known as a sesquicentenary.

To mark this momentous occasion, the City of Ryde has created an online exhibition of 150 photos and objects that provides an informative and engaging look back at the City of Ryde's rich history.

Arranged in three categories of People, Places and Progress, the online exhibition brings together items from the collection of Ryde Library as well as the Ryde District Historical Society. Each item included in the exhibition comes with a brief description of the location and the era it comes from.

Explore a time when Ryde was known for its market gardens, orchards and poultry farms; when children made billy carts from old fruit boxes and when Council developed an innovative post-World War II housing scheme. You can also witness the City of Ryde's growth as a community since the Council was first formed in November 1870.

To view the online exhibition, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/150years



NEW SHOPPER CARPARK COMING TO EASTWOOD

Work has begun on the new shopper carpark on Rowe Street East in Eastwood, which will address the parking demand for shoppers in the area and assist the local economy.

The new multi-level carpark will provide 146 spaces (including accessible car spaces), entry/exit points via Rowe Street, an additional exit via Rowe Lane, a passenger lift, CCTV security system and an electric vehicle charging station.

Once completed, motorists will be able to park in the carpark for free for two hours before incurring any charges.

As part of this project, Council have converted some of the existing unrestricted parking in Ethel Street and May Street to two-hour parking (8.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Sunday) between October 2020 to July 2021 to accommodate the short term parking demand for local businesses and residents.

Council has also created an additional 32 commuter car spaces on East Parade (south of First Avenue) by formalising the street parking to 90 degrees.

Work on the new carpark is expected to be completed by mid-2021.

RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL GOES SOLAR

Ryde Public School has become the first school to install a new solar power system as part of the City of Ryde's solar pilot program and partnership with Solar my School.

The City of Ryde partnered with Solar my School in 2019 as part of its efforts to assist more of the community to reduce carbon emissions and also encourage more local organisations to take up renewable energy resources. This council-run initiative is designed to help schools reduce energy bills and shrink their carbon footprint through installing solar power.

The new solar power system at Ryde Public School would help avoid 43 tonnes of carbon emissions and slash up to 32 percent off the school's annual energy bill.

The solar power system was funded by external grants from the NSW Community Building Partnerships Grants, the philanthropic Purryburry Trust and a 50 percent contribution from the Department of Education's Solar Co-Contribution Program.



COUNCIL EXTENDS RATE REBATE

The City of Ryde has extended the one-off \$400 council rate rebate for approved JobSeeker and JobKeeper applicants to March next year as part of Council's ongoing support for those within the community impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The extension means JobSeeker and JobKeeper applicants will now have until 31 March 2021 to apply for the rate rebate. The one-off \$400 rate rebate was first endorsed by Council in April this year as part of a new COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy with applications initially closing on 30 September 2020.

In addition to the rate rebate, the COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy also allows Council to not charge interest or commence debt recovery on overdue rates for those who qualify for financial hardship.

Since the policy came into effect, more than 320 applications for financial hardship have been registered, amounting to almost \$600,000 in deferred rates payments. Council has also waived \$112,000 in fees for businesses and \$76,000 in deferred lease payments for commercial tenants of Council.

CITY OF RYDE FIRST TO ADOPT LOCAL RESILIENCE PLAN

The City of Ryde has become the first council in NSW to endorse a comprehensive local resilience plan.

The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 outlines how Council will help support and equip the community with the tools required to become more resilient to risks such as heatwaves, severe storms, floods and bushfires, as well as infrastructure failure, communications meltdowns and further pandemics.

Over the coming decades, the City of Ryde will experience rapid growth, which coupled with external stresses such as climate change, food security, social isolation and mental health, will have far-reaching impacts on the quality of life of residents and place pressure on local resources.

The new Resilience Plan establishes a roadmap on how Council and the community will manage these challenges, supported by actions to be taken over the coming decade to overcome emergency situations and events and to withstand other chronic stresses, so that everyone's quality of life can be maintained.

The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 was developed with the help of extensive engagement across the community and with key stakeholders. To view the plan visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/resilience





BE PREPARED FOR BUSHFIRES

Reserves and open spaces are among the great natural attractions of our City.

Despite the many benefits, living next to or near bushland can come with higher risks of bushfire. You can play an active part in better preparing and protecting your home and the people who live in it by following our top-five tips.

This forms part of the City of Ryde's emergency preparedness program for the community under the Ryde Resilience Plan 2030.

TOP FIVE BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS TIPS

1 Know your risk

Use the free Ready Check tool to make sure you're prepared.
Visit www.climatewisecommunitiesryde.com.au



2 Make a plan

Have a bushfire survival plan for your home.
Find out more at www.myfireplan.com.au



3 Prepare

Regularly maintain your home and property to reduce risk. For tips and advice visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/bushfirerisks



4 Know surroundings

Be familiar with your neighbourhood's safer places for evacuation to if needed. Within the City of Ryde, these are the Macquarie Shopping Centre car park and Monash Park in Gladesville.



5 Contact details

Have these details on hand for neighbours, friends and family so you can help each other in an emergency.





COMMUNITY NEWS



NEW STREET LIBRARY INSTALLED IN NORTH RYDE

The City of Ryde has a new street library located at 1 Avon Road in North Ryde.

The new street library was designed and painted by Council's City Activation Team and was designed to inject some bright colours into the recently upgraded Avon Road Centre. The custodian of the street library is the team at The Lush Collective.

Meanwhile, the City of Ryde's first ever street library has been replaced and is now back at its original location at 138 Pittwater Road, Boronia Park. The new street library was designed and painted by the staff and children at Boronia Care Centre.

Street libraries are weatherproof boxes that are publicly available for anyone to share books. They not only encourage books to be recycled and shared, but also activate public spaces while providing the community with access to literature.

There are now 18 street libraries located throughout the City of Ryde. To see where they are located visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/streetlibraries



Photo by Luke Torrevillas

GRANTS PROGRAM

The City of Ryde Community Grants Program is a way for Council to provide support to local not-for-profit community groups and organisations to assist them to address community needs.

New guidelines for the City of Ryde Community Grants are now available. The guidelines outline the new grant categories and eligibility, the grant amount offered per application and the number of rounds per year.

Information Session

Join us for an online information session on Friday 29 January 2021 at 10.00am which will introduce the new Community Grant Guidelines. All grant applicants are encouraged to attend.

Discuss your Grant Project with Us

Are you considering applying for a City of Ryde Community Grant?

Make a free appointment with a grants officer either in-person, over the phone or online on Monday 1 February 2021 to discuss your individual project.

To make a booking for a Community Grant Guidelines information session or to make an appointment to discuss your grant, please contact the Team Leader of Community Grants by email commgrants@ryde.nsw.gov.au or call 9952 8048.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grants



EVENTS

CITY OF RYDE EVENTS IN 2021

The City of Ryde is delighted to confirm that it intends to deliver its full event program in 2021, after the vast majority of events were cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This will mean the return of popular events such as the Granny Smith Festival, Lunar New Year Celebrations, West Ryde Easter Fair, and Cork & Fork by the Riverside.

As all City of Ryde events operate with COVID-Safe plans and in accordance with relevant Public Health Orders, the events staged may look a little different this year. But rest assured that Council's hard-working events team will ensure that each event will still be as fun, engaging and inclusive as ever.

Make sure to regularly check www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/events for the latest news and information regarding all the events set to take place throughout 2021.

RYDE WHARF MARKET



Ryde Wharf Market is the City of Ryde's brand-new outdoor market located at Anderson Park, Meadowbank.

Taking place on the second Sunday of every month between 8.00am and 2.00pm, the markets showcase a variety of stalls offering fresh produce, hot food, food products, arts and craft, homewares and much more.

Located along the picturesque Parramatta River, it is the perfect place to spend a Sunday.

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

EASTWOOD NIGHT MARKETS



The Eastwood Night Markets are a weekly night market that is perfect for the whole family.

Since its return in November 2020, the revamped Eastwood Night Markets have featured some new and exciting food vendors and stallholders. It has also assisted with Council's efforts to revitalise Eastwood town centre.

The Eastwood Night Markets take place every Saturday at Eastwood Plaza between 4.00pm and 10.00pm.

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

For more information and to register for these events, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/events

LOVE

City of Ryde

Eastwood

Do you want to support local businesses?

We introduce to you the Love Eastwood Gift Card Campaign.

To find out more visit ryde.rocks/LoveEastwood



SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS REVEALED



The winners of the 2020 Spring Garden Competition – one of the longest running annual events staged by the City of Ryde – have been announced in a special online ceremony in November.

This year's competition proved to be extremely popular with more than 160 entries received from a wide variety of age groups and garden sizes.

The winners for each category of the Spring Garden Competition were:

1. Best Large Garden: Anne Johnson
2. Best Small/Courtyard Garden: Angellna Chee
3. Best Edible Garden: Alexander Djerdjev
4. Best Native and Habitat-Friendly Garden: The Habitat
5. Best Bushcare Site: Sugarloaf Point Bushcare Group
6. Best Non-Residential Garden: Squireville Complex
7. Best Local Schools Garden: Our Lady Queen of Peace
8. Best Plant in Children's Seed Growing Category (3-7 years): Aari Joen
9. Best Plant in Children's Seed Growing Category (8-12 years): Raphael Loui Verdy
10. Best Decorated Pot in Children's Seed Growing Category (3-7 years): Alexandra Sze
11. Best Decorated Pot in Children's Seed Growing Category (8-12 years): Jacob Zou

The City of Ryde would like to thank Eden Gardens for its sponsorship of this year's Spring Garden Competition and for its continued support of the event.

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



SUSTAINABILITY AND WASTE NEWS

REDUCING CONTAMINATION IN HOUSEHOLD BINS

Suez Contamination Officer, Louise, has become the City of Ryde's latest asset in trying to reduce contamination in yellow-lid recycling bins and green-lid garden organic bins.



Contamination in recycling bins and garden organic bins is a serious environmental issue. Recycling and garden organic collections with high contamination rates are rejected by processing centres, meaning they end up in landfill.

Louise's role involves identifying "hot spots" for high contamination levels in various parts of the City of Ryde as well as reviewing the data provided by the waste trucks.

Louise will also conduct random checks of household bins in identified hot spot areas when they are put out for collection.

Bins that have no contamination will receive a green tag, while those with contamination items identified will have a red tag placed on their bin advising the resident what the issue was.

In the rare event where more than 30 percent of a bin's contents is contaminated, a yellow tag will be issued, the bin will be taped shut and not collected until after the contaminants have been removed.

Louise said the most common items that contaminate yellow-lid and green-lid bins are plastic bags, bagged recyclables, soft plastics, polystyrene items and disposable coffee cups.

She said the purpose of her role was to educate residents about what can and cannot be put in the different household bins.

"The vast majority of contamination is done inadvertently and is not a deliberate act. The purpose of my role is to educate as we all have a role to play in reducing waste contamination and in turn reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfill," Louise said.

In addition to issuing tags, Louise will also distribute waste education packs to households which either have high levels of contamination found in their bins or have been found to have contamination in their bins on multiple occasions.

NEW WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR



The new waste collection calendar for 2021 has been delivered to all households in the City of Ryde.

The calendar contains information about:

- Your bin collection days
- What to put in your bins
- Waste and recycling services
- Workshops and events

If you have not received your 2021 waste collection calendar, please call 9952 8222 and we will arrange to send one to you.



SWAP WINNERS REVEALED

A functional artwork that repurposes e-waste and household plastics took out the major award at the City of Ryde's tenth annual Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP).



Open Category Winner:
Telefishion by Nicole Williams



Junior Youth Environment
Category Winner:
Too late to say I'm sorry by Stephanie Wilcock



Functional Category Winner:
Plam Products by Clover Barnard

'Telefishion' by City of Ryde resident Nicole Williams was awarded first prize in the open category (for 18+ years). This functional artwork has transformed an old television set, assorted e-waste and old household plastics into a creative new home for the artist's goldfish.

Charlotte Hill took out the Youth Environment Prize (for 14 to 17 year olds) for 'Everlasting Bouquet', in which she upcycled plastics, cans, wire off-cuts and a plastic water bottle to create a beautiful floral display.

Stephanie Wilcock was awarded the Junior Youth Environment Prize (for 10 to 13 year olds) for turning old chip packets, netting, fishing line and hooks into an image of a turtle in 'Too late to say I'm sorry!'.

The Functional award – for the design object judged to have best used reclaimed material to form a functional piece – was taken out by Clover Barnard for her woven series entitled 'Plam Products'.

Meanwhile, Debby Sanurryta was named the winner of the People's Choice Award prize for her design 'Fairy Dress', which is an eye-catching outfit made from raffia strings, net fruit bags, baking paper and string.

This year also saw the introduction of a new award for school participation, awarded to the school with the highest number of entries. The inaugural winner was Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School, Gladesville, with 18 entries.

SWAP is a unique competition in which artists who live, study, work or play in the City of Ryde produce artworks that are made from repurposed waste material. This year's competition attracted more than 130 entries which transformed waste into artworks and objects inspired by our natural environment, ocean pollution, the current COVID-19 pandemic and more. This year, SWAP was held as a digital exhibition.

The City of Ryde would like to acknowledge all the people who made this year's SWAP competition and exhibition possible including Meadowbank TAFE, City of Ryde staff and the expert judging panel which was comprised of artists Rox De Luca and Shane Forrest, and co-founder and Director of Good For The Hood, Jo Taranto.



Youth Environment Category Winner:
Everlasting Bouquet by Charlotte Hill



People's Choice Award Winner:
Fairy Dress by Debby Sanurryta



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

Students from Meadowbank TAFE who helped out with the exhibition



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SHOP LOCAL – LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The City of Ryde has launched Shop Local – Love Your Community, which is an exciting new initiative that will boost the economic recovery by encouraging residents to shop with local independent businesses.

Many businesses in the City of Ryde have been hit hard by the economic downturn and restrictions imposed since the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020.

The initiative started in West Ryde in November 2020 and will gradually expand to all parts of the City of Ryde in the early parts of 2021.

The Shop Local - Love Your Community initiative will use marketing and promotional tools to highlight the benefits of shopping local.

These benefits include:

- Convenience and savings - shopping locally can save you time and money
- Personal service - you will experience enhanced customer service and customer care
- Better variety - you will enjoy and experience more unique or boutique style businesses in your neighbourhood
- Support community - your local small businesses typically support the local community (e.g. local schools, sports clubs etc)
- Improve your local economy - when you shop local, the majority of the money stays in your community
- Job creation - your local small businesses are typically big employers of local residents in your community.

In addition, local businesses will offer special promotions such as discount vouchers as part of the initiative.





WORKS IN OUR CITY

July - December 2020

GIFFNOCK AVENUE FOOTPATH UPGRADE

The City of Ryde plans to expand the public domain footpath upgrades in Macquarie Park and connect the missing links. The southern side of Giffnock Avenue between numbers 8-20 was identified as one such missing link.

As a part of this commitment, the following upgrades were done:

- 2.5 metres wide granite paving
- Tree planting and landscaping
- Multi-function pole installation

Program	Completed
Roads, Bridges and Carparks	2
Building Upgrades	1
Stormwater Works	2
Parks, Playgrounds and Sportsfields	4
Traffic & Transport, Footpaths and Cycleways	13
Town and Neighbourhood Centres	0
Seawalls	1

* Projects with overlapping scope may not be visible



WILANDRA HOUSE (CIRCA 1841)

Willandra House has historical significance for its association with the early settlement of the colony of NSW and in particular the Ryde area. It is a fine and intact example of a colonial Georgian two storey residence, now rare in Sydney. It is being preserved for future generations by the City of Ryde.

Works included:

- Replacement of the slate tiles with new welsh penrhyn blue slates (imported from Welsh Quarry where original slates came from)
- New sarking
- New timber roof battens
- New valleys and box gutters

AMIENS STREET FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION

This work involved the construction of a new footpath and provision of kerb ramps at intersections. New stairs and a handrail were also installed to assist with the descent to Delmar Parade.



COMMUNITY MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CITY OF RYDE



After one of the most challenging years in living memory, I hope that 2021 brings more happiness and stability for everyone in our community.

For the City of Ryde, it will be another big year with a focus on investing in major projects that will help our economy recover and provide our City with much-needed state-of-the-art infrastructure.

This includes continuing our work in delivering the Ryde Central redevelopment. Once completed, this project will deliver a four-fold increase in community space while retaining 100 percent public ownership of the site.

In addition, construction is well and truly underway on the new shopper car park in Rowe Street East in Eastwood.

Crucially, projects such as these will employ hundreds of jobs during their construction while also helping to revitalise the areas in which they are being built.

We are also investing in our open spaces, with masterplans at various stages of implementation for some of our most popular parks including Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park, Gannan Park and McCauley Park, Westminster Park, as well as Blenheim Park.

Each of these masterplans will result in

new and upgraded facilities for each of these parks, so that they can continue to meet the needs of the community.

Work also continues on reducing emissions and tackling climate change. This includes developing a Net Zero Emissions Pathway for both Council's operations and community carbon emissions, while continuing to initiate policies that will ensure we meet our 100 percent renewable energy target by 2030.

But just as important as all these initiatives, will be the support Council continues to provide residents and businesses who are still recovering from the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic recession.

As part of this support, Council has extended the one-off \$400 rate rebate for approved JobSeeker and JobKeeper applicants to March this year.

We have also made the decision to extend the waiving of more than 40 different fees and charges to help local businesses with their recovery.

I look forward to working with everyone in the community as we embark on this ambitious agenda through 2021 and beyond.

Sincerely,

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