

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

PUTNEY BEACH OPENING

With the support of the NSW State Government's 'Places to Swim' grant, the collaborative efforts of the local community, and the Parramatta River Catchment Group, the City of Ryde is officially opening the Putney Park swim site. I'm excited to announce that the official launch of Putney Beach will be held on Saturday 18 January from 10.00am – 1.00pm at Putney Park, on Pellisier Road between McGowan and Jetty Roads.

Join us for a fantastic day of fun in the water.

Bring your own floaty to take part in our floaty races. There are prizes to be won, live music on the shore, ice cream, and you can support the Meadowbank Ryde Scout Group by purchasing a sausage sandwich.

Remember to BYO water bottle to stay hydrated and reduce single use

plastic. Visitors are encouraged to consider carpooling or using public transport options, including nearby ferry services, to ensure convenient access to the opening ceremony.

This new swim site – which joins others planned, or already operating, along the sparkling Parramatta River – will provide amazing recreation opportunities for our residents, who will no longer have to endure a long car ride to get to the closest beach.

I look forward to seeing you all there on Saturday!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

I'm looking forward to City of Ryde's 2025 Citizen of the Year Awards, which are being announced on Monday 20 January.

We have received some outstanding nominations in our expanded category list for this year, which includes Citizen of the

Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, and Environmental Citizen of the Year.

The Citizen of the Year nominees are: Anthony Tang, Armen Arakelian, Hagop Zarmenian, Kathryn Ferguson, Keiran Gibson, Leone Wood, Nora Etmekdjian, and Silva Kondakjian. The Young Citizen of the Year nominees are: Armaan Patni and Rajmellan Thiagarajan.

The Sportsperson of the Year nominees are: Jack Spencer, Linda Ham, and Dr. Yagiz Alp Aksoy. The Environmental Citizen of the Year nominees are: Anthony Butteriss and Pamela Ward.

These awards – which offer deserved recognition to some of the unsung heroes of our community – are one of the highlights of my year and I heartily congratulate every one of the nominees for their wonderful achievements.



Sincerely,

Trenton Brown – Mayor

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Your views and suggestions are important in shaping the City of Ryde's future. We invite you to have your say on initiatives, plans and proposals that are open for community feedback, including:

- Ryde to 2035: Community Strategic Plan (Closes 2 February 2025)
- 24/7 Library – Afterhours Access (Closes 9 February 2025)
- Waste, Recycling and the Circular Economy (Closes 23 February 2025)
- Urban Heat Survey 2024 – 2025 (Closes 16 March 2025)

Want to find out more?

Please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay or call Customer Service on 9952 8222 to learn more about the above project(s) and for information on how to have your say.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) on Exhibition

City of Ryde invites your feedback on the public exhibition of a draft VPA at 39 Delhi Road, North Ryde.

The draft VPA relates to a State Significant Development application for a build to rent development comprising 510 dwellings.

To view the draft VPA and to make a submission, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/VPA. Submissions must be received by Sunday 9 February 2025.

For additional information on the above proposal, contact Customer Service on 9952 8222 during business hours and quote the reference number VPA2023/1.

EVENTS IN OUR CITY

LIBRARY NEWS



CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT THE LIBRARY!

WHEN: Wednesday 29 January – Wednesday 12 February

WHERE: All Ryde Libraries

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with programs for all ages, including a Chinese Serpent Calligraphy workshop, a Korean Calligraphy Workshop, a Chinese Tea Appreciation Ceremony, a Paper Quilling craft workshop, an insightful cultural talk on the traditional Chinese clothing: Hanfu, and more.

Book now: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LNYLibraries



City of Ryde

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

SUN 26 JAN | 4PM – 9PM | MEADOWBANK PARK, MEADOWBANK

FREE FACE PAINTING | WORKSHOPS | FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | FIREWORKS

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