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 **City of Ryde**

# Mayor's Message

## A season of fun and creativity

Welcome to the autumn issue of City of Ryde's Live. Work. Play. magazine.

It's going to be another action-packed season for residents and visitors to our wonderful City, with the return of some of our most popular annual events.

Get ready to raise a glass at the 2025 edition of our Cork & Fork by the Riverside Food and Wine Festival, which is being held on 18 May at scenic Kissing Point Park, Putney. This is always a fantastic day out for family and friends, with plenty of great music and kids' activities as well as exceptional food and drink offerings.

Entries to our fantastic Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) open from 1 April and will no doubt inspire another batch of amazingly creative ideas from our artistic community. I'm always astonished at the brilliant works on display and can't wait to see this year's finalists.

This year's Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held on 22 May. This is a tremendous way to acknowledge and reward the selfless work done by some of our community's unsung heroes.

Finally, I've been holding informal Meet the Mayor events around the City to promote community and neighbourhood connection and I'd love to see you at the next gathering. For details, go to:

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

*Sincerely,*

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## News

### TG Millner fight continues

The City of Ryde has reaffirmed its commitment to pursuing the compulsory acquisition of TG Millner Fields following the latest State Government rejection of a housing proposal on the 6.2ha Marsfield site.

A proposal by North Ryde RSL and developer Winston Langley to construct 132 low rise dwellings on the site was rejected as a State Significant Development by the newly formed Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) on 7 February.

The proposal failed to satisfy the objectives and criteria of the HDA Expression of Interest in a number of areas, including that it did not deliver more homes within the Housing Accord period, was not well-located and did not provide a positive commitment to affordable housing.

It's the second time that the proposal has been rejected at state level.

In a unanimous decision handed down in December 2022, the Sydney North Planning Panel resolved that the proposal to construct 132 terrace homes 'failed to adequately demonstrate Strategic Merit' and that TG Millner 'has the potential to contribute to the amount of open space needed to service the future population of Ryde LGA'.

At Council's first meeting for 2025, on 25 February, a Mayoral Minute reaffirmed City of Ryde's position to protect TG Millner as essential public open space and to pursue the compulsory acquisition. It followed a resolution at the December 2024 meeting in which Council identified the additional funding required for the purchase.



## Cultural ties expand

City of Ryde was presented with a donation of Chinese-language books by the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, David Cheng-Wei Wu, at an official ceremony on Tuesday 4 March 2025.

This generous contribution continues the growing cultural ties between City of Ryde and the Republic of China, fostering a deeper appreciation of Taiwan’s rich literary heritage within the local community.

The donated books will tour City of Ryde Libraries and will be available for the public to read. After the tour, a curated selection of the books will permanently join West Ryde Library’s collection while the remaining books will be donated to our local community.

Ryde’s vibrant multicultural community continues to embrace opportunities for cultural engagement, and this latest addition to City of Ryde Libraries collection reinforces its commitment to inclusivity and global connection.

## Our citizens honoured

The City of Ryde honoured its 2025 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, and Environmental Citizen of the Year at a special ceremony held at North Ryde Golf Club on 20 January.

Community leader Nora Etmekdjian was named Citizen of the Year for her more than 20 years of dedication to Ryde, growing community events, preserving heritage, and championing safety initiatives.

Young Citizen of the Year Rajmallan Thiagarajan was recognised for raising \$45,000 for leukemia research, promoting diversity, and mentoring peers.

Sportsperson of the Year, Linda Ham, was honoured for her work in transforming community fitness through inclusive programs and award-winning initiatives, while Environmental Citizen of the Year, Pamela Ward, was celebrated for 35 years of ecological preservation.



## Connecting to public Wi-Fi just got easier

City of Ryde recently upgraded their public Wi-Fi infrastructure at the following sites for the community members to use:

- Elouera Reserve
- West Ryde Marketplace
- Wilga Park
- Eastwood Plaza

Additionally, new public Wi-Fi infrastructures were installed at the following two sites which are available for the hirers of these facilities:

- North Ryde School of Arts
- West Ryde Community Centre Hall

To use City of Ryde public Wi-Fi, open your Network Settings and connect to the Wi-Fi Network “City of Ryde Public Wi-Fi”, and follow the prompts.



*Volunteer Recognition Awards*

## **Volunteer Awards**

We are proud to recognise and celebrate a committed and largely unseen army of volunteers who give their time and skills to enhance and uplift the life of the community within the City of Ryde.

The annual Volunteer Recognition Awards acknowledge the contribution made by an inspiring group of local community members; our unsung heroes.



*Battle of the Bands*

## **Youth Week**

Youth Week is a celebration organised by young people, for young people.

It's a wonderful opportunity for young people aged between 12 and 24 years to attend live events, have their voice heard, showcase their talents, celebrate, take part in competitions and have fun across the City of Ryde.

Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/YouthWeek](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/YouthWeek)



*West Ryde Easter Celebrations*

## **West Ryde Easter Celebrations**

Our annual Easter event at Anzac Park has kids rides, an animal farm, face painting, food trucks, BBQ, an Easter concert, singing competition and more.

Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Easter](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Easter)



*ANZAC Day Service*

## **Anzac Day Service**

FRIDAY 25 APRIL 9.00 – 10.00AM

ANZAC PARK, WEST RYDE

Council will again hold an Anzac Day commemorative service for the community at Anzac Park, West Ryde. The ceremony will be followed by morning tea at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. Find out more at

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

## Cork & Fork by the Riverside

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025 10.00AM – 4.00PM  
KISSING POINT PARK, PUTNEY

Cork & Fork by the Riverside is a must-visit event for food and wine lovers. The event offers a fantastic selection of boutique wines from the Hunter Valley and Orange regions, locally crafted spirits, and craft beers. Food enthusiasts can also enjoy a variety of gourmet food trucks, bespoke stalls, and live music performances, creating a vibrant atmosphere for all.

Entry to the festival is free, and for those wishing to indulge in tastings, a \$10 festival glass provides access to complimentary samples. With a diverse selection of food and drink options, there will be something for everyone. Families are encouraged to attend, with kids' craft workshops, face painting, and amusement rides to entertain the little ones.

The festival is easily accessible by public transport, with ferry services from Kissing Point Wharf and shuttle buses running from Meadowbank Station. Don't miss out on this exciting celebration of food, wine, and entertainment by the river.



Cork & Fork by the Riverside



## World Environment Day Celebrations

From 5 June, join us for an exciting lineup of workshops, events, and hands-on activities designed to inspire and empower you to live more sustainably and care for our local environment.

Visit our website for updates and more details.  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WorldEnvironmentDay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/WorldEnvironmentDay)



## Refugee Week

Coordinated by  
Refugee Council of Australia

## Refugee Week

**Sunday 15 June to Saturday 21 June 2025**

For Refugee Week 2025, we continue the theme of Finding Freedom, with a focus on diversity in community to emphasise the vital role community plays in all our lives, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, language, disability, sexuality and age.

Find out more at  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RefugeeWeek](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RefugeeWeek)



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

## Bridging Now to Next

## National Reconciliation Week

**Tuesday 27 May to Tuesday 3 June 2025**

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NRW](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NRW)



## Are you recycling correctly?

You may notice a sticker on your yellow-lidded recycling bin if there are items that do not belong. This is a friendly reminder to help our residents ensure everything is sorted correctly.

Here are the three most common items mistakenly placed in yellow recycling bins and why they shouldn't be there:

1. Soft Plastics
2. Clothing
3. Bagged recycling

The machinery in the recycling facility can easily sort plastic bottles, cans, glass jars and paper. However, soft plastics and fabric can

tangle the machinery and cause serious safety hazards. But don't worry – there are simple alternatives to help protect the environment and keep our system running smoothly!

What you can do instead:

- **Soft Plastics:** Collect all your soft plastics and book a free RecycleSmart collection.
- **Clothing:** Donate your pre-loved clothing and accessories in good, clean condition to one of 30+ clothing bins available across the City of Ryde, for reuse and recycling.
- **Bagged Recycling:** Always place your recyclable items in the bin loose – never in bags.

## Not sure how to recycle or dispose of something?

Check out our A to Z Guide of Waste and Recycling for answers. You can also order free waste education resources for your home online.

Let's work together to keep our community clean and sustainable. Every small effort makes a big difference!

Find out more

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



SWAP Opening Night and Awards Ceremony

## SWAP entries open

The annual Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) is back! SWAP is an environmental art competition where participants create artworks and design objects made from upcycled waste materials.

SWAP aims to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage positive behaviour change.

There's \$5,000 in prizes across six categories:

Junior (10 – 13 years), Youth (14 – 17 years), Open (18+ years), Functional, Schools Participation and People's Choice.

Around 80 artworks and design objects will be selected for exhibition at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE as well as a virtual tour on Council's website.

Entries close **Sunday 27 July 2025**.

To find out more and to enter the competition visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SWAP](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SWAP)

*This competition is for people aged 10 and over who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde.*

## Have Your Say

Residents will soon have another opportunity to review City of Ryde's draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP) before it is adopted and implemented.

Over the past seven months, we have collected feedback to help refresh the CSP, which outlines our community's vision, aspirations and priorities in a high-level road map for the next 10 years.

Along with the draft CSP, you will also be invited to provide feedback on some of Council's other long-term planning documents, including the Four-Year Delivery Program, One-Year Operational Plan, Resourcing Strategy and Community Engagement Strategy.

While the CSP sets the long-term direction, Council's Four-Year Delivery Program details

the activities, strategies, projects and services that Council plans to deliver over the four-year Council term. This is further broken down in the One-Year Operational Plan which identifies the activities, actions and projects that Council plans to deliver over each financial year.

The Resourcing Strategy includes three components - Council's Long Term Financial Plan, Strategic Asset Management Plan and Workforce Management Strategy.

The Community Engagement Strategy is designed to help our community understand our approach to community engagement and ensure that our communities have the chance to contribute to the City of Ryde.

Find out more

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



## Wrapping up International Women's Day for 2025

March 8 marked a significant date on the global calendar for women of all ages.

As a supporter of women's achievements and a champion of gender equality, the City of Ryde's International Women's Day event proudly took centre stage with an inspiring line up of female guest speakers and performances, including Cosima De Vito (Australian Idol Finalist in 2003) a moving talk from Simone O'Brien, domestic violence survivor, speaker and passionate advocate for women's safety and Dr. Juliette Tobias-Webb who shared her inspiring journey through STEM and her insight from behavioural science to explore how we can overcome challenges, embrace change, and drive transformation in ourselves and our organisations.

Attended by well over 150 members of our local community, the event is not to be missed when it returns in 2026.

## Advancing Age No Barrier at 2025 Seniors Festival

March was an inspiring and joyful month for our older community members.

Seniors joined together to get out and about in the community; discovering fresh activities and meeting both new and familiar faces.

Some of the highlights of this year's Seniors Festival program included a meet and greet with Debra Oswald, author and head writer of the hit TV series *Offspring*, enjoyable mornings filled with tea and tunes, a two-part cryptic crossword workshop to keep ageing minds in agile condition and even dragon boat racing for seniors - an eclectic mix of activities to suit every older adult in our diverse community.

Well done to all our seniors who took part in the program, especially those who dared to try something new!



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## Libraries

**Ryde Library – 9952 8352**

**Address: 1 Pope Street, Ryde**

**Eastwood Library – 9952 8375**

**Address: Cnr Hillview Road and West Parade, Eastwood**

**Gladesville Library – 9952 8378**

**Address: 6 Pittwater Road, Gladesville**

**North Ryde Library – 9952 8377**

**Address: 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde**

**West Ryde Library – 9952 8376**

**Address: 2 Graf Avenue, West Ryde**

## Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

**Address: 504 Victoria Road, Ryde**

Enter carpark from Karen Moras Drive, Ryde  
(between Margaret and Weaver Streets)

**Phone: 8878 5111**

City of Ryde acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Wallumedegal Clan of the Darug nation. Council also pays respect to Elders both past, present and emerging and extends that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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