

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



2017 Australia Day Citizen of the Year awards ceremony

The New Year

Councillors and staff have returned after the summer break with renewed vigour and will be working hard to address the challenges of the new year and to ensure that the City of Ryde continues to thrive.

The unexpected change to the State Government leadership has provided Council and residents with a glimmer of hope in relation to the proposed amalgamation of Ryde with Lane Cove and Hunters Hill.

It is my belief that a Joint Regional Authority formed from three independent Councils is still the superior option and will deliver the best results for our communities.

Through deeds and actions

Congratulations to Warren Smith and Krystle-Jane Ng who were announced as the Ryde Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year at Council's Australia Day celebrations last week.

Warren Smith is the Community Engagement Officer for the Ryde SES and has been responsible for introducing many innovations to raise the profile of the SES, especially amongst multicultural groups.

He has donated numerous hours to help build the Ryde training facility and is a sought after speaker due to his interactive style of presentation.

Krystle-Jane Ng is an active member of the Ryde Youth Council and was instrumental in the City of Ryde being chosen to host the 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference. The conference will focus on IT and will encourage participants to use technology to create long lasting and meaningful actions in the community.

Angelina Bonifacio and Zahira Noor also received special commendations for their volunteer work in the community.

For more information about each of these worthy recipients go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen

Back to business

'Back to business' is a familiar catchcry at this time of year. To help small businesses meet the myriad of obligations they face, Council will be conducting three workshops in February to provide essential information to start and/or grow a business.

These content rich workshops are conducted by professionals and are suitable for all types of small business. They are designed to help establish a solid base on which to grow a business and to provide that extra boost for new enterprises.

To find out more about business events, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesevents

Year of the Rooster

Celebrations for the Lunar New Year begin this week in Eastwood with a celebrity cook-off on Saturday 4 February and a Grand Celebration Parade on Saturday, 11 February.

What started nine years ago as a small local event has become the biggest Lunar New Year event in north-western Sydney, attracting more than 10,000 people from all over the region. You are invited to attend and join in the fun.



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

Phone 9952 8222 or email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Curious Kids Club: Travelbugs Mobile

Mini-beasts Workshop

Get up close and personal in a hands-on mini-beast experience not to be forgotten! Live mini-beasts featured include large and colourful stick insects, centipedes, spiders, scorpions, beetles, caterpillars and more. Places are limited, so book now on 9952 8352 or email rydelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au



Ages 5-12 years
When Tuesday 7 February
Time 4.00 - 5.00pm
Where West Ryde Library
Cost \$8.50

Authors Platform: Mark Tedeschi

QC Mark Tedeschi returns to talk about one of the most shocking murder trials in Australian history and the tribulations of the man who conducted it. *Murder at Myall Creek* lays the controversy bare; it was almost unknown for Europeans to be charged with the murder of Aborigines in 1838. To book call 9952 8352 or register online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/marktedeschi



When Thursday 16 February
Time 6.30 - 7.30pm
Where Ryde Library
Cost Gold coin contribution

HAVE YOUR SAY



Community Events Next Week and Consultation Closing Soon!

This is a reminder that the Stage 2 community consultation events for the Denistone East Bowling Club site are next week and that the Stage 2 consultation closes at the end of this month (4.30pm, Tuesday 28 February 2017).

Want to find out more?

You can Have Your Say regarding the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site in a number of ways.

Community Workshop

When Thursday 9 February 2017

Time 6.00 - 8.00pm

Where Denistone East Public School Hall
47-63 Lovell Rd, Denistone East

Bookings Bookings essential. Call 9952 8222.

Drop-in BBQ

When Saturday 11 February 2017

Time Any time between 11.00am - 1.30pm

Where Top Lawn, Denistone East Bowling Club,
Kings Rd & Salter Cres, Denistone East

The face-to-face events will be a great chance to have some of your questions answered and gather a better understanding of the project.

How do I make a submission?

In person At one of the events listed above

Online Complete the online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DEBC

Closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 28 February 2017**.

Please note that if you have already filled in the survey, you do not need to fill it in again.

For more information

For more information, or for assistance completing the online survey, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222.

To learn more about the Denistone East Bowling Club site, frequently asked questions about the project and related documentation, please visit the Have Your Say page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DEBC

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Garage Sales

Saturday 4 February from 9.00am

• 11 Moss Street, West Ryde

• 11 Regent Street, Putney

To list your garage sale for free, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales