

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



Official launch of the new synthetic field at ELS Hall Park

### Disability Inclusion Action Plan

The City of Ryde Council is working with the Councils of Lane Cove and Hunters Hill to develop a combined Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). The plan will ensure that people living with a disability have access to information, services, Council buildings, facilities, employment opportunities and community programs and events.

A combined DIAP as well as stand alone plans will be developed due to possible Council mergers.

An external agency has been engaged to assist in the preparation of the DIAP which will analyse information from a community survey, a series of group discussions and one-on-one conversations with relevant parties.

People living with a disability will be at the core of the consultations with the inclusion of family, friends and people who support those living with disability.

The consultations will take place between March and May 2017. You can find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

You can also send your enquiries to [socialinclusion@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:socialinclusion@ryde.nsw.gov.au) or phone City of Ryde Customer Service on 9952 8222.

### Full STEAM ahead

West Ryde Library is leading a learning revolution for tomorrow's problem solvers and innovators, with a ground-breaking educational program for children called STEAM.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics and uses the power of play to engage children aged 3 – 12 years with technology and learning opportunities.

The Curiosity Cabinet at West Ryde Library is the centre piece of STEAM. It offers visual and hands-on activities to engage children with technology in a fun way through telescopes, science kits, touchscreens, workshops and special events.

If you want to open your child's mind to a world of wonder, drop into West Ryde Library (2 Graf Avenue) and help them discover the secrets of STEAM.

### Harmony Day Events

The Community Information Expo will be held on Thursday 23 March, at Eastwood Plaza, from 9.30am – 12.30pm. The event is hosted by Council in partnership with the Community Migrant Resource Centre and will showcase a one-stop-shop of services for residents and new migrants. Multi-lingual volunteers will be on hand and information stalls will provide information on Aged Care, Health, Housing, Family Services, Settlement Services and Education.

While the Expo is primarily about information exchange and networking, the entertainment and social elements will add a festive feel to showcase our diversity and community spirit.

The other major Harmony Day event is the Harmony Soccer Cup which will be held at Eastwood Oval on Saturday 25 March.



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)  
Mayor - City of Ryde

Phone 9952 8222 or  
email [mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

## RYDE CIVIC HUB FACT SHEET

On 8 and 15 March 2017, *The Weekly Times* newspaper (TWT) published two damaging and completely unfounded articles, regarding the Ryde Civic Centre and the Civic Hall.

The Council completely refutes in the strongest terms the claims by TWT that:

- 1) Councillors are "wasting" ratepayers' money on "insane" leasing of offices at North Ryde to accommodate some 400 Council staff;
- 2) they (the Council) could have repaired the Ryde Civic Centre for less than \$100,000 according to expert Mr John Smolders; and
- 3) are planning to demolish the Civic Hall.

### Here are the facts:

*The Weekly Times* has completely ignored the facts and circumstances that led to the Council taking actions to ensure a safe environment for working staff and the public.

- In October 2015 SafeWork NSW served two Improvement Notices (defect notices) on the Civic Centre detailing unsafe conditions. The situation was triggered by failing ceiling tiles (8-12 kgs in weight). This was an unacceptable Work Health and Safety issue that put both staff and the public in danger. An inspection of all seven floors of the Civic Centre revealed multiple zones that required immediate attention.
- On 20 October 2015, Council met to consider the unacceptable safety risks to staff and public and the cost of repairs, acknowledging that the building would continue to deteriorate.
- A key issue was that any change to the internal structure of the building, would trigger full compliance with Building Code of Australia requirements (lifts, stairs, disability access, toilets and new fire detection systems, etc). Independent costing of this very extensive work had been calculated at \$30 million.
- Councillors had no option but to vote for relocation.
- Alternative accommodation was secured at competitive market rates at the Binary Centre in North Ryde and a well-planned transition with no interruption to Council services was carried out.

### Repaired for "less than \$100,000"

TWT articles quoted their "expert" Mr John Smolders, had stated that repairs to the Civic Centre could be carried out for "less than \$100,000".

Council wrote to Mr Smolders of Newcastle University, to establish when he had inspected the Civic Centre building upon which he had based this assessment.

On 16 March 2017, the Acting General Manager received a response from Mr Smolders, confirming the following;

*"Please be assured that I was surprised (as much as you may have been) when I read the article published in The Weekly Times last week. I was not interviewed by The Weekly Times for that article nor do I agree with the cost of the repair work stated by the paper. I wrote to the editor advising him of the error last week."*

**Therefore, based on this statement from Mr Smolders, the articles published on both 8 and 15 March 2017 quoting Mr Smolders as the expert advisor, have no credibility, are fictitious and are completely devoid of facts.**

### Civic Hall

- There are no plans to demolish the Civic Hall. The Hall was not subject to the SafeWork NSW Improvement Notices affecting the Civic Centre.
- Council intends to carry out maintenance to the Civic Hall and staff will continue to investigate alternative sites where a new, modern Civic Hall/performance space could be constructed. This is a number of years into the future if progressed and would be undertaken on the basis of minimising the impact on users.

### Design our Ryde

- In April 2017 the Ryde Civic Hub Committee, will consider the results of the economic viability analysis of the winning design of the 'Design our Ryde' International Architectural Competition for the Ryde Civic Hub site that resulted in 175 entries from around the world. It was conducted under the rules of the Australian Institute of Architects and widely supported by the community through voting and public exhibitions.
- Beijing Institute of Architectural Design submitted the winning design and the jury chair, Peter Poulet, who is also the NSW Government Architect, said: *".... The design is a realistic and well considered concept that demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the urban context."* Additionally, Clr Jerome Laxale, who was Mayor at the time, said: *"The winning entry from Beijing Institute of Architectural Design has responded with a design that will ensure that this site will remain iconic in our City."*

All of the information relating to the condition of the Civic Centre and the Civic Hall are on the public record and available on Council's website. *The Weekly Times*, and in particular its Editor Mr John Booth, owes his loyal readers and the City of Ryde Council a public apology for making untrue statements in his newspaper. This has significantly damaged Council's reputation and severely diminished the professional work undertaken by the City of Ryde Council.

## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS



Nominate your local hero for the 2017 awards  
Entries close Monday 10 April 2017

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



## EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

### Outdoor Stories & Songs

Join us for a fun-filled, award winning session with songs, stories and more by Ryde Library Service.



**Ages** All ages welcome  
**When** Friday 24 March  
**Time** 10.30 - 11.00am  
**Where** Piazza Dining area, Top Ryde City shopping centre  
**Cost** Free



### Earth Hour

2017 will mark the 10th anniversary of Earth Hour as a global phenomenon. On Saturday 25 March you can join this Aussie led global movement by switching off your lights between 8.30 - 9.30pm. [www.earthhour.org.au](http://www.earthhour.org.au)

### ShoreShocked 2017

Featuring some of Australia's best up and coming headline artists with support by local bands and local DJ sets. To book, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shoreshocked](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shoreshocked)



**Ages** All ages welcome  
**When** Saturday 1 April  
**Time** 11.00am - 5.00pm  
**Where** St Leonards Park Music Shell, off Miller Street, North Sydney  
**Cost** Free

## VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

### Be an Effective Volunteer Workshop

This workshop is for those that are interested in volunteering and will provide information and support for potential volunteers to make informed decisions towards volunteering in their local community. Bookings essential, book online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/effectivevolunteer](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/effectivevolunteer) or call 9952 8222.



**When** Tuesday 4 April  
**Time** 10.00am - 12noon  
**Where** West Ryde Community Centre Suite 6, The Northern Centre 3-5 Anthony Rd, West Ryde  
**Cost** Free

## EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

### InFocus: Law Talk - Cyber safety and the law

This talk provides practical tips on protecting yourself online, and addresses types of common online scams and how to avoid them.



**When** Thursday 23 March  
**Time** 6.30 - 7.30pm  
**Where** West Ryde Library  
**Cost** Gold coin contribution  
**Bookings** Essential. Call 9952 8352

### InFocus: Job searching seminar for over 40's

Join Paul Di Michiel, Career Medic and author of *Fired to Hired, The Guide to Effective Job Search for the Over 40s* and learn practical job search tips for mature workers who may have been impacted by job loss, or looking for a change.



**When** Wednesday 5 April  
**Time** 6.30 - 8.00pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Cost** Gold coin contribution  
**Bookings** Essential. Call 9952 8352

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Amendments to Ryde Development Control Plan (RDCP)

#### 2014-Part 4.5 Macquarie Park Corridor and RDCP 2014 Part 9.3 Car Parking

On the 14 February 2017, Council adopted revised off-street car parking provisions for commercial and industrial developments in the Macquarie Park Corridor.

These car parking provisions will be removed from Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 and included in Ryde Development Control Plan (RDCP) 2014. The amendments to Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 include:

- Introducing new maximum off-street parking requirement of 1/60m2 and 1/100m2 for commercial and industrial development. The new parking requirements only apply to new floor space at this stage
- Relocating the car parking rates for residential development in the Macquarie Park Corridor from Part 4.5 to Part 9.3 of the Ryde DCP
- Other minor amendments

The amendments to Ryde DCP 2014 come into force effective from 22 March 2017.

A copy of Ryde DCP 2014 is available at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/dcp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/dcp)

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

The following Development Applications and Complying Development Applications were determined in the period 3/03/2017 to 12/03/2017. Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 101 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* of the determination of the following Development Applications.

### Central Ward Approved LDA2016/0615

71 Lavarack St RYDE Demolition, new dual occupancy (attached) and strata subdivision.

### LDA2017/0048

45-61 Waterloo Rd MACQUARIE PARK Subdivision of single allotment into two torrens title allotments.

### MOD2017/0019

11 Bay Dr MEADOWBANK Section 96 to extend weekend trading hours of ALDI Store from 8.00am - 7.00pm to 8.00am - 8.00pm Saturday and Sunday.

### MOD2017/0021

58 Falconer St WEST RYDE Section 96 to modify the floor plans and elevations of unit 9.

### MOD2017/0039

58 Falconer St WEST RYDE Section 96 to correct error in section 94 Calculations.

### East Ward Approved LDA2016/0629

1 Sturdee St NORTH RYDE New two storey dwelling and attached secondary dwelling.

### MOD2017/0010

147 Tennyson Rd TENNYSON POINT Section 96 application for internal and external changes and removal of a tree.

### West Ward Approved LDA2016/0367

67 Bellevue Ave DENISTONE Alterations and additions to dwelling.

### LDA2016/0477

64 Bennett St WEST RYDE Alterations and additions to dwelling.

### LDA2016/0547

20 Fifth Ave DENISTONE New secondary dwelling.

### LDA2016/0574

16 Gwendale Cr EASTWOOD New two storey dwelling.

### LDA2016/0612

55 Russell St DENISTONE EAST Demolition, tree removal, new dual occupancy (attached) and strata subdivision.

### LDA2017/0010

9 Hopetoun Ave DENISTONE EAST Demolition, tree removal and boundary realignment to create two lots.

### LDA2017/0043

31/1 Lakeside Rd EASTWOOD Internal fit out for retail bakery shop, clear roller shutter and under awning illuminated sign.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Council has received the following Local Development Application.

**Property:** 43 Tramway Street, West Ryde  
**Local Development Application No.** LDA2017/0086  
**Applicant:** Qiao's international Pty Ltd

Demolition, new multi-dwelling development containing 3 dwellings - 1 x 2 storey, 3 bedroom dwelling at the front and 2 x 2 bedroom, single storey dwelling at the rear and strata subdivision.

Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than **12 April 2017**.

The above application is not 'designated development' under the terms of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*, and the City of Ryde is the authority responsible for the determination of the application. Anyone may make submissions concerning this applications. Submissions are required to be in writing. They should be addressed to the General Manager and sent by post, email or fax or delivered in person to the Ryde Customer Service Centre. Should the submission be by way of objection to the proposal, the submission should specify the grounds of objection. The City of Ryde has resolved that all submissions received in relation to rezoning and development applications will be publicly accessible on request. The supply of personal information is voluntary. However if you choose to make an anonymous submission it may be given less weight (or no weight) in the overall consideration of the application. The above application and accompanying information may be inspected electronically at the Ryde Customer Service Centre, 1 Pope Street, Ryde (within Top Ryde City shopping centre) between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday during the period in which submissions may be made. (Please note: on the second Thursday of each month the hours are 10.00am to 5.00pm.) To make an appointment go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness) or call 9952 8222.



**Friday 24 March**  
**Pitch Perfect 2**  
 Lakeside Lawn, Gymnasium Road, Macquarie University



**Saturday 25 March**  
**TMNT: Out of the Shadows**  
 Morrison Bay Park, Frances Road, Putney



**\*NEW DATE\***  
**Friday 31 March**  
**The BFG**  
 Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood



**\*NEW DATE\***  
**Saturday 1 April**  
**Alice Through The Looking Glass**  
 Yamble Reserve, Quarry Road, Ryde