



22 - 24 September 2017  
Macquarie University

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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## Conference Program Taster

The 2017 Youth Council Conference theme is 'Make IT Happen' – engaging communities through technology. While the Conference Program is still being finalised, here is a taste of what you can expect:

- We will be discussing how technology can be utilised to create a movement, call to action or start a project
- Tech guru talks
- Representation from Local, Regional, State-wide and National NGO's
- Q&A panel with politicians
- Youth Action Workshops
- Opportunity to present to host 2019 conference
- Evening Harbour Cruise
- NSW Youth Council Olympics
- Networking, connecting and social opportunities.

You can follow Conference news and updates on the Event pages:



<http://bit.do/NSWYCC17>



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

## Campus Tours

We will be offering Campus Tours to some of the large tech giants in Macquarie Park.

The Campus Tours will incorporate workshops in various topics. These workshops will focus on different areas of technology and how they can be used in engagement campaigns.



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## Conference and Activity Venues



### CONFERENCE

The conference will be held at Macquarie University. The main conference venue will be the 500 seater, state of the art lecture theatre. Break out space will be in MUSE – Macquarie University Spatial Experience – an experimentation of informal learning spaces. The conference venue will provide free Wi-Fi for everyone. Everyone is recommended to bring their phones, tablets and laptops as there will be digitally interactive elements to the conference.



### PARRAMATTA RIVER CRUISE

On Friday 22 September, we will bus delegates to Meadowbank Wharf where we will catch a party boat. We will cruise down the Parramatta River to see the lights of Darling Harbour, The Harbour Bridge and Opera House before turning back. Whilst on the cruise we will enjoy a buffet and free soft drinks while listening and dancing to one of 'Sydney's best' DJ's.



### NSW YOUTH COUNCIL OLYMPICS

On Saturday 23 September, we will host the inaugural Youth Council Olympics. Combining a host of 'untraditional' events such as Laser Tag, Bubble Soccer and Foot Darts (subject to confirmation). Youth Councils will compete to win the title of 2017 champions. This evening will be finished with a movie in the park and food from an awesome food van.

## Getting to Macquarie University

**Road** – Macquarie University is located in Macquarie Park. If travelling from the City, the fastest way to reach the university is via the Lane Cove tunnel. If travelling from the Hills districts and the greater west, take the M2 motorway (exit at the Christie Road or Herring Road off-ramps).

The University is a short distance from the Sydney Orbital road network.

**Air** – Domestic flights services to Sydney run multiple times a day. Once you arrive, go to Airport Domestic or Airport International Train Stations Platform 1. Catch the train to Central station and change to Platform 16 for your train to Macquarie University (the Northern Line – via Macquarie Park). Travel time is approximately 45 minutes. There will be shuttle buses available to collect you from the train station.

**Bus** – Options are varied, visit [www.mq.edu.au/about/contacts-and-maps/getting-to-macquarie/bus](http://www.mq.edu.au/about/contacts-and-maps/getting-to-macquarie/bus)

**Train** – Macquarie University has a dedicated train station on the Northern Line (via Macquarie Park). Travel time from the city is approximately 30 minutes. Shuttle buses will be running and available to collect and drop off people to the station.



## CITY OF RYDE

### Location of the 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference

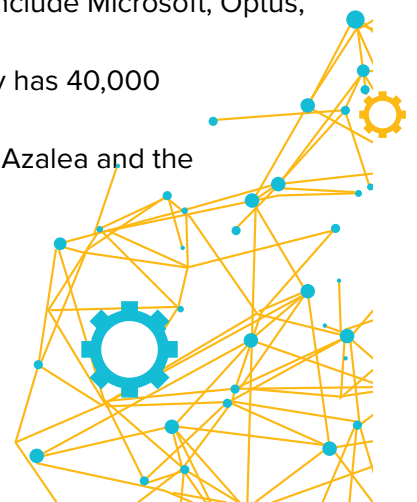
The City of Ryde is in Northern Sydney, located between Parramatta to the West and Sydney to the East. While relatively small in size geographically compared to other LGA's in NSW, it has a large population which is growing rapidly.

- City of Ryde is an urban, multicultural area with over 115,000 residents and you can be in the Sydney CBD within 30 minutes
- The Parramatta River flows through the LGA, enabling sailing, fishing and other water sports to take place
- Eastwood, in the Ryde LGA is the birthplace of the Granny Smith apple, a fact that is celebrated annually with our Granny Smith Festival
- City of Ryde is bordered by the Lane Cove national park, an area of outstanding natural beauty
- Ryde is home to Sydney's second largest business district, Macquarie Park. The park hosts a range of corporations in industries including telecommunications, technology, pharmaceuticals and electronics. Some of the corporations include Microsoft, Optus, Foxtel, Sony and Canon
- Macquarie University is also within the City of Ryde. Macquarie University has 40,000 students, more than 3,000 and sits on 126 hectares
- Ryde is home to The Wiggles and John Howard, is the birthplace of Iggy Azalea and the spiritual home of Putt Putt (according to the Ryde Youth Council).



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# Accommodation\*

Please ensure to book Breakfast with your accommodation options as this meal is not included in the conference package.



\$180 per room per night plus discounted breakfast. Rooms are twins or doubles.

OUR RECOMMENDATION!

## THE TRAVELODGE

This modern and affordable accommodation represents a new generation of hotels for the smart traveller. Call (02) 8874 5200 or visit the [Travelodge website](#) to get the preferential rate.



\$165 per night with Wi-Fi and Breakfast.

## HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - MACQUARIE

Holiday Inn Express Sydney Macquarie Park is located in the heart of the major commercial precinct in the North-West of Sydney. The hotel is within walking distance of the re-developed Macquarie Shopping Centre and Macquarie University. (02) 9428 9500.



From \$249 per night for single room apt and \$379 for two bedroom apartment.

## QUEST NORTH RYDE / MACQUARIE PARK

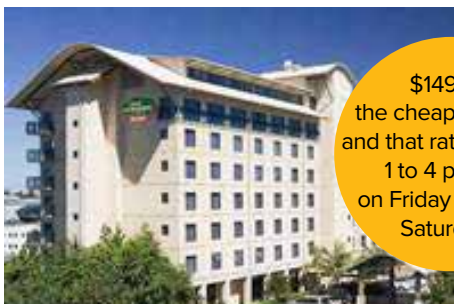
Quest serviced apartments are a home or office away from home, equipped with work stations and complete kitchen and laundry facilities - perfect for the modern business traveller. (02) 8899 8888.



\$194 per night for single and double rooms (Friday being \$224).

## MERRITON SERVICED APTS – NORTH RYDE

A 6-minute walk from Macquarie University train station, Chic studio to 2-bedroom apartments feature kitchenettes with stainless steel appliances, as well as sitting areas, washer/dryers, free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs. Amenities include a heated indoor pool, a hot tub, a sauna and a fitness room. (02) 8488 9000.



\$149 for the cheapest room and that rate is flat for 1 to 4 people on Friday (\$169 on Saturday).

## COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Courtyard North Ryde is a contemporary hotel with guest rooms providing specially designed spaces for work and leisure. (02) 9491 9500.



\$225 for one bedroom and \$279 for two bedroom.

## MEDINA SERVICED APTS – NORTH RYDE

A 14-minute walk from Macquarie University. The modern apartments come with full kitchens, dining areas and balconies or courtyards, as well as flat-screen TVs, iPhone docks and free high-speed Internet. In-room breakfast packs are available for a fee. Complimentary parking is provided. Other amenities include an outdoor pool, a BBQ area and a gym, as well as a sauna. (02) 9876 7000.



Prices start at \$159.00 per night for 2 guests or 4 guests (includes free Wi-Fi, and breakfast).

## THE RANCH

The Ranch is Macquarie Park's favourite local hangout with comfortable 3.5 star accommodations. (02) 9887 2411.



\*Accommodation prices are subject to change.



## Expression of Interest

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

Please complete the Expression of Interest Form and return it by Monday 1 May 2017.

**Email** [mpaine@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mpaine@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

**Mail** Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde, NSW 1670

**Online** [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/makeithappen](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/makeithappen)

**Name of the supervising worker who will be attending:**

(Please note that a fee paying supervising worker is required to attend with any delegates under the age of 18)

**Contact details for supervising worker:**

Email

Phone

**Name of additional supervising workers (if applicable)**

**Council / Organisation:**

**Likely Number of Attendees:**

Are you already doing any projects using technology in an innovative way?

Please email Mike at [MPaine@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MPaine@ryde.nsw.gov.au) as we may be able to organise for a film crew to come and document your story.



  
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# Registration Pack

Registration packs will be sent out in May 2017. All complete registration forms and payment will be required by 17 July 2017.

The cost per person will be \$80.00 and will include:

- Entry to all conference sessions, including Campus Tours
- Afternoon tea and buffet dinner on Friday
- Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner on Saturday
- Morning tea and lunch on Sunday
- Welcome Pack
- 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference T-Shirt
- All evening activities
- Shuttle bus transport from accommodation to conference / activities
- Free Wi-Fi at the conference venue

**Note: Accommodation is not included.**

## Subsidies / Financial Assistance

We have a considerable subsidy fund available for delegates to apply for. Subsidies will be available via reimbursement for transport, accommodation and conference fees.

The Subsidy / Financial Assistance program is available to Councils and Organisations in remote and rural NSW to encourage attendance. Organisations are encouraged to apply for a financial assistance package to help with associated costs of attending the conference. While the fund is considerable, we cannot guarantee that every applicant will be successful although we will ensure thorough transparency in the decision making process.

### MORE INFORMATION



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We will endeavour to provide weekly updates on Facebook so please 'like' and 'follow'.



## Stay another day

Metropolitan Sydney has so much to offer. For an idea of some things you could do, check out our ideas below. For details and locations of all of these activities, see [www.sydney.com](http://www.sydney.com)

- Ryde River Walk
- Visit vibrant Eastwood
- Harbour Bridge Climb
- Olympic Park Tour
- Explore our National Parks
- Sydney Opera House
- Lyric Theatre
- State Theatre
- Gigs at Metro or Enmore
- Skating at Monster Skate Park
- Fish and Chips at Watsons Bay
- Whale Watching
- Bondi Beach
- Seven Bridge Walk
- National Museum
- Sydney Aquarium
- Madame Tussauds
- Featherdale Wildlife Park
- Wet 'n' Wild
- Sydney Tower
- Explore Newtown
- Reverse Garbage in Marrickville
- Explore The Rocks
- Darling Harbour
- Taronga Zoo
- Segway Tours at Newington Armory
- Queen Victoria Building
- Manly Beach
- Chinese Garden of Friendship
- Sydney Observatory
- Powerhouse Museum
- Botany Bay
- Luna Park
- Mrs Macquarie's Chair
- Museum of Sydney
- Sydney Cricket Ground
- Australian National Maritime Museum
- Cycling and Horse Riding at Centennial Park
- IFLY Downunder (Penrith)
- Carriageworks

