

Ryde Civic Precinct

A win for our community

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"The proposed new Ryde Civic Precinct makes sense for Ryde and our future. It is an opportunity to provide our community much needed modern public facilities."

Much-needed features and facilities

This project will be a great win for the community if allowed to proceed. It includes:

- A 400-seat modern performance venue, suitable for concerts, plays, the Ryde Eisteddfod, recitals, lectures and community events (and replaces the ageing 1960s Civic Hall)
- Three new multi-function rooms for community use and Council meetings, with an additional seating capacity of 255
- An open-air public square (similar to 'La Piazza' in Top Ryde)
- Car parking – 86 additional public spaces
- Easier access to Parkes Street for vehicles and pedestrians.

Protecting our suburbs

The development will concentrate Ryde's growth around the town centre to keep large developments out of our suburbs. The Ryde Civic Precinct will:

- Complete the revitalisation of the Ryde Town Centre
- Deliver local jobs and prosperity for our businesses
- Meet future accommodation needs for the community and business

Achieving sustainability

The proposal is a landmark example of best practice urban regeneration. Features include:

- 5 Green Star rated buildings, demonstrating the City of Ryde's commitment to environmental sustainability
- Fully accessible buildings (unlike current facilities that do not meet accessibility standards)
- Improved Council and staff facilities to address the current failings of the existing building

This project is good value and makes sense

- No rate increases are needed to pay for this project
- \$39.2 million of rate payers' money is needed to bring the current civic buildings up to Australian standards
- The development provides \$79 million of value to Council, putting us in a stronger financial position for the future.
- The new civic and administration facilities including the land they are situated on remains in community ownership.

Next steps

Subject to a decision by Council to proceed, and completion of negotiations with Lend Lease, the first stage of the development will be complete within three years, with the entire project estimated to be completed by the end of 2017.