



## The Mayor's Community Message

### Community Christmas Celebration

Break out the Hawaiian shirts, the boardies and the kids' cozzies and towels and head to Ryde Park this Sunday for an afternoon of 'summer holiday' family fun at our annual community Christmas celebration in support of Giant Steps.

There'll be unlimited water slides and summer rides for \$10. The Mayor Clr Roy Maggio will be handing out ice creams to the kids that come and say Hello at the Ride Stall.

A giant sand pit, live music and dance acts, giveaways and competitions will keep the kids occupied for hours. Santa will make his grand entrance at 5.45pm, then take up residence in the beach bungalow to hear those special requests.

There'll also be a sausage sizzle and drinks (gold coin donation), plus cooking demos on creative ways to makeover those Christmas leftovers. The kids get to make a mini Christmas pudding and a beach kite.

Everyone is invited to spend some carefree hours at our community Christmas get together on Sunday 8 December. The fun starts at 3.00pm and lasts through to 7.00pm. Hope to see you there - Let's Party!

### Shopfront Showcase

Shopfront Showcase, the Council's initiative to rejuvenate the retail scene in West Ryde, has gotten off to a great start with close to 100 votes cast in the first week. With a \$50 gift voucher to win every week, why not enter and help support our local small shops. All you have to do is take the Shopfront Showcase trail and vote for your favourite window display. There are several ways you can vote:

- Scan the QR code (located near your favourite window display)

- Go to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofryde](http://www.facebook.com/cityofryde)

- Complete a ballot form (from participating retailers or West Ryde Library) and drop it in at the library at 2 Graf Avenue.

West Ryde retailers on Victoria Road, Ryedale Road and Graf Avenue have expressed how pleased they are with the transformation of their shop windows by the very clever TAFE design students and renewed interest and comments from shoppers. Voting ends 15 December. Full details, including a map, can be found on our website [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shopfrontshowcase](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shopfrontshowcase)

### Schools E-Waste Challenge

Congratulations to the students of Meadowbank Public School who collected the most amount of e-waste in this year's Schools E-Waste Challenge, and also to East Ryde Public School who came a very close second.

Once again, it was another successful challenge with the following schools who participated:

- Putney Playgrounds Kindergarten
- Cressy Road Cottages
- Ryde Secondary College
- Truscott Street Public School
- Meadowbank Public School
- East Ryde Public School

Together these schools helped to divert hundreds of toxic E-waste items from ending up in landfill.

### Ryde Sports Foundation

It's no secret that I am passionate about sport and especially the positive impact it has on our young people.

As Patron of the Ryde Sports Foundation I would like to remind all sports clubs operating within the City of Ryde boundaries about the Foundation's long-running Sports Star initiative.

Every month a local sports star is singled out for recognition and a \$1,000 prize. The annual Ryde Sports Star of the Year is then chosen from the monthly winners.

If you have a club member you believe should be recognised, contact the Secretary of the Ryde Sports Foundation, Kim Van-Oosten on 0413 399 376, for conditions of entry and an application.

I should also acknowledge Club 6 for their generous sponsorship of these prestigious awards.

### Sincerely, Clr Roy Maggio - Mayor

For any assistance, call the Mayor's Office on 9952 8222.

If you have a special community event you would like promoted, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson) and click 'add event'.

## Upcoming Council Meetings

**DEC 10 Tuesday** Council Meeting  
7.30pm. Council Chambers, 6th Floor, Ryde Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.




City of Ryde Staff and Councillors do not accept gifts. We believe a 'Thank You is Enough' for doing our job and serving our Community. By not accepting gifts this demonstrates Council's ethical, and unbiased decision making without unnecessary reward.




## Upcoming Events

### Lifelong Learning - Family Law

Presented by Lydia Shelly from Osborne Howell Pty Ltd Solicitors and Conveyancers.

**When** Friday 6 December  
**Time** 2.30 - 4.30pm  
**Where** Ryde Library, 1 Pope Street, Ryde  
**Cost** Gold coin contribution  
**Bookings** 9952 8352

### Christmas Preschool Story Time

Join the Ryde Rovers for a special Christmas Preschool Story Time. Ages 2-5 years.

**When** Tuesday 10 December  
**Time** 10.00 - 10.45am and 11.15am - 12 noon  
**Where** Ryde Library

**When** Wednesday 11 December  
**Time** 11.00am - 12 noon  
**Where** West Ryde Library

**When** Friday 13 December  
**Time** 11.00am - 12 noon  
**Where** Gladesville Library

**When** Tuesday 17 December  
**Time** 11.00am - 12 noon  
**Where** Eastwood Library

**When** Wednesday 18 December  
**Time** 11.00am - 12 noon  
**Where** North Ryde Library

### Fright before Christmas Spooktacular

Get into the holiday spirit on Friday the Thirteenth of December for Tim Burton's movie 'Nightmare Before Christmas'. Activities include face painting, puppet making or movie popcorn for a gold-coin donation.

**When** Friday 13 December  
**Time** 6.00pm (movie starts at 8.15pm)  
**Where** Eastwood Plaza

### Luke Kim Solo Exhibition

Luke Kim is a well-known painter whose works show the twin influences of his Korean heritage and the Australian landscape.

**When** Saturday 14 December - Saturday 28 December  
**Where** Brush Farm House Gallery, 19 Lawson Street, Eastwood

### Rotary Carols on the Common

Families, neighbours and friends join together at North Ryde Common to share in the Christmas spirit. Acts this year will be X-Factor stars Three Wishez and the Voice contestants Danny Da Ros and Chris Minni.

**When** Sunday 15 December  
**Time** 5.30pm - 9.30pm  
**Where** North Ryde Common, corner Twin and Wicks Roads, North Ryde

## SecondHand Saturday

### One Person's Trash is Another Person's Treasure

The City of Ryde provides residents with five scheduled household cleanups per year - dates for these are found on your area Waste Collection Calendar.

If you live in Zone 2, your Kerbside Council Cleanup is this Monday 9 December. Place items out during the weekend only to avoid fines.

### Hold a garage sale prior to your cleanup and you can:

- Prevent re-usable items going to landfill as well as put cash in your pocket
- Promote community spirit.

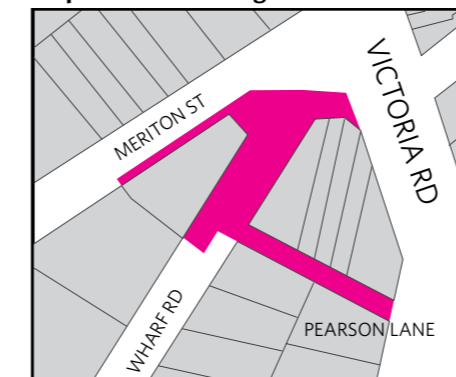
The City of Ryde will advertise YOUR garage sale for FREE if you send in a registration form 14 days PRIOR to your garage sale.

**Garage Sale Locations**  
**Saturday 7 December from 9.00am**  
**• 8 Spencer Street, Gladesville**

To register your address for FREE, call the City of Ryde Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222 and ask to register for a Garage Sale/SecondHand Saturday, or find the form online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/secondhandsaturday](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/secondhandsaturday)

## Public Notice

### Proposed Road Closing - Part of Wharf Road



Under Section 35 of the Roads Act 1993, notice is given that the Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services will consider the closing of a road in connection with a road closing application proposed by Council.

Council (acting on behalf of the Minister) will receive submissions regarding the proposal. All submissions received will be referred to the Minister's delegate for a decision regarding the proposed road closing.

The road under consideration comprises Council public road, of variable width, known as the northern part of Wharf Road and Pearson Lane, being that part adjoining 1-3 Wharf Road and 2-10 Wharf Road at Parish of Hunters Hill, County of Cumberland. Upon closure of the road Council intends to sell the road to the adjoining owners for the construction of a publicly accessible pedestrian plaza and a new Pearson Lane, which is to be dedicated back to Council. All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal. They can be made as follows:

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

• **Post:** General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Closing date for submissions is Wednesday 15 January 2014.

Regarding the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act, information contained in such submissions may, at the discretion of Council and Crown Lands, be referred to the person(s) who initiated the proposal for appropriate consideration.

For more information call Council's Team Manager Property Management on 9952 8337.



## Have a LOMO Christmas

Christmas is a time of plenty - plenty of fun, family, food ... and leftovers!

Studies show NSW households throw away a massive \$2.5 million worth of edible food every year and a staggering 40% of the contents of our general waste bin is food.

So what's the trick to surviving and indeed enjoying being the 'host with the most' this Christmas? The answer is to plan ahead and to be leftover savvy.

Here are some tips for a stress-free, waste-free holiday celebration from the City of Ryde LOMO team.

LOMO stands for Left-Over Make-Over and you can learn how easy it is to cut the waste by making your Christmas leftovers into delicious, creative meals.

Come to the LOMO workshop (for kids and adults) at the Community Christmas Fun Day in Ryde Park on Sunday 8 December. There are three LOMO workshops - 2.15pm, 3.15pm and 4.15pm.

Spaces are limited, so booking is advisable on 9952 8222 or [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lomo](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lomo)

### Five Step Planning

1. Who's coming to dinner? How many?  
Factor in any special dietary needs such as food allergies or intolerances.
2. What's your style - traditional sit-down or buffet?  
Buffet style is more manageable for 10+ people.
3. Who can help? Ask guests if they would like to contribute their signature dish or assign them specific dishes.
4. The oven, the barbie, or both? For smaller groups you'll save time and stress less if you stick to barbecue or oven dishes. It's more energy efficient too. However, for big gatherings divide dishes between the oven and the barbie - but make sure you have some help - four hands are better than two.
5. Plan the menu. Unless you are really confident of pulling off a tricky new dish, stick with your trusty favourites to save time and your sanity. Figure out what you can make ahead and select dishes with similar ingredients to keep costs down.

### Make a List

Make a list of all the ingredients and the quantities you will need. Check your pantry, fridge and freezer to see what you already have and make spaces for the things you need to buy so storage will be easy.

Divide your shopping list into 'pantry' and 'fresh' ingredients. Buy your pantry items at least one week in advance. Check out the specials in your local supermarket catalogues and save.

Don't over-buy. Think about how many dishes you have on the menu and how many people you are feeding. Remember, the healthy food guide is 100-150g of meat or seafood per person with the total protein per meal not exceeding 400g.

Make a 'run-sheet' of what you need to do and the order in which you need to do it. Your 'run-sheet' can start a few days in advance. Planning in this way helps you to time your day and ensures that you don't undercook your turkey or burn your Pavlova!

### All About Food

Let your guests dish-up their own plates - they can come back for seconds and will be less likely to leave leftovers. Replenishing dishes regularly frees up space and ensures food is fresh. Remember, when food is in the temperature 'danger zone' (5-60°C) for more than four hours, there is a high risk of food poisoning. Reduce the risks and manage the allocation of party food.

Christmas is a time for sharing, so prepare 'doggie bags' for your guests to take home. There'll be fewer leftovers for you to worry about.

Use clear, airtight containers to store food and arrange your fridge so food doesn't get forgotten at the back. For quick, no-fuss dinners, divide leftovers into individual or family portions and store in the freezer (unless they will be consumed within 3 days). Defrost in the fridge for 24 hours before reheating.

Fresh fruit and vegetables can sweat in the fridge, so place a paper towel in the clear airtight container to absorb the moisture. Cover your ham with a clean damp tea-towel to keep it moist.

Leftover meat can be made into delicious gourmet sandwiches just by adding your favourite dressing or sauce.



To find out more about food storage or recipes for leftovers, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lomo](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lomo) or [www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au)