City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity at your doorstep

"We're here to listen"

City news for Ryde, North Ryde, East Ryde, West Ryde, Chatswood West, Denistone, Denistone East, Denistone West, Eastwood, Gladesville, Macquarie Park, Marsfield, Meadowbank, Melrose Park, Putney and Tennyson Point.

The Mayor's Community Message

Lunar New Year

The Year of the Horse is up and running and Lunar New Year celebrations in our city are in full swing.

During the week I visited many of the shop owners at Eastwood wishing them a Happy Lunar New Year with the universal greeting of 'kung hei fat choy'! There's a great feeling of goodwill and there are lanterns everywhere. Congratulations to Inspector Duncan Eddington from the Eastwood Area Command for taking out the Celebrity Cooking Competition with his red curry dish.

Now in its sixth successful year, the festival celebrates our City of Ryde's unique diversity with family-friendly events embracing the many different cultures that make up our community.

On Saturday there will be traditional singing and dance performances, martial arts, dragons and drums, food and fireworks, lanterns and lions, goodwill and good fortune. The festivities start at 10.00am and go all day until the 4.00pm.

I hope to see you there as we celebrate family, friends and connecting communities.

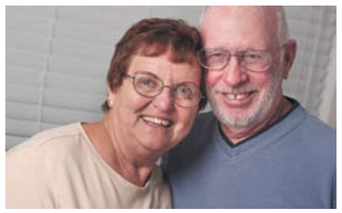
Age-Friendly Gladesville Community Workshop

If you are aged 65 and over and are a resident or regular visitor to Gladesville, then Ryde and Hunters Hill Councils would like to hear your views that will help us plan for an age-friendly, more accessible and liveable Gladesville.

A workshop will be held next week to talk about a range of issues including transport, housing, safety, facilities and services, information, health and wellbeing.

The Age-Friendly Gladesville Community Workshop will take place on Tuesday 18 February at Gladesville RSL from 10.00am – 12.30pm. There is space for up to 50 participants and morning tea is provided.

Bookings are essential so please call Meg at Cred Community Planning on 9357 2476 or email **meg@cred.com.au**



Free Hearing Check

The Australian Hearing mobile bus will be at Eastwood Plaza, this Thursday 13 February from 9.00am – 4.00pm, where you can get a free hearing check. Around 60 percent of Australians over 60 suffer from some form of hearing loss.

As well as having a hearing check, visitors to the bus can find information on a range of common hearing issues and view a display of easy-to-use hearing devices for around the home. This includes headsets for watching the TV and alert systems for doorbells.

Not everyone who has a problem hearing needs a hearing aid. Sometimes it's just hearing the TV at normal volumes, hearing your doorbell, or hearing your friends on the phone that's the problem.

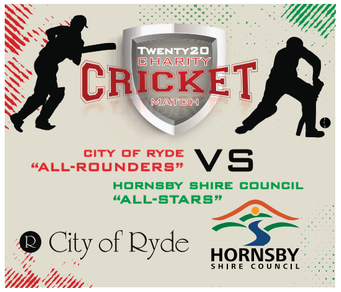
This is a great service, so take advantage of it.

Connecting Communities

I was thrilled to participate in the coin toss of the North Ryde RSL Australia and Norton Oates England Cricket Match at ELS Hall. And next week I'll be bringing you news of a great 20Twenty Charity Cricket Match between the City of Ryde and Hornsby Shire. These kinds of events, while being great fun, strengthen our objective of connecting communities.

Sincerely,
Clr Roy Maggio – Mayor

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



Upcoming Events

Lunar New Year Celebrations

Come and join the party! Music and Chinese and Korean dance performances, high pole dancing lions, food stalls, fireworks and Eastwood's longest dragon parade.

When Saturday 15 February
Time 11.00am – 5.00pm
Where Eastwood Plaza

InFocus: Understanding Retirement Income Streams

Wealth Advisor Don Swanborough and Centrelink partner in this session to outline the basics of retirement income streams. Topics include suitable streams and investments, taxation, Centrelink benefits and more.

When Thursday 20 February
Time 10.30 – 11.30am
Where Gladesville Library
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings 9952 8378

Senior Pedestrian Safety Workshop

This workshop is designed specially for seniors and will challenge you to think about how you can adapt your habits to improve your safety and decrease the risk of injury. Light refreshments provided.

When Thursday 20 February
Time 10.30am – 12 noon
Where West Ryde Library
Cost Free
Bookings Essential, call 9952 8222

North Ryde Library

Reopening Celebration

Come along and help us celebrate in our newly refurbished library! Free face painting for the kids, a special Saturday Rhyme Time and refreshments.

When Saturday 22 February
Where North Ryde Library
Time 9.30am – 12 noon, Face painters from 10.00am, Special Rhyme Time 10.30am
Ages All ages welcome

Author's Platform – Liz Newton

Local romance author Liz Newton will introduce her new novel *Faraway on an Island*.

Join us as Liz tells us more about her journey as a writer and the inspiration for her fictional works.

When Wednesday 26 February
Time 2.00 – 3.30pm
Where West Ryde Library
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings 9952 8376

Author's Platform – Chris Muir

Thriller writer Chris Muir will visit Ryde Library to talk about his new novel, *A Savage Garden*. Hear more about his experiences travelling through Africa, which contribute to this fast-paced adventure set in the Congo.

When Thursday 27 February
Time 6.30 – 7.30pm
Where Ryde Library
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings 9952 8352

Banjo Batterson Festival 2014

Ryde-ing with 'The Banjo'

A festival of words, stories, music and special events to celebrate the life and works of Australia's best loved bush poet Banjo Paterson on the 150th anniversary of his birth.

The life and poems of Banjo Paterson - A bi-lingual presentation in Mandarin and English

Join Ryde Library Service librarian Jinru Zhu as she recounts the events in Banjo Paterson's life in Mandarin; assisted by Local Studies Librarian Angela Phippen. Refreshments provided.

When Friday 14 February
Time 1.30 - 3.00pm
Where Eastwood Library
Cost Gold coin contribution,
Bookings Essential, phone 9952 8352

The life and times of Banjo Paterson

Join us on Banjo's birthday to hear the fascinating story of his life and work. Presented by well-known local author and historian Gregory Blaxell.
Be prepared to sing Happy Birthday and share in Banjo's birthday cake! Refreshments provided.

When Monday 17 February
Time 10.30am - 12noon
Where Ryde Library, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings Essential, phone 9952 8352

An evening with 'The Banjo'

Presented by Gregory Blaxell; with musical accompaniment by Ryde Library's own Ryde Rovers. Join well-known local author and historian Gregory Blaxell as he reads from the poems and stories of Banjo Paterson. Be prepared to sing the roof off the library as we all join in 'Waltzing Matilda'. Refreshments provided.

When Thursday 20 February
Time 6.30 - 8.00pm
Where Ryde Library, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings Essential, phone 9952 8352

Guided Walk through Banjo Paterson Park, Looking Glass Bay Park and Bedlam Point.

To celebrate 150 years since Banjo Paterson's birth and in acknowledgement of his strong local connections to the City of Ryde area, the Guided Walk will include a special Banjo Paterson poetry reading by local historian and author Gregory Blaxell, and tour.

When Sunday 23 February
Session 1 10.00am – 12noon
Session 2 12.30 – 2.30pm
Where Banjo Paterson Park, Gladesville
Cost FREE – Active In Ryde program
Bookings Essential, phone 9952 8222.

Upcoming Council Meeting

FEB Tuesday 18

Planning and Environment Committee and Works and Community Committee
5.00pm Meeting rooms, 5th Floor
Ryde Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.

FEB Tuesday 25

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

Public Notice

Vaccinate Your Pet Rabbit

An ongoing rabbit control program is being undertaken in public open space in northern Sydney.

This includes open spaces within the City of Ryde.

Rabbits are a declared pest species and a threat to infrastructure and endangered ecological communities. The aim of the program is to reduce rabbit numbers and thereby reduce the negative impacts of rabbits.

Commencing in late March through to April, Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) will be released in the local area in a solution applied to chopped carrots. RHDV is species-specific. It affects only rabbits. It is not harmful to native animals, or to domestic pets other than rabbits.

If you have a pet rabbit, it is important to get it vaccinated against RHDV as soon as possible. This will ensure that if your pet rabbit comes into contact with the virus, which is mainly spread by insects and contact with other rabbits, it will be immune.

To ensure that your pet rabbit remains protected, you should consult your vet and maintain an ongoing vaccination program.

For further information, call Local Land Services on 4655 9165 or Council's Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222.

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 9, your Kerbside Council Cleanup is this Monday 17 February. 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.

watch your waste

Garage Sale Locations
Saturday 15 February from 9.00am
• 20 Parklands Road, North Ryde
• 1 Pine Street, North Ryde

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.**

Development Application Received

Council has received the following Section 96 Application.

Property: Magdala Park – 71 Magdala Road, North Ryde

Section 96 Application No.: MOD2014/0006

Applicant: City of Ryde

Modification to Condition 3(b) to allow use of Field No. 1 for up to ten (10) nights per year (either Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday) up to 9.30pm for soccer competition games required due to wet weather cancellation.

Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than 26 February 2014.

The above application is not 'designated development' under the terms of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act*, and the City of Ryde is the authority responsible for the determination of the application. Anyone may make submissions concerning this application. 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 Civic Centre or the Ryde Planning and Business Centre (all details at the base of the page). 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 Planning and Business Centre, 1 Pope Street, Ryde (within Top Ryde City shopping centre) between 9.00am 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 – 5.00pm.) To make an appointment go to **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness** or call 9952 8222.

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