



MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Clr Bill Pickering - Mayor

Welcome to our new GM

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and welcome our new General Manager Ms Gail Connolly. I am confident that under Ms Connolly's leadership, Council will work collaboratively with its community and key stakeholders, to ensure the City of Ryde is fit for the future. It is essential that we work vigilantly to preserve Ryde to ensure we are financially sustainable.

Celebrating our Citizens

I'd like to congratulate our 2015 Citizen of the Year - Dr Peter Mitchell, and our Young Citizen of the Year - Aidan Fisher, the recipients of our top civic awards on Australia Day whose commitment, passion and a willingness to help others have strengthened our community.

Lunar New Year

Many in our local community are gearing up to welcome in the Year of the Sheep (or Goat) as part of big Lunar New Year celebrations in Eastwood. The ever popular cooking competition takes place at 11.00am on Sunday 22 February at Eastwood Plaza followed by the main celebrations on Saturday 28 February with music and Chinese and Korean dance performances, high pole dancing lions, food stalls, fireworks and Eastwood's longest dragon parade.

Upgrades to our parks

Recent park upgrades have been completed at Monash Park and Elouera Reserve.

New in-ground trampolines at the Monash Park playground located on Ryde Road, Gladesville add a unique play experience for our kids. The compact trampolines are part of a \$142,000 upgrade that has seen the playground double in size and also includes swings, a climbing structure with slide, a spring jeep and spring motorbike. A brightly coloured fence encloses the playground and is ideal for energetic primary school aged children.

Another one of the City's parks - Elouera Reserve on Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park has received a welcome makeover, opening it up for the enjoyment of workers, residents and students.

A new granite footpath with multiple entrances give way to an expansive, deck style forecourt with comfortable seating, wide steps and soft landscaping, welcoming park users to enjoy the open space. I am pleased to advise that this project came in under budget.

It is with sadness that I end this message by noting the deaths of Darren and Susana Milne of Ryde and their son in a terrible car accident on the Central Coast at the weekend.

The Councillors and I extend our condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the Milne family at this time and remind all to be careful on our roads.

Sincerely,
Clr Bill Pickering - Mayor

Phone 9952 8222 or email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Ryde Remembers: Poppy knitting & dedication

Join us to learn how to knit or crochet a poppy for Ryde's Centenary of Anzac project 2000Poppies. Beginners are welcome. Patterns, needles and yarn provided.

You can also join us to commemorate someone in your family, or one of the 2000 men and women from the local area who went to World War I, by dedicating a pre-made poppy. Each poppy requires a gold coin donation to Legacy.



When: Wednesday 11 February
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Where: Eastwood Library

When: Saturday 21 February
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Where: Ryde Library

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 March, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Classification of Public Land

Council has acquired 39 Church Street, Ryde (Lot 5 in Deposited Plan 11635). Under section 34 of the Local Government Act, Council gives public notice of its intention to classify this land as "Operational".

Submissions on the proposed classification must be in writing to the General Manager and can be made as follows:

- Email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Post: General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Closing date for submissions is 4.30pm Wednesday 4 March 2015.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Conduct of Markets in Eastwood Plaza

The City of Ryde is seeking Expressions of Interests from experienced operators to facilitate the staging of markets in Eastwood Plaza.

The markets may involve Growers Markets, Arts and Crafts or Night Food Markets. The proposed markets are an initiative of Council to develop and celebrate the vibrant life that exists in the Eastwood Town Centre.

Council will be reviewing the Expressions of Interests and seeking community feedback before any awarding of contract is confirmed.

The successful contractor will have experience in working with the community and experience in managing community based markets.

Contractor submissions will be received no later than 2.00pm Tuesday 17 February 2015.

For more information and to obtain the EOI documents please call Derek McCarthy on 9952 8384.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Council has received the following Local Development Application.

Property: 136 Culloden Road, Macquarie Park

Local Development Application No. LDA2015/0033

Applicant: Campus Living Villages

Security fencing with 2 vehicle entry points and 8 pedestrian entry points around the student accommodation - at Macquarie University Village.

Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than 18 February 2015.

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. 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.

All of the above applications 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 to 5.00pm.) To make an appointment go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness or call 9952 8222.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

SecondHand Saturday Garage Sale

The next Council Cleanup is for residents living in **Zone 7** this **Monday 9 February**.

Why not hold a garage sale prior to your cleanup and prevent re-usable items going to landfill as well as put cash in your pocket!

City of Ryde will advertise your garage sale in the local press and on our website on the Wednesday prior to the event. Simply register 10 business days in advance at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/secondhandsaturday

This week's Garage Sale Locations for **Saturday 7 February** from 9.00am:

- 19 Badajoz Road, Ryde
- 31 Fawcett Street, Ryde

