

RYDE SAYS NO

TO FORCED AMALGAMATIONS

The *Fit for the Future* proposal by the State Government is so extreme it would see our Ryde community split and dissolved between two new mega-councils. To find out more on how the City of Ryde is addressing the proposal go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/fitforthefuture



MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Clr Bill Pickering - Mayor

Voice of the Community

Last week I represented the City of Ryde at the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra.

While there was much debate of national policies, forced amalgamation was one of the dominant discussions and it was a great opportunity to hear the views and learn first-hand from Councils who have experienced amalgamation in other States. One very clear message was that in a landscape of 'big' government, the voice of local communities must be kept alive and that bigger is not always better.

I am also pleased to report that in a show of unity, the City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils have adopted a joint submission to the NSW Government's Fit for the Future reform program, endorsing our rejection of forced amalgamation and detailing a Joint Regional Authority (JRA) as a superior solution for management of the region.

Our JRA model meets the requirements of scale and capacity, streamlines decision making, is cost effective and allows individual communities to retain their local identity, their voice and the high quality tailored services they currently enjoy such as libraries, sporting and recreational facilities, disability support and childcare. It also has the strong backing of residents from the three communities.

We have invited the NSW Government to participate with us in this superior alternative that would prevent the disintegration of Ryde, and we will continue to fight to have your voice heard.

It is disappointing to see our neighbouring Councils mounting desperate last ditch bids to take over parts of the City of Ryde. Everyone it seems wants a piece of Ryde, and in particular, the booming Macquarie Park business district. This 'jewel in the crown' has matured under the careful management of this Council and it currently contributes \$9.1 billion to the State's bottom line.

However, we are not about 'empire building' - we prefer quality over quantity and we will always look after local interests and local residents.

Build light rail where the jobs are

Business leaders have thrown their support behind the City of Ryde's campaign for the first stage of the Western Sydney Light Rail Network to be built between Parramatta to Macquarie Park. This route would service 10 times the passenger numbers of the Olympic Park option.

Connecting the Macquarie Park and Parramatta residential and business centres - with their key education, health and community facilities with fast and affordable travel for the tens of thousands travelling from Western Sydney to Macquarie Park - will ensure the financial success of the light rail network.

In the next decade, jobs in the combined CBDs will increase to 130,000. It is a no-brainer to build 'where the jobs are' now and in the future.

Netball Championships come to Ryde

Meadowbank Park will be abuzz this weekend when the best young netballers from around NSW play in the State Age Championships. The Council is delighted to have assisted Eastwood Ryde Netball Association in their successful bid to host the tournament. Our plan of management and the recent \$80,000 upgrade of the netball complex played a key role in bringing these championships to Ryde.

Sincerely,
Clr Bill Pickering - Mayor

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

EVENTS AROUND THE CITY

Skate Clinic - Intermediate Skate Skills

This skateboarding clinic is suitable for primary school and junior high school aged children (8 - 14 years) who have mastered the basics but want to learn more. The clinic aims to get those already skating to challenge themselves, learn some new tricks and help nail some of the manoeuvres you might have been trying for a while. Session will be taught by qualified and experienced instructors. Advanced bookings required. For more information and to book visit

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/skateclinic



When Tuesday 30 June
Time 1.00 - 3.00pm
Where Gannan Park, Buna Court, Ryde
Cost \$10 per child



Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP)

Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) is a competition and exhibition with artworks that relate to sustainable living or waste themes. In the lead up to SWAP, City of Ryde is staging a series of FREE creative workshops in the mid-year school holidays. The workshops will assist young people to develop artworks to enter into the YEP and JUNIOR YEP categories.

Mosaic with Recycled Materials Workshop

11 to 16 years / Two day short course



When Tuesdays, 30 June and 7 July
Time 10.00am - 4.00pm
Where West Ryde Hall, 1A Station Street, West Ryde

In this workshop you will develop a design to be reproduced onto a recycled base. Be inspired by exploring patterns and motifs. Using a wide range of plastic, fabric and metal discards, turn your design into a colourful mosaic object. The tutor is Marg Somerville, a local mosaic artist, who has been practicing for over ten years.

Animation Drawing Workshop

11 to 16 years / Two day short course



When Wednesdays, 1 and 8 July
Time 10.00am - 4.00pm
Where West Ryde Hall, 1A Station Street, West Ryde

Learn how to bring drawings, collage and illustrations to life using stop motion digital animation. The tutor is Maia Dal Berger, an editor, video artist and media maker with experience in illustration, music videos, web content and short films.

For more information and to book, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Authors Platform: Li Feng

Forged from Silver Dollar is one family's epic tale of survival in tumultuous twentieth-century China. Meet author Li Feng and hear about four tales of heart wrenching love and loss.



When Tuesday 30 June
Time 6.30 - 7.30pm
Where Ryde Library
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings 9952 8352

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Council has received the following Local Development Applications.

Property: 115 Rowe Street, Eastwood

Local Development Application No. 2015/0263

Applicant: Redcape Hotel Group Pty Ltd

Construction of a new building containing a pub (comprising of bar/dining areas, alfresco dining & seating areas and bar with outdoor gaming) at the ground floor with three levels of parking above (containing 45 parking spaces), signage and alterations & additions to the rear of the existing Eastwood Hotel. The hours of operation of the proposed pub are 10am to midnight (Monday to Saturday) and 10.00am to 10.00pm Sunday.

Property: 1139 Victoria Road, West Ryde

Local Development Application No. 2015/0274

Applicant: Mawad Investments Pty Ltd

New two storey boarding house development comprising of thirteen boarding rooms under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009.

Submissions regarding the above applications must be lodged no later than 8 July 2015.

Property: 125 Bowden Street, Meadowbank

Local Development Application No. LDA2015/0161

Applicant: Chanine Design Pty Ltd

Demolition of the existing building and construction of a 7 storey mixed use development over 2 levels of basement car parking. The development will contain one commercial tenancy, 19 residential apartments, parking for 28 vehicles and a roof-top open space area.

Property: 192 Balaclava Road, Macquarie Park

Local Development Application No. 2015/0267

Applicant: Macquarie University

Alterations and additions to Buildings E7A and E7B at Macquarie University. The works include the following:

- Internal fitout of Building E7A
- Construction of an additional storey to Building E7A
- Relocation of the lift cove and services to the northern facade of Building E7A
- Construction of a three storey atrium roof between Buildings E7A and E7B
- A new bridge to link Buildings E7A and E7B
- Upgrade of the western facade of Building E7B

This application will be referred to the Joint Regional Planning Panel constituted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, for determination as the capital investment value exceeds \$5 million.

Property: 14 Vincenia Street, Marsfield

Local Development Application No. 2015/0273

Applicant: Southern Cross Care

Alterations and Additions to the existing residential aged care facility and removal of trees.

Submissions regarding the above applications must be lodged no later than 15 July 2015.

The above applications are 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 (except LDA2015/0267 which will be determined by the JRPP). Anyone may make submissions concerning these applications. 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. 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 to 5.00pm.) To make an appointment go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness or call 9952 8222.

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