

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



First Council Meeting in the new Council Chambers.

New-look Council Hub

Last week we saw a milestone transition for the Council's administration with the opening of new Council Chambers and the relocation of 100 Operations staff to the North Ryde administration office.

The new-look Council hub at 1 Pope Street, Ryde (opposite the old Civic Centre) houses the Customer Service Centre, Ryde Library and now the new Council Chambers on Level 1A, above Ryde Library.

The new Chambers provides a sustainable and highly functional venue for Council and community meetings and firmly establishes Ryde Council as a 21st century civic leader with a modern, state-of-the-art venue for residents conducting business with Council.

While the City of Ryde Council faces what seems to be an inevitable amalgamation with Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Councils, I should remind everyone that we unanimously opposed the carve up of Ryde by proposing a Joint Regional Authority between the three councils.

Council also determined not to go ahead with legal challenges for a number of reasons, including the legal costs which would have to be borne by our ratepayers, however I do not challenge the right of Hunters Hill or Lane Cove to appeal, despite the uncertainty this action has created.

I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say the uniqueness of our City gives us an undiminished sense of pride, history and cultural awareness and a feeling that Ryde is truly a place of opportunity.

We have a plan for the future which includes the vision of building a new Ryde Civic Hub based on the very successful Design our Ryde design competition. This will position Ryde as the centre of local government administration in the district.

Rest assured that I will work hard to build on all we have achieved and focus on delivering what is best for our community as a whole.

Extended Customer Service Hours

From Monday 24 October, the hours of operation at the Customer Service Centre, (below Ryde Library on the Piazza Level), will be extended to 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday. The centre attends to over 18,000 customers a year at the counter and close to 100,000 phone calls to the call centre. They resolve 75% of all enquiries at first point of contact – that's impressive.

Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)
Mayor - City of Ryde
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email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au



PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Exhibition - Draft Code of Meeting Practice

What is a Code of Meeting Practice?

A Code of Meeting Practice is a document which sets standards for the calling, conduct and recording of Council and Committee meetings, ensuring the structure and process provides fair opportunities for all interested parties to contribute.

What is the purpose of the draft amendments to the Code of Meeting Practice?

The purpose of the draft amendments to the Code of Meeting Practice is to address changes to the venue of Council and Committee meetings, as a result of Council ceasing to occupy the Civic Centre on Devlin St Ryde. Council and committee meetings will now be held at Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

In accordance with Section 361 of the *Local Government Act*, Council is required to place the draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition and receive submissions.

Where can I view the Draft document?

The Draft Code of Meeting Practice is on public exhibition from **30 September - 10 November 2016** and can be viewed:

- Online** www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay
- In Person** Customer Service Centre
Ryde Customer Service Centre
1 Pope Street, Ryde
(Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm)
Any City of Ryde library during branch hours.

How do I make a submission?

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'Draft Code of Meeting Practice' and can be made as follows:

- Online** www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay
- Post** General Manager, City of Ryde
Locked Bag 2069
North Ryde NSW 1670
- Email** cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

It is Council policy that all submissions received will be publicly accessible on request. Supplying your personal information is voluntary.

For further information please call our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Authors Platform: Tim Elliott

Join Sydney Morning Herald journalist Tim Elliott to talk about his latest book *Farewell to Father*. This is an extraordinary memoir of growing up with a parent afflicted by mental health issues: a complex elegy, powerfully told, loaded with love, rage and surprising humour.



- When** Wednesday 12 October
- Time** 6.30 – 7.30pm
- Where** Ryde Library
- Cost** Gold coin donation
- Bookings** 9952 8352

eBook Workshop

eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines are just a click away. This workshop will show you how to access the latest library materials available to members. Bring your own device eg. iPad, laptop, smartphone, tablet, Surface or Android. Device must be set up with User ID. Open to all Ryde residents.



- When** Monday 17 October
- Time** 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Where** Ryde Library
- Cost** Free
- Bookings** 9952 8352

EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

Celebrate the upcoming National Bird Week (17 – 23 October) in the City of Ryde.

Guided Walk Bird Watching in the Field of Mars Reserve

Join us for a very special bird watching guided walk through the Field of Mars Reserve and lower section of Buffalo Creek. The walk guide is a bird specialist and will be able to help you spot and identify a wide variety of native bird species including summer migratory birds.



- When** Saturday 15 October
- Time** 8.00 - 10.00am
- Where** Field of Mars Reserve,
220 Pittwater Road,
East Ryde
- Cost** Free. Booking essential

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

Aussie Backyard Bird Count 2016

Take part in the biggest citizen science project to hit Aussie shores! From 17-23 October, thousands of people from across the country are heading out into their backyards, local parks, or favourite outdoor spaces to take part in the third annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count.



- When** 17 – 23 October
- Time** A 20 minutes period of your choice during the week of 17-23 October
- Where** An outdoor space of your choice such as your backyard or nearby local park
- Cost** Free

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/birdcount



Garage Sale Trail

City of Ryde has partnered again in the Annual Garage Sale Trail being held on Saturday 22 October, where you can participate by holding your own garage sale or by visiting one of the dozens being held on the day right across the neighbourhood. Visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Garage Sales Saturday 8 October from 9.00am

- 31 Monash Road, Gladesville
 - 43 Chatham Road, West Ryde
- To list your garage sale for free, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales