

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE**



At the Mayor's Morning Tea at Blenheim Park

With a Mayoral election imminent, I have taken time to reflect back on a year of great achievements on behalf of the community, but also a degree of community uncertainty caused by the Baird Government's threat on our open space and local democracy.

Focusing on the positives, in this past week we have seen the results of several significant projects.

**New summer of cricket**

The cricket community is celebrating the laying of a new grassed cricket pitch at Marsfield Park in preparation for the summer season.

There's quite a science to the construction and maintenance of a new cricket 'square' and the 24m x 16m new turf wicket at Marsfield Park is a great asset that will serve the community for decades to come.

We have worked in partnership with the Northern District Cricket Association, clubs and players to ensure the best outcome and I look forward to a great season.

**Kicking goals at ELS Hall Park**

Another section of the sports community is celebrating the beginning of works that will see a new synthetic turf sports field at ELS Hall Park.

Members of Ryde Panthers and the NWS Koalas joined me as we 'turned the sod' for this long awaited upgrade that will ensure extended training and playing times for several sporting codes who use this popular ground.

**Rowe Street East facelift**

Shop owners and shoppers are celebrating the new-look Rowe Street East business precinct in Eastwood, as the final touches of the much anticipated upgrade are put in place.

This week I was on site to see the installation of 28 four-metre high street trees along the new centre median of Rowe Street East, between Eastern Parade and Blaxland Road.

The facelift includes undergrounding of electricity wires, new granite paving, new smart poles and a public art installation. Importantly, there has been no loss of parking as a result of this revamp.

The transformation is a welcome addition to this busy area located on 'the other side' of the railway line that is home to strip of great Korean restaurants.

**Mayor's Morning Tea**

We had a great turnout at the Mayor's Morning Tea at Blenheim Park. Families were genuinely thrilled at the news that the Council won its battle to stop the ill-conceived plan for a high rise residential development right on perimeter of this people's park. Let's hope that our efforts to expand Blenheim Park by 2,000 sqm continue this positive trend.



Sincerely,

*Jerome Laxale*

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**EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY**



**Cycling Events in the City of Ryde**

**Bike Week Breakfast**

Wednesday 21 September, 6.15 - 9.15am

Blenheim Park, off Epping Rd shared user path (near Delhi Rd)

**Guided Twilight Ride**

Thursday 22 September, 5.30 - 7.30pm

Macquarie Park/North Ryde route

**Essential Skills Workshop**

Sunday 25 September, 9.00am - 2.00pm

Meadowbank Park Netball Courts

**Commuting Skills Workshop**

Sunday 25 September, 9.00 - 11.00am and 11.30am - 1.30pm

Meadowbank Park Netball Courts

For bookings and more information, call Customer Service on 9952 8222 or visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/bikeweek](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/bikeweek)



17-25 September 2016 For more information visit [transportnsw.info/bikeweek](http://transportnsw.info/bikeweek)

**EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**InFocus: Scams**

Would you know a scam if you saw one? NSW Fair Trading delivers this informative talk on current scams and how to identify them.



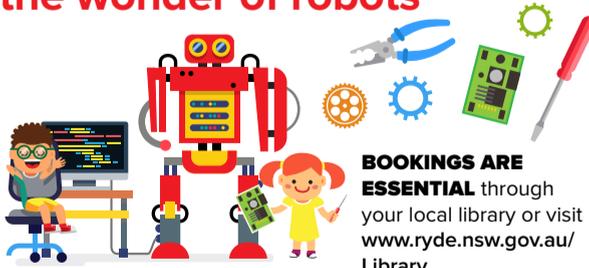
**When** Wednesday 21 September  
**Time** 1.30 - 3.00pm  
**Where** West Ryde Library  
**Cost** Gold coin donation  
**Bookings** Essential. 9952 8352

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**<Get Technical>**

**September/October School Holiday Program @ your Library**

**We will have fun and explore the wonder of robots**



**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL** through your local library or visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library)

For the full program and for more information on other school holiday activities visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays)

City of Ryde

**RYDE/HUNTERS HILL HOME MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

The Home Modification and Maintenance Service provides modifications and maintenance to the homes of the frail, aged and people with a disability aged under 65.

**What will it cost?**

Modifications - Income Assessed  
Maintenance - Hourly rate plus cost of materials

**Modifications:**

- Installation of handrails
- Installation of hand-held showers
- Building timber ramps
- Adjustment of chair or bed height.

**Maintenance:**

- Minor carpentry, electrical or plumbing
- Gutter cleaning.

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

**Contact the Home Modification and Maintenance Service Team on 9952 8305 for information.**

**Please call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 for work requests. [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)**



**PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD**

**Garage Sales**

**Saturday 17 September from 9.00am**

- 27 Plunkett Street, Marsfield
- 72 Bennett St, West Ryde

**Sunday 18 September from 9.00am**

- 72 Bennett St, West Ryde

To list your garage sale for free, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales)



**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2016**  
9.00am - 8.30pm  
Eastwood Town Centre

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival)