

# #YES2JRA

## JOINT REGIONAL AUTHORITY

The NSW Government announced a formal proposal on 6 January to merge the City of Ryde with Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils. This proposal along with written submissions from the community will be assessed by the Delegate Dr Robert Lang for consideration in the final report. This is your last chance to have your say on the Merger Proposal by making a submission before 5.00pm Sunday 28 February 2016 at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/fitforthefuture](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/fitforthefuture)



Clr Jerome Laxale – Mayor spoke on behalf of the City of Ryde at the mergers public inquiry. Across the two public sessions, over 300 people attended.

### The Mayor's Community Message

#### Forced Mergers Public Inquiry

The public inquiries orchestrated by the State Government have certainly revealed the inadequacies of Mike Baird's proposal to forcibly merge the City of Ryde.

Members of the community from Ryde, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove have been joined by a chorus of residents across the State who have damned the process and called on the government to come clean with their figures.

81% of Ryde residents have told us they do not want Ryde to merge, yet local MPs Dominello & Roberts, along with the Premier continue to ignore us. Nevertheless, I encourage you to put your submission in writing at the Government's Council Boundary Review website at [www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au](http://www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au) Submissions close on 28 February at 5.00pm.

To find out more information, you can read my address to the public inquiry at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/mayorspublicenquiryaddress](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/mayorspublicenquiryaddress)

#### Have Your Say

There are many ways Council learns about your views including on our website at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

At any one time there are numerous projects and policies on "public exhibition" that we'd like your feedback on. We may ask you to provide your feedback through a form, a survey, in writing or face to face. Currently there are topics such as Tree Preservation, Eating Out in Ryde, Graffiti Vandalism and our Immunisation Clinics. I invite you to take a look and click on the topic that interests you to find out more and provide your feedback.

#### National Volunteers Week

I'm delighted to announce that applications for our Volunteer of the Year Awards are now open.

Volunteer of the Year is our City's way of saying 'thank you' to those unsung heroes who make the City of Ryde a better place, thanks to their acts of service, dedication and kindness.

If you know of an individual, young person or group of people who do outstanding work in our community, and you think deserves to be recognised, please let us know. Information can be found on our website at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteers)



Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor  
Phone 9952 8222 or  
email [mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au)



#### The year of the Monkey, 2016.

The Eastwood Lunar New Year celebration is an exciting and colourful event that is widely acknowledged as a big success with crowds of over 10,000 attending during the day. Visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear)

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| <b>COOKING COMPETITION AT EASTWOOD PLAZA</b>  | <b>GRAND CELEBRATION DAY AT EASTWOOD PLAZA</b> |
| <b>SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 11.00am to 2.00pm</b> | <b>SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 11.00am - 10.00pm</b>  |
| :: Cooking Competition                        | :: Lunar New Year Celebration                  |
| :: Lion Dance                                 | :: Performances                                |
| :: Cooking Demonstrations                     | :: Lion Parade and Dragon Parade               |
|   | :: Fire Crackers                               |
|   | :: Food Stalls and Handicraft Stalls           |

Eastwood Night Markets Every Saturday 4.00pm - 10.00pm

#### LUNAR NEW YEAR GRAND CELEBRATION - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

On Saturday 20 February 2016 the following road closures will be in place from 6.00am – 6.00pm:

- Rowe Street between Trelawney St and The Avenue, Eastwood

A detour route will be signposted to assist commuters travelling within the event area.

For further information please contact the Events Team on 9952 8222.



### CINEMA IN THE PARK

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS AT A PARK NEAR YOU

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema)

### WEST RYDE Easter PARADE & FAIR

**9AM - 3.30PM SATURDAY 19 MARCH**  
Easter Parade from Miriam Park from 9.15am  
Easter Fair in the West Ryde Plaza, Graf Ave and Market Street

#### EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

##### Tablet Basics

Learn the basics of using your touch screen tablet. Includes buttons, touch screen interaction and exercises, WiFi, internet browsing and accessing library ebooks. *Own tablet device essential and must be set up with user ID and password prior to class.*



**When** Monday 15 February  
**Time** 10.30am - 12.30pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Cost** \$18 (\$12 for seniors)  
**Bookings** 9952 8352

#### EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

##### Kitchen Gardening Workshop

This workshop will show you how to make the most of your garden or balcony with tips and tricks to create an edible abundance in whatever space you have. To register, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/kgwregistration](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/kgwregistration)



**When** Saturday 20 February  
**Time** 10.00am - 12.00pm  
**Where** Location to be advised upon registration  
**Cost** Free

### DESIGN OUR RYDE

RYDE HUB PRECINCT  
International Design Competition  
**NOW OPEN** [www.DesignOurRyde.com](http://www.DesignOurRyde.com)

#### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Council has received the following Local Development Application.  
**Property:** 116-144 Bowden Street, Meadowbank  
**Local Development Application No.** MOD2015/0244  
**Applicant:** Rothsay Avenue Developments Pty Ltd  
Amendment to approved development consisting of 3 residential flat buildings and a single storey commercial building. The amendment involves the erection of an extra storey to the single storey commercial building to accommodate a community facility. 20 additional car spaces will be provided in the basement. This application will be referred to the Joint Regional Planning Panel constituted under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* for determination as the capital investment value exceeds \$20 million.  
**Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than 2 March, 2016.**

The above application is not 'designated development' under the terms of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, and the Joint Regional Planning Panel 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. 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](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness) or call 9952 8222.

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN for Stallholders, Performers and Parade Participants.**

**Applications close Friday 19 February.**

For more information and to download an application form visit:

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



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