

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE**



With East Ryde Scouts ready to kick off another citizenship ceremony

**Heritage Festival**

To celebrate Heritage Week, Council is holding a number of events that provide a glimpse into our fascinating past. During May, you can discover the architectural influences that have helped shape the character of Ryde on a guided walk, a 'Willandra' open house day or attend a history talk. There will be an illustrated presentation at Ryde Library tracing the history of boat building on the Parramatta River that gives you clues of where to look for traces of this practise, including the 'nawi' of the Wallumedegal people, through to European shipbuilding that started in 1790.

For details go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heritageweek](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heritageweek)

**Women's Art Prize**

Our City has a vibrant arts scene, which has grown over time. One of the events central to achieving this reputation for creativity is the Women's Art Prize (WAP), now in its sixth year. Last year the competition attracted a record 268 works from artists right across the country, which were as diverse in age and culture as the mediums they used.

**Pledge for Parity** is this year's theme with a range of categories and a prize pool of \$3,250.

Entries are now open and you can find full details at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wap)

**Have Your Say**

The Council's Four Year Delivery Plan 2016-20, and a supporting one-year budget 2016/17, will be on public exhibition from 4 May to 14 June, giving residents and ratepayers the chance to comment on the future direction of our City. This comprehensive four year roadmap details the projects, services and activities the Council will undertake and is based on the future vision of the Ryde 2025 Community Strategic Plan. The Delivery Plan shows how the Council intends to improve the amenity of residents, adapt to the challenges of governing our City, provide support to all local communities, protect and enhance Ryde's heritage and culture and continue to be sustainable - both fiscally and environmentally - into the future.

**Volunteer Recognition Awards**

This week our City will honour the hundreds of volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to those in our community who are elderly, sick or less fortunate than us. We are holding a special gala presentation to announce our individual, youth and group volunteers of the year and I am looking forward to meeting these wonderful people who make such a difference.

If you would like to give back to society, we are currently looking for volunteer shopping assistants for elderly clients living in Ryde and Hunters Hill. We also provide volunteer training workshops. If you would like to know more, visit our website on [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteering](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteering)

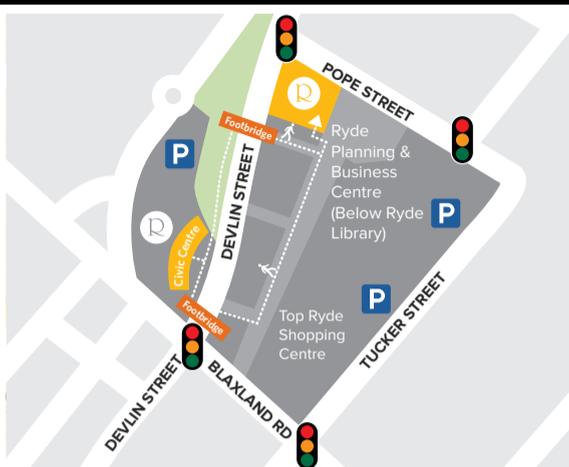


Sincerely,

*Jerome Laxale*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**



**Ryde Customer Service Centre and Council Offices are on the move**

City of Ryde Council administration, operating from the Civic Centre, will shortly relocate to new offices in North Ryde. During this relocation period, our Customer Service Office located on the ground floor of the Civic Centre will also move. For a short time in May, Customer Service will relocate to the Ryde Planning and Business Centre at 1 Pope Street, Ryde (under Ryde Library). Both Customer Service and the Ryde Planning and Business Centre will then relocate back to the Civic Centre site. We hope these changes do not cause you any undue inconvenience and our staff will ensure they maintain a seamless service for all your enquiries. There will be no change to the operation of the Civic Hall and public parking at the Civic Centre and public car parks adjacent to the Civic Centre remains unchanged.

**FRIDAY 13 MAY**

- The Civic Centre at 1 Devlin St, Ryde will be closed to the public
- The Customer Service Centre will operate from the Ryde Planning and Business Centre at 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

**MONDAY 16 MAY - END OF JUNE**

- The Customer Service Centre will resume operation from the Civic Centre from Monday 16 May
- The Ryde Planning and Business Centre will close for renovations from Monday 16 May and will operate from the Civic Centre until the end of June
- Level 5 Committee Rooms and Council Chambers will continue to host Council Meetings until 30 June 2016.

**New Council Offices**

The Ryde Civic Centre Offices are moving on Friday 13 May to new office in North Ryde, located at the Binary Centre, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde. The Binary Centre will be home to all staff currently located at the Civic Centre (excluding Customer Service staff and the Mayoral Office). During the relocation, the Civic Centre will be closed to the public and the Customer Service Centre will operate normal business hours from the Ryde Planning and Business Centre on Friday 13 May.

**New flagship Customer Service Centre coming soon**

In early July, a new flagship Council and Customer Service Centre will operate from 1 Pope Street Ryde. It will include Customer Service, the Building Development Advisory Service Team, Office of the Mayor and the Council Chambers. For all the latest updates go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onthemove](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onthemove)

**EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY**

**Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club Schools Cup Tournament 2016**

The Gladesville Hornsby Football Association will host a round of the Regional Schools Cup. For more information email [community@wswanderersfc.com.au](mailto:community@wswanderersfc.com.au)



**Association** Gladesville Hornsby Football Association  
**When** Tuesday 24 May 2016  
**Time** 9.00am  
**Where** Meadowbank Park, 96 Constitution Rd, Meadowbank

**EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**National Trust Heritage Festival Making and Breaking Ships near Kissing Point**

For millennia the shores of the Parramatta River saw the construction of innumerable 'nawi' by the Wallumedegal and from the 1790s European shipbuilding became common. At the end of WWI, ship breaking also became an important yet now forgotten industry. Traces of all these activities can still be seen if you know where to look. Dr Peter Mitchell will explore some of these stories in an illustrated lecture. For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shipstalk](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shipstalk)



**When** Thursday 12 May 2016  
**Time** 7.00 - 8.30pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Cost** Gold coin donation  
**Bookings** 9952 8352 or [rydelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rydelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

**PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD**

**Garage Sales**

**Saturday 7 May from 9.00am:**

- 130 Lancaster Avenue, Melrose Park
- 20 See Street, Meadowbank

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

**Important Changes to Swimming Pool Regulations**

A Swimming Pool/Spa Certificate of Compliance is required for buying, selling or leasing a property with a swimming pool in NSW.

Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death in very young children in NSW. The most effective home pool safety measure is proper adult supervision at all times, but a well-maintained, child-resistant pool barrier is also key to preventing small children's unsupervised access to backyard swimming pools and spa pools.

New laws introduced 29 April 2016 apply to the sale or lease of properties with a pool in NSW.

Under the changes, vendors will need to attach to contracts of sale a Certificate of Compliance or a Certificate of Non-Compliance that outlines what needs to be fixed. Homebuyers of properties with swimming pools will have 90 days from settlement to rectify non-compliant pool barriers.

These changes have been introduced to further protect the safety of young children around backyard swimming pools.

To book your inspection please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222 or download an application form at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swimmingpools](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swimmingpools)

**DESIGN OUR RYDE EXHIBITION + VOTE**  
**OPEN UNTIL 5 MAY 2016**  
Macquarie Centre and Top Ryde City Shopping Centre  
Or view concepts online: [www.DesignOurRyde.com.au](http://www.DesignOurRyde.com.au)

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