

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



At Meadowbank Park for the Western Sydney Wanderers Schools Cup

As you have most likely read in the press of the recent raft of unpopular Council amalgamations forced on the community against their wishes, this may be my final message to you as the last Mayor of Ryde.

When I became Mayor, I wanted to achieve three things before Mike Baird forcibly merged us.

Firstly, I wanted Ryde to be a fairer and more accessible City. Earlier this year, Council resolved to provide 750 affordable rental housing for our key workers and families on lower incomes. This will make our City fairer and provide us with a local workforce of child-care workers, nurses and police.

We have also boosted assistance to disadvantaged people in our community with a new Social Support Grant with funding of \$120,000 from July next year. Part of that grant will also maintain funding at existing levels for our three major community aid organisations Christian Community Aid, North Ryde Community Aid and Hunters Hill Ryde Community Services.

Secondly, I wanted to tackle the child care shortage in our City. Council is now planning our response to shortages and we will soon release our strategy to ensure families get more access to affordable childcare in Ryde.

Lastly, we needed action on our overused and overcrowded sports fields. Council has now resolved to build three synthetic fields in Ryde at ELS Hall and Christie Park which will revolutionise outdoor sports in our City. Synthetics will improve skills and allow more people to play, even if we're hit by bad weather.

Football is the lifeblood of many families in Ryde and in an exciting development Council and the Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club will work together to develop a mutually beneficial partnership aimed at promoting football, connecting people, and showcasing Ryde's excellent sporting facilities.

This includes supporting the WSW Schools Cup at Meadowbank Park, for the next three years. This event engages hundreds of primary and high school boys and girls, across six football association areas, including the Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association.

As I have stated before, a forced merger with Hunters Hill and Lane Cove is not in the best interests of Ryde. We have presented our case based on fact and reason, only for the Government to ignore them.

If we are to be merged, I would like to take this opportunity to say what a thrill and honour it has been to serve you as Mayor. Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility.



Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor  
Phone 9952 8222 or  
email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

## EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

### Your Waste Adventure

Residents of Ryde are invited on a free tour of Visy Materials Recycling Facility where materials from your yellow-lidded recycling bin are sorted. Bookings essential, book online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wastetour](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wastetour) or call 9952 8222.



**When** Tuesday 21 June  
**Time** 9.00am - 1.30pm  
**Where** Meet at the Civic Centre  
**Cost** Free

## CITY OF RYDE WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL:

### Women's Art Prize and Exhibition 2016

Artists and members of the community were invited to apply for the prize and exhibition with artworks that respond to themes surrounding women. A selection of artworks will be chosen for exhibition.

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



**When** Exhibition opens Thursday 16 June to Saturday 2 July  
**Time** Gallery open days: Tuesday - Saturday, 11.00am - 4.00pm  
**Where** See Street Gallery, Sydney Gallery School, Meadowbank Campus of The Northern Sydney Institute - part of TAFE NSW, See Street, Meadowbank  
**Cost** Free



### Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

**\$4,550 worth of prizes to be won**

The City of Ryde proudly presents the return of the Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize. Artists and members of the community are invited to enter the competition and exhibition with artworks that relate to sustainable living or waste themes.

In the lead up to SWAP 2016 and during the school holidays, City of Ryde is staging a series of free creative workshops in art and object making for youth who wish to develop an entry for the YEP and Junior YEP categories, with the support of a professional artist. For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap)

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Granny Smith Festival Sponsors

The Granny Smith Festival is a celebration of fun, food and entertainment. We are seeking expressions of interest from shop owners and small businesses who would like to become a sponsor of the 2016 Granny Smith Festival being held on 15 October. This will be great exposure for your business with plenty of opportunities to reach out to the community. There are four sponsorship packages available, so to view the sponsorship proposal visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gsf](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gsf), or for more information call 9952 8222 or email [events@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

## EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

### InFocus: Celebrating Charlotte Brontë

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charlotte Brontë. This talk will present an illustrated life of this brilliant and mysterious author. Dr Christopher Cooper presents this fascinating talk that explores the many myths and intrigues that surround her life story.



**When** Wednesday 15 June  
**Time** 6.30 - 7.30pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Cost** Gold coin donation  
**Bookings** 9952 8352

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Exhibition of Voluntary Planning Agreements under Section 93F

Council proposes to enter into the following Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with Urban Growth.

**VPA for North Ryde M2 Site** – Lot 1 DP1207368 and Lot 7 DP1046090 Located on the western side of the intersection of the M2 Motorway, Delhi Road and Epping Road – State Significant Development (SSD 5093 – M2 site, North Ryde Station Urban Activation Precinct).

**Description:** The above development was granted consent on 5 March 2015 by the Minister of Planning. The Consent required that a Planning Agreement be entered into between the Developer and Council prior to Stage 2 Development Applications being lodged with Council. The VPA will provide community benefits in the form of open space, recreation, public art, roads and a community facility in excess of \$26 million. The Community Facility alone has a value of \$7.8 million.

#### Where can I view the VPA?

The VPA is on public exhibition from 1 June - 1 July 2016 and can be viewed:

**Online** [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

**In Person** Customer Service Centre  
Ryde Civic Centre  
1 Devlin Street, Ryde  
(Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm)

Any City of Ryde Library during branch hours.

#### How do I make a submission?

Submissions must be in writing and marked as VPA2015/1. They can be made as follows:

**Online** [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://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](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

Closing date for submissions is **4.30pm on Friday 1 July 2016**. Please contact David Matthews, Development Contributions Coordinator on (02) 9952 8238 or email [dmatthews@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dmatthews@ryde.nsw.gov.au) for further information.

## PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

### Garage Sales

**Saturday 4 June from 9.00am:**

- 12 Salter Crescent, Denistone
- 678 Victoria Road, Ryde

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