

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



New synthetic turf at ELS Hall Park (left to right): Daniel Ristic (Football NSW), Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering, Mark Lochie (Gladesville Football Association), David Lawson (AFL NSW/ACT), Cllr Roy Maggio, Anthony Brooks (Cricket NSW).

The announcement by Premier Gladys Berejiklian that her Government will go ahead with forced mergers for metropolitan is disappointing for Ryde and neighbouring councils.

The new Premier gave us a glimmer of hope recently when she stated she would be open to public concerns about forced amalgamations, but this decision means the amalgamation of Ryde, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Councils is still on the agenda pending current legal challenges.

A forced amalgamation will initially mean an Administrator will be put in charge of a merged entity and the community will lose its voice through their democratically elected representatives.

There is a better solution and I have urged Ms Berejiklian and her peers to look more closely at our proposed Joint Regional Authority (JRA) model as a way of improving the three councils' operations. A JRA allows our local councils to remain independent and provide regional cooperation.

Joint organisation arrangements were first supported by the Independent Local Government Review Panel and our specific JRA model was unanimously recommended by the NSW Legislative Council 2015 Inquiry into Local Government as a 'co-operative and consensus model for local council reform in Metropolitan Sydney'.

The Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Council's Directions Hearing for their appeal is listed for April.

Let's get rid of graffiti

The City of Ryde spends more than \$200,000 a year removing graffiti vandalism. In its fight against graffiti, Council works with various organisations, including Rotary and the NSW Government, to highlight the problem and help remove graffiti.

If you see a graffiti vandal in action, please report it immediately on the Police Assistance Line 131444 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 (anonymous). There is more information on the Council website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/graffiti

If you would like to be part of our community consultation on how to reduce graffiti vandalism, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

Small ideas. Big impact.

Boronia Park's Pittwater Road shopping precinct is the latest town centre to benefit from small ideas with a big impact.

Shoppers, passers-by and the elderly are enjoying the new timber benches and tables for incidental chats and coffees. Kids and adults are having a quick game of hopscotch on the colourful new painted court. Local school students are grabbing paint brushes to create a Street Library for the community to take a book and leave a book!

With simple, fast and low-cost ideas with big impact, the area has really come alive, and to celebrate Council is planning a small community event in the near future... so watch this space.



Yours Sincerely,

Cllr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

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EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY



Seniors' Week Celebrations

Join us at our free events to celebrate Seniors' Week. Enjoy the Library, meet new people, try a new experience and access information and ideas.

Retirement Living Options

This talk is presented by Centerlink Financial Information Services. Topics covered include:

- Your choice to own or not
- How financial considerations can alter choice
- Centerlink assessment for each choice
- Financial advantages and disadvantages

Bookings are essential, call 9952 8352 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors



When Wednesday 8 March
Time 6.30 - 8.00pm
Where Ryde Library
Cost Free

Scratch Jr Coding Cross Generation Workshop

Coding is the new literacy. Learn how to program an interactive story or game alongside your Grandchild or Child. Bring your own iPad or Android for this activity. You will need to download the free software on your device from the Apple store or Google Play. Registration forms available at all City of Ryde Libraries. Limited spaces. Bookings are essential, call 9952 8352 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors



When Saturday 11 March
Time 10.00 - 11.30am
Where Gladesville Library
Ages Child must be 6 - 8 years
Cost \$3.50 per child, Grandparent free

Musical Morning Tea with The Sydneysiders Barbershop Chorus

Experience the awe-inspiring delight that only a barbershop quartet can provide - on a grand scale!



When Monday 13 March
Time 10.30 - 11.30am
Where Ryde Library
Cost Gold coin contribution for Morning Tea

EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY



Outdoor Stories & Songs

Join us for a fun-filled, award winning session with songs, stories and more, by Ryde Library Service.



Ages All ages welcome
When 24 February and 24 March
Time 10.30am - 11.00am
Where Piazza Dining area, Top Ryde City shopping centre
Cost Free

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day encourages all Australians to take to their local park, beach, bushland or streets and help collect rubbish. For more information and to register visit www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au



Business Clean Up Day: Tuesday 28 February
Schools Clean Up Day: Friday 3 March
Clean Up Australia Day: Sunday 5 March

The Clean Bin Project - Movie Screening

In this multi-award winning movie, partners Jen and Grant go head to head in a competition to see who can swear off consumerism and produce the least garbage. Their light-hearted competition is set against a darker examination of the problem waste.



When Tuesday 28 February
Time 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Where Eden Gardens, 307 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park
Cost Free

Kick Start your business in 2017

City of Ryde and Ryde Business Forum invites you to this event to gain up-to-date information, knowledge and digital strategies to help kick start your business in 2017. To register and for more information on other business workshops visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesvents



When Tuesday 28 February
Time 5.30pm registration - 8.00pm
Where CSIRO (outside Bld 53), Riverside Corporate Park, 11 Julius Ave, North Ryde
Cost Free

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Garage Sales

Saturday 25 February from 9.00am

• 9 and 10 Moss Street, West Ryde
To list your garage sale for free, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales

City of Ryde PRESENTS

CINEMA IN THE PARK

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS AT A PARK NEAR YOU
Friday 17 - 25 March 2017
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema