

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



Facts absent in TWT article

I am very concerned at the inaccurate claims made in last week's *The Weekly Times* on the Civic Centre. Council will be providing the facts in a media release and on the Council's website, for the benefit of ratepayers.

Learn to Swim

It is essential that every child learns to swim. Introducing your child to swimming early ensures they have the skill for their whole life.

The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre runs an award-winning year-round program of swim schools as well as a special four-day School Holiday Intensive clinic commencing in April. These classes will equip your child with the skills to keep them water safe, improve their overall physical wellbeing and boost their confidence. Bookings essential. For full details go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ralc or phone 8878 5111.

Small Grants Program

Small community groups are invited to apply for grants under Council's Small Grants Program. The program is designed to help smaller community organisations with limited resources to respond to changing or unforeseen situations that fall outside of our annual Community Grants cycle. Funding for the program is capped at \$1,000 per grant application per year. For additional information go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/smallgrants

A big weekend

The cooler weather has heralded a great line-up of events this weekend, from free movies and a community kick-fest, to a lights festival. Come along and join in the fun.

BFG

As the sun goes down on Friday night, 17 March, our big inflatable movie screen with stereo sound will be up in Eastwood Plaza for a free screening of the hit movie *BFG* (Big Friendly Giant). This is a delightful fantasy adventure based on the Roald Dahl classic. Bring a blanket or low chair and gather your friends and family. For full details go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema

Lights Up

Be one of the first to experience the new community park at Lachlan's Line, North Ryde, at the *Lights Up Festival* over two nights.

On Friday and Saturday, 17 and 18 March, from 5.00pm to 10.00pm, Lachlan's Line will come alive with activities, and feature some of Sydney's best food trucks and entertainment for kids and adults alike. This is a festival with something for everyone.

ELS Hall kick off

Council is holding a community celebration on Saturday 18 March from 12noon to 1.00pm for the new synthetic field at the ELS Hall Park, North Ryde. There will be games, refreshments and prizes.



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

Phone 9952 8222 or email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY



Lights Up - Lachlan's Line

To celebrate a new park at Lachlan's Line, UrbanGrowth NSW will host a community event, the Lachlan's Line Lights Up Festival. Lachlan's Line will come alive with activities, food trucks and entertainment for kids and adults.

For more information visit www.lachlansline.com.au



When Friday 17 and Saturday 18 March

Time 5.00 - 10.00pm

Where Lachlan's Line Central Park, Jarvis Circuit (Enter from Wicks Road or from Epping Road), North Ryde

Cost Free

Australian Asian Association of Bennelong – Harmony Soccer Tournament

Australian Asian Association of Bennelong will host its annual Community Harmony Soccer tournament, so come along and show your support.



When Saturday 25 March

Time 9.00am - 12noon

Where Eastwood Oval West Parade, Eastwood



City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity
@ your doorstep

EVERYONE BELONGS | HARMONY DAY
Celebrating Interculturalism and Community Spirit!

COMMUNITY INFO EXPO

THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017 | 9.30am - 12.30pm
EASTWOOD PLAZA

INFORMATION STALLS - Aged Care, Education and more
PERFORMANCES - Irish dancing, Lion Dance and more
ACTIVITIES - Interactive Fun, Kids Corner and more

For further information call Community Migrant Resource Centre on 9858 1925 or email uma.menon@cmrc.com.au

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/harmonyday



PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Garage Sales

Saturday 18 March from 9.00am

- 84 Bennett Street, West Ryde
- 58 Moncrieff Drive, East Ryde

Sunday 19 March from 9.00am

- 76 Delange Road, Putney

To list your garage sale for free, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Authors Platform: Candice Fox

Meet Candice Fox, the award-winning author of *Hades* and *Eden*, as she talks about *Crimson Lake*, her new ingenious and edgy suspense novel that will keep you guessing to the very last page. 'One of the best crime thrillers of the year' - Lee Child. To book, call 9952 8352 or go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/candicefox



When Wednesday 22 March

Time 6.30 - 7.30pm

Where Ryde Library

Cost Gold coin contribution

InFocus: Law Talk - Cyber safety and the law

This talk provides practical tips on protecting yourself online, and addresses types of common online scams and how to avoid them.



When Thursday 23 March

Time 6.30 - 7.30pm

Where West Ryde Library

Cost Gold coin contribution

Bookings Essential. Call 9952 8352

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

Be an Effective Volunteer Workshop

This workshop is for those that are interested in volunteering and will provide information and support for potential volunteers to make informed decisions towards volunteering in their local community. Bookings essential, book online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/effectivevolunteer or call 9952 8222.



When Tuesday 4 April

Time 10.00am - 12noon

Where West Ryde Community Centre
3-5 Anthony Rd, West Ryde
Suite 6, The Northern Centre

Cost Free

HAVE YOUR SAY



Feedback on events in our City

The City of Ryde is currently developing an *Events Strategy* which will provide direction on event planning and delivery within the City of Ryde. The strategy will cover events delivered by Council, as well as how Council can best assist community groups to deliver their own local events.

This is the second feedback phase and aims to obtain an in-depth view of how you interact with events in the City of Ryde area. Through the survey you will have an opportunity to tell us more about the events you currently attend and events you would like to see in the future. This information will be included in the development of the strategy and the local events program in the future.

Please allow around 15 minutes to complete the survey.

To have your say, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

Submissions close **Sunday 19 March 2017**.