

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE**



**Wear Orange Day for SES**

Earlier this week I visited Ryde SES to celebrate the annual Wear Orange Wednesday event (10 May) and to say 'thank you' to this outstanding group of volunteers.

In Ryde, around 50 dedicated SES volunteers give their personal time to respond to emergencies, 24 hours a day and attend to approximately 500 storm and flood emergencies per year. In February 2005, 720 callouts were made after one event when a tornado hit Ryde and last year Ryde SES responded to 230 calls in one day during another severe weather event.

To show support for these dedicated volunteers, get involved, wear orange, take a selfie and upload to your social media account with the hashtag #thankyouSES.

**Honouring our Volunteers**

This week, the City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards will be announced.

The annual Volunteer Awards recognise the remarkable endeavours of our local volunteers and acknowledge the value and important contribution they make to the social, cultural, economic and environmental well-being of Ryde.

Twenty nominees will be honoured at a special celebration when the winners of the Individual, Youth and Group categories are announced.

**Club Grants now open**

Applications for Club Grants are now open. This is a community funding program sponsored by local clubs and administered by the Council.

The scheme aims to encourage and support the development of local community organisations with one-off, non-recurrent grants for projects and programs that address welfare needs in the community. These include community social services, community development, community health services or employment assistance activities.

Information and an application form can be found on Council's website at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/clubgrants](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/clubgrants) Applications close Wednesday 31 May.

**Taking care of business**

To support local businesses, from start-ups to established concerns, the City of Ryde delivers a range of workshops and expert talks throughout the year. These events are designed to provide the most up-to-date information and education on topics that are relevant to owning and/or operating a business in today's fast paced landscape. To find out more go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesevents](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesevents)



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

Phone 9952 8222 or email [mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

**PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD**

**Garage Sales**

**Saturday 13 May from 9.00am**

- 7 Phillip Road, Putney
- Unit 2, 8-10 Station St, West Ryde

**Sunday 14 May from 9.00am**

- Unit 2, 8-10 Station St, West Ryde

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

**Fire and Emergency Services Levy**

From 1 July 2017, the NSW Government will introduce a fairer system to fund NSW fire and emergency services. Previously, only insured property owners contributed directly to the fire and emergency services. Under the *Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) Act 2017*, all property owners will contribute alongside their Council rates.

For each property you own, you will be charged a fixed and variable amount based on the classification of your property, and the NSW Valuer General unimproved value of your land. Like council rates, customers may pay the FESL annually or quarterly.

For further information about FESL, call the FESL hotline on 1300 787 872 or visit [www.fesl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fesl.nsw.gov.au)

**Land classification**

Council will determine the classification of your land, and notify you of this classification with your fourth installment rates notes or via mail if you are not due for an installment.

**Changing the classification of your land**

You can request a review of your land classification by completing and signing a form available at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/FESL](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/FESL) and lodging it with Council by email or post. Please note from 1 July 2017 a fee may apply to lodge this form.

**'Vacant' Classification of your land**

Under the *Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) Act 2017*, land can only be classified as 'Vacant' if:

- The land is classified as Residential, Industrial or Commercial
- There are no buildings or structures on the land that are being used, or could be used, for a residential, industrial or commercial purpose and
- The land is not being used for the storage or treatment of anything.

**'Non-vacant' Classification of your land**

There are six non-vacant land classifications set out in the *Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) Act 2017*:

- Government
- Public Benefit
- Residential
- Farmland
- Industrial and
- Commercial.

**Pensioner rebates for the FESL**

If you have an existing pensioner concession on your property, you will automatically receive the FESL pensioner discount.

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

**HAVE YOUR SAY**

**Exhibition of Planning Proposal for 86 Blenheim Road, 12a and 14 Epping Road, North Ryde**

City of Ryde would like your feedback on a Planning Proposal to rezone 86 Blenheim Road, 12A and 14 Epping Road, North Ryde as Public Recreation.

The Planning Proposal seeks to amend Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (RLEP 2014) by:

- Amending Land Zoning Map LZN\_009 to change the zoning of the site from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation;
- Amending Floor Space Ratio Map FSR\_009 to remove the FSR control for the subject land;
- Amending Height of Building Map HOB\_009 to remove the Height control for the subject land;
- Amending the LSZ map \_009 to remove the Minimum Lot Size for the subject size; and
- Amending Land Reservation Acquisition Map LRA\_009 to identify the subject site as "Local Open Space".

**Where can I view the Planning Proposal?**

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

**In person** City of Ryde Customer Service Centre  
1 Pope Street, Ryde  
(Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm)

City of Ryde North Ryde Office, Level 1,  
Building 0, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde  
(Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm)

Ryde Library and North Ryde Library  
during branch hours

**Come Along and Talk to Us**

**Discuss the Proposal with a Planner**

**When** Tuesday 16 May AND Wednesday 14 June 2017

**Time** Anytime between 12noon and 4.00pm

**Where** North Ryde Library, 201 Coxs Road

**Pop-up Stall on Coxs Road**

**When** Friday 19 May 2017

**Time** Anytime between 1:00pm and 4.00pm

**Where** Coxs Road, next to North Ryde Library (201 Coxs Road)

**Lunch time Drop-in Session**

**When** Saturday 27 May 2017

**Time** Anytime between 11.30am and 2.30pm

**Where** Blenheim Park, Blenheim Road, North Ryde

**Have Your Say**

**In person** At one of the events listed above

**Online** Complete the online survey at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

Should you require a hard copy of the survey please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222.

Closing date for submissions is 4.30pm on

**Friday 16 June 2017.**

It is Council's policy that all submissions in relation to draft controls will be publicly available on request.

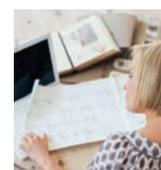
**For More Information**

If you would like to discuss the Planning Proposal, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222. To learn more about the Planning Proposal please visit Have Your Say page at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

**EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**InFocus: Tracing Your Family History**

Interested in tracing your family tree but don't know where to start? Come along to this beginner's class and learn tips and tricks to make your family history journey more enjoyable.



**When** Wednesday 23 May

**Time** 1.00 - 3.00pm

**Where** Ryde Library

**Cost** Gold coin donation

**Bookings** Essential, call 9952 8352 or book online at [cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au](http://cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au)