

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 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



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

Phone 9952 8222 or email 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

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

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 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

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

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

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.

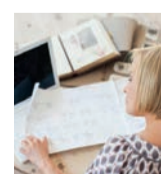
For More Information

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

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