

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



Battle of the Band competition winners 'A Big Mistake' with City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale and Isabella Manfredi from The Preatures.

The Year Ahead

Welcome to the first Mayor's Community Message for 2018. As is always the case, a new year brings new opportunities and this is certainly the case for the City of Ryde.

This year is going to be a big year with a range of exciting initiatives expecting to come to fruition in a number of crucial areas.

High on this list is the proactive work the City of Ryde continues to do in the area of affordable housing. Late last year, City of Ryde was one of just five councils in Sydney to be included in a new initiative which will allow us to introduce a requirement for developers to contribute to affordable housing projects as part of wider-ranging development proposals in particular areas of the Ryde community.

A period of public exhibition has just concluded on this exciting initiative and if it is adopted by the State Government, it will help ensure we achieve the objectives outlined in our *Affordable Housing Policy 2016 - 2031*, including a target of 750 additional affordable dwellings being delivered by 2031.

This year will also see Council enact more of the objectives outlined in the Night Time Economy Action Plan. This includes the continued rollout of the exciting 'Ryde Lights' initiative and initiating policies that will make it easier and more streamlined for businesses to become involved in the night time economy.

A vibrant night time economy enhances economic growth and community cohesion and it is imperative that Council continues to investigate ways in which to achieve a diverse, vibrant and quality night-time experience for all sections of the community to enjoy.

I also want to work with my other Councillors in 2018 to continue important work in vital areas such as social inclusion, the local arts scene, school safety and the environment to ensure we continue to produce positive outcomes for all residents.

Obviously this is just a snippet of what is to come over the next 12 months and I look forward to working with the entire community on continuing to make the City of Ryde a great place to live, work and play.

Elouera Reserve Upgrade

This week we celebrated the upgrade of the Elouera Reserve, which has been transformed with a new state-of-the-art playground, a barbeque facility and several modern amenities for people of all ages to enjoy.

Park upgrades are another initiative Council has prioritised to ensure people of all ages in the Ryde community have access to outdoor living spaces not just for now but also well into the future.

If you have not seen the upgrade at Elouera Reserve for yourself I would strongly encourage you to make your way down there and see the improvements first-hand.

Mayor's Morning Tea

I look forward to hosting the first Mayor's Morning Tea for the year at Eastwood Park on Saturday 24 February between 10.30am and 12noon. These morning teas have been a great way to discuss crucial issues that are having an impact on members of the community in a relaxed setting. Aside from some delicious snacks on offer, there will also be fun activities for kids including face painting and jumping castle. I hope to see you all there.



Sincerely,

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



City of Ryde residents are encouraged to participate in these fun, interactive, upskilling resource recovery workshops.

Composting and Worm Farming

Material produced from compost and worm farms is great for a healthy garden and is a valuable organic resource that helps us reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill. Through composting and worm farming you can help to:

- Reduce your rubbish output by up to 50%
- Reduce water consumption in the garden by up to 30%
- Nourish your plants AND SAVE MONEY



When Saturday 24 February
Where The Habitat Community Nursery
Time 10.00am - 12noon (arrive 9.45am)
Cost Free

Booking essential:
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/compostworkshop

Declutter Workshop

Learn how to declutter, organise, sustainably eliminate, and successfully donate unnecessary clutter.

If you need help with reducing the clutter in your life, want to reduce your housework, and just want some more breathing space, then this workshop is for you.



When Wednesday 14 March
Where Ryde Library
Time 6.30 - 8.30pm
Cost Free

Booking essential:
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/declutterworkshop

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Little Bang Discovery Club

A 4 week science program for junior discoverers.



When Mondays 12, 19, 26 February and 5 March

Where Ryde Library

Time 11.00am - 12noon

Cost \$25.50 per child

Bookings essential:
cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au or
at any Ryde Library Branch.

Outdoor Stories and Songs

Join us outdoors for our Stories and Songs - a fun filled session with songs, stories and more! All ages welcome.

Don't forget your hats and sunscreen.



When Friday 16 February
Where Piazza Dining area, Top Ryde City Shopping Centre
Time 10.30 - 11.00am

Cost Free. Bookings not required.



LEARN FROM THE BEST

GET SWITCHED ON TO THE FUTURE!

IT INDUSTRY SECTOR FORUM (IT, PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY)

City of Ryde invites you to an event that will take you on a journey into the IT knowledge economy – an explosion of creation and innovation to build a successful and sustainable business.

GET SWITCHED ON TO:

- Accessing money for your app or innovation
- Insights in the commercialisation/innovation journey
- Accelerated growth programs and Government Grants
- Learn from the best! The only investment is your time!

When Wednesday 28 February 2018

Where Optus Auditorium, 1 Lyonpark Road (free parking onsite)

Time 6.00 - 8.00pm
(Registration/networking from 5.00pm)

Cost FREE (light refreshments available)

Bookings essential. Places strictly limited.

Register by Friday 23 February 2018

To register and for more information visit
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ITforum

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS*



KATE CARNELL

OMBUDSMAN – AUSTRALIAN SMALL BUSINESS AND FAMILY ENTERPRISE OMBUDSMAN

Topic: Talking all things business



JOHANNA PITMAN

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – CITY CONNECT – BLUECHILLI

Topic: Show me the money!



ANNA SAMIOS

MID MARKET BUSINESS ADVISOR – AUSINDUSTRY

Topic: Entrepreneurs' Programme Government Grants



EDWIN ONGGO

CEO – GIGGEDIN – GETTING STARTED

Topic: The Innovation Journey

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