

### MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



City of Ryde has become an innovation partner of the globally-recognised Venture Café. Pictured is Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor with Macquarie University Vice-Chancellor Professor S Bruce Downton announcing the Venture Café partnership outside the Macquarie University Incubator.

#### FIFA World Cup live site a big success

I would like to give a big shoutout to everyone who came down to ELS Hall Park last Saturday evening to watch Australia play France in the FIFA World Cup on our big screen. It was a valiant effort by the Socceroos, but more importantly it was a fantastic opportunity to throw on the winter woolies and come together as a community in one of our beautiful City parks.

The food trucks, community coffee van and soccer-themed kids activities were a huge hit with all ages and we were also lucky to be joined by the SBS Mandarin and Cantonese radio stations, which broadcasted live from the event.

#### Acknowledging our refugee populations

I recently joined forces with other Mayors and local authorities from around the world to sign a solidarity statement to stand #WithRefugees. As part of this I pledged to help ensure our City is a safe and inclusive space for everyone.

The City of Ryde declared itself a Refugee Welcome Zone in April 2013 and is proud of being one of the State's most culturally diverse communities, with more than 110 different nationalities living in Ryde. We provide assistance and a variety of services and events focused on migrants and refugees.

With Refugee Week having kicked off on Sunday, we will be hosting two inspiring speakers at Ryde Library over the next few days. On Thursday 21 June you can hear from author Robin de Crespigny as she discusses her award-winning book, *The People Smuggler: The true story of Ali Al Jenabi, the 'Oskar Schindler of Asia'*.

On Tuesday 26 June we will also be hosting young Iraqi woman Aya Mustafa. This passionate advocate and public speaker is giving a voice to young people from refugee backgrounds. Bookings are free for both events.

#### Recognising our local businesses

It's that time of year again! Voting is now open for the Northern Districts Local Business Awards. If you know an outstanding business in the City of Ryde, I encourage you to cast your vote and recognise them for what they do for their local community and beyond.

This year the City of Ryde has also come together with neighbouring councils Lane Cove and Hunter's Hill to introduce an Inclusion Award. This award recognises businesses that go above and beyond to create an inclusive environment for both customers and staff and welcome people of all backgrounds and abilities. Nominations are welcome from community members and customers. Staff and business owners can also self-nominate.

If you're a business owner and haven't registered for these awards yet, you can do so online. Voting closes on Tuesday 3 July and all finalists will be invited to a gala presentation evening.



Sincerely,



Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor  
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### HAVE YOUR SAY



#### Markets at West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park

The City of Ryde undertook an investigation of possible sites to hold a regular market in the area. The results of this investigation identified West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park, Meadowbank (including Ryde Wharf Reserve) as the two best possible locations.

On 22 May 2018 Council resolved to consult with the community regarding these sites. Therefore, Council is seeking your feedback on the proposal to hold regular monthly markets in West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park, Meadowbank (including Ryde Wharf Reserve).

We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposed market locations and find out what type of stalls and activities you would like to see at these markets.

#### How can I have my say?

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

The survey will close on Sunday 29 July 2018.

#### For more information

To learn more about the Markets at West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

For further information, or for assistance completing the online survey, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS



#### City of Ryde Community Grants Applications opening soon

Locally based, not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations are invited to apply for the City of Ryde Community Grants. In line with recent changes to Council's Community Grants Policy Small Businesses (with no more than 20 employees) are eligible to apply for an Inclusion Grant. These grants are one of the ways Council supports our local community to carry out special projects that contribute to community well-being and help build a vibrant community culture.

#### Need help to prepare your submission?

Free information sessions will be held for applicants to:

- Identify which category best suits your objectives
- Prepare a competitive submission
- Explain the assessment criteria

For more information and to register for an information session (bookings essential), visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/communitygrants](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/communitygrants)  
City of Ryde Community Grants applications open 9 July and close 10 August 2018.

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### EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

#### #WithRefugees Refugee Week event: Future Focused

Future Focused Guest Speaker Aya Mustafa is a young Iraqi woman and passionate advocate and public speaker, giving voice to young people from refugee backgrounds.



**When** Tuesday 26 June

**Where** Ryde Library

**Time** 6.30 - 7.30pm

**Cost** Free

Bookings essential. Book online at [cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au](http://cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au) or call 9952 8352

#### InFocus: An Introduction to Cryptic Crosswords with Ralph Penglis

This two part workshop (you need to attend both days) will give you a basic introduction to the art and science of the craft.



**When** Thursday 28 June & Thursday 5 July (2 consecutive Thursdays)

**Where** Ryde Library

**Time** 1.00 - 3.00pm

**Cost** Gold coin contribution

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