

City of Ryde

Your City News

112 Talavera Road planning proposal approved by NSW Government

Despite opposition from the City of Ryde and the community, I can confirm that the State Government has approved a planning proposal which will allow for a 63-storey residential building at 112 Talavera Road in Macquarie Park.

The planning proposal was approved by the State Government after its moratorium on existing planning proposals in the City of Ryde was allowed to expire.

In December 2018, Council recommended that the planning proposal be refused on a range of grounds including a lack of supporting infrastructure and the fact that the increase in building height and density was not in the community interest.

The decision by Council to recommend refusal also came after the planning proposal was placed on public exhibition. More than 400 submissions were received during this period of community consultation, of which the vast majority were against the planning proposal.

Financial assistance measures in response to COVID-19

A reminder that applications are now open for the Eastwood Small Business Hardship Fund.

I would encourage all eligible businesses to apply for a support grant of up to \$2,000 under the hardship fund. Applications are open until Thursday 30 April 2020.

For more information about the hardship fund, including the eligibility criteria and the application form, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ESBHF.

The City of Ryde is also proposing a range of other financial measures to assist local businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak.

These additional measures are on public exhibition until Tuesday 28 April. For more information and to provide a submission visit the Have Your Say section of the City of Ryde website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay.

For ratepayers, Council has agreed to arrange a fast-tracked process for financial hardship applications and look at ways to simplify the process for our rates hardship policy. We will also consider our budget as well as rates, fees and charges at this month's Council meeting.

Blood donors urgently needed

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood is in critical need of blood donations following a reduction in blood donors as a result of concerns about COVID-19.

They urgently require 14,000 healthy donors in the upcoming weeks to prevent a shortage of blood supplies.

Healthy people who have not travelled overseas in the last 28 days are all eligible to donate blood. Book an appointment by visiting www.donateblood.com.au.

COVID-19 hub

For the latest up-to-date information on COVID-19, I would encourage everyone to visit the dedicated COVID-19 hub on the City of Ryde website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/covid19.

This has the most up-to-date information including news, frequently asked questions and status updates on Council services.

You can also follow the City of Ryde on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest announcements.

Sincerely,



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