

ONLINE EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

Ryde-In presents  
**THE LOUNGE SESSIONS**



Grab a drink and kick back in your favourite chair while listening to free live performances by talented local artists from the comfort of your lounge.

Ryde-In: The Lounge Sessions brings live entertainment to you while supporting artists within the Ryde community during a time when some of our live events cannot go ahead. Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/TheLoungeSessions](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/TheLoungeSessions)



**GLENN BIDMEAD**

**7.00 - 7.30pm, Friday 8 May**

Glenn Bidmead writes and produces his own songs and works with many other artists. He has travelled and performed throughout Australia, including running song writing workshops in outback communities and schools. Glenn also spent time song writing in New York with artists such as Keith Urban, The Veronicas and The McClymonts. Earlier this year Glenn was the recipient of the Best Vocal Award at FretFest, Tamworth Country Music Festival.

LIBRARY NEWS



**Library2U Delivery Service**

To support social distancing and to ensure our community stays healthy, Ryde Library is pleased to introduce our Library2U delivery service.

The Library2U delivery service is available to all library members who live in the City of Ryde (and Hunters Hill until 30 June 2020) local government area.

The Library2U delivery service will deliver your books directly to you as a contactless service. Library2U will be available to customers for placing reservations from 10.00am Wednesday 6 May. Deliveries will commence 11 May onwards. For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library2u](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library2u)

**Home Library Service**

The Home Library Service is now temporarily available to all Ryde and Hunters Hill residents **65 years and over**. To set up free home deliveries and collection of library items please contact 9952 8365 or email [Rhomelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Rhomelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au). For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/homelibraryservice](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/homelibraryservice)

HAVE YOUR SAY

**Open Community Consultations**

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- Draft Art Collection Management Policy (Closing 24 May 2020)
- Rowe Street East Smoke Free Zone Trial (Closing 31 August 2020)
- Coxs Road Public Domain Upgrade (Closing 29 May 2020)
- Draft 2020-2024 Delivery Plan Including One Year Operational Plan 2020/2021 (Closing 1 June 2020)
- Draft Fees and Charges 2020/2021 (Closing 1 June 2020)
- Morrison Bay Park – Land Re-categorisation (Closing 3 June 2020)
- Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 (Closing 3 June 2020)
- 'Dine out in Ryde' Trial Program (Closing 3 June 2020)
- Devlin Street Pedestrian Bridges
- Graffiti Vandalism in the City of Ryde
- Immunisation Clinic Customer Experience Survey
- Traffic & Parking Around Schools
- Save Our Streets

**Want to find out more?**

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay) or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.



City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, pictured with Council's Rangers who will help deliver books through the new Library2U service.

**New library service will deliver books to your door**

I am delighted to announce that we have launched a new library service that will deliver books direct to the homes of library members in the City of Ryde during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The free Library2U service allows members to reserve up to 10 items and then book a delivery window to receive the items.

Reservations for the Library2U service opens today (6 May), with deliveries commencing from Monday 11 May. Members will be able to reserve items by calling 9952 8352 or online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library2u](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library2u).

In addition, City of Ryde has also expanded the eligibility criteria for its Home Library Service to any City of Ryde resident over 65 years of age.

Traditionally for people who are unable to attend the library due to a disability or illness, the expansion of the Home Library Service recognises that those aged over 65 are some of the most of the vulnerable community members during the COVID-19 outbreak.

All deliveries by City of Ryde Libraries will be contactless and abide by strict social distancing measures that are currently in place.

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

**Council endorses new Financial Hardship Policy**

The City of Ryde has endorsed a new Financial Hardship Policy as part of its continued efforts to support those within the community impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Crucially, this policy ensures that the bulk of support during the COVID-19 crisis goes to the people who need it most.

It will mean eligible pensioners as well as approved Jobseeker and Jobkeeper applicants will qualify for a \$400 council rate rebate.

The policy also allows Council to not charge interest or commence debt recovery on overdue rates for those who qualify for financial hardship.

Council's strong financial position means we can assist those in need during this crisis, and where we can help, we will do so.

**Ryde partners with Hunter's Hill to deliver Harris Farm hampers**

The City of Ryde is delighted to partner with Hunter's Hill Council to deliver 100 hampers kindly donated by Harris Farm Markets at Boronia Park every weekday to those most in need during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Both councils are working with local community organisations to distribute the free hampers which include fresh produce and vital food items.

I would like to thank Harris Farm Markets for its generosity and support of the Ryde and Hunters Hill communities through this challenging period.

Sincerely,

**Cllr Jerome Laxale  
Mayor**

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