



City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, in July 2019 during community consultation on The New Heart of Ryde proposal. A total of 85 percent of respondents are in favour of the proposal.

**Ryde Central update**

In what will be a major boost for the local economy, I can confirm that the Ryde Central project is progressing with the City of Ryde awarding the tender to design and construct a new civic space with Taylor Construction Group.

While other levels of government have chosen to fast-track residential overdevelopment, I am pleased that our Council has resolved to invest heavily in public infrastructure for the benefit of future generations.

Known as The New Heart of Ryde, this project will redevelop the current Ryde Civic Centre site to deliver a four-fold increase in community space, as well as contemporary office accommodation, commercial floor space, a public plaza and on-site parking all within easy reach of Top Ryde Shopping Centre and its surrounds.

It will be a key component in our economic recovery, generating more jobs, boosting growth and revitalising the Ryde Civic Centre site, at a time when the local economy needs it most.

The New Heart of Ryde will also address the chronic shortage of community facilities in the City of Ryde, with no residential component whatsoever.

Crucially, this project will be financially sustainable and will not result in increased rates or a reduction in any services. Council will also retain complete ownership of the site.

Our decision to proceed with The New Heart of Ryde follows a comprehensive community consultation process undertaken through 2019, which found there was overwhelming support for the project, with 85 percent of respondents in favour.

For more information on The New Heart of Ryde visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart).

**Have your say on Council's Four Year Delivery Program**

The City of Ryde is asking the community to have its say on the draft 2020-2024 Four Year Delivery Program.

This is an extremely important document which outlines the projects, programs and services that will be implemented by Council over the next four years. It is also includes Council's budget over the next four years.

Council is proposing to financially assist eligible ratepayers within the Ryde local government area by granting a one off rebate of \$400 to be applied against Council rates in the 2020/21 financial year. This is in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in order to assist eligible ratepayers who are receiving the Federal Government's JobSeeker/JobKeeper allowance and have suffered financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

Consultation on the draft 2020-2024 Four Year Delivery Program is open until 1 June 2020. Information on how to make a submission can be found by visiting [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay).

**COVIDSafe app**

The Federal Government's COVIDSafe app is available for everyone in the community to download now.

The new app is part of the Federal Government's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 by helping health authorities identify and contain outbreaks.

The COVIDSafe app is completely voluntary and can be downloaded by visiting [covid-safe.gov.au](http://covid-safe.gov.au) on your smartphone.

Sincerely,

**Cllr Jerome Laxale  
Mayor**

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**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. For more information and to reserve books 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)
- Coxs Road Public Domain Upgrade (Closing 29 May 2020)
- Draft 2020-2024 Delivery Plan Including One Year Operational Plan 2020/2021 and Fees and Charges 2020/2021 (Closing 1 June 2020) - details below
- Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 (Closing 3 June 2020)
- Morrison Bay Park Land Re-categorisation (Closing 3 June 2020)
- Rowe Street East Smoke Free Zone Trial (Closing 31 August 2020)
- 'Dine out in Ryde' Trial Program
- 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.

**Draft Four Year Delivery Plan 2020-2024 including One Year Operational Plan 2020/2021**

The Draft Four Year Delivery Plan 2020-2024 including the One Year Operational Plan 2020/2021 and Fees and Charges is on public exhibition until Monday 1 June 2020. The Delivery Plan lists the projects and activities to be delivered by Council over the next four years. It is Council's implementation plan including the budget, to deliver on the Community Strategic Plan.

Pursuant to section 356(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, public notice is given that Council proposes to pass a resolution at its meeting the 23 June 2020, to allow it to financially assist eligible ratepayers within the Ryde LGA by granting a one off rebate of \$400 to be applied against Council Rates in the 20/21 financial year. This is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to assist eligible ratepayers who are receiving the Federal Government's JobSeeker/JobKeeper Allowance that have suffered financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

**Where can I view the plan?**

You can view the draft plans on exhibition at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

**How do I make a submission?**

Submissions must be in writing. They can be made as follows:

**Online** [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

**Email** [cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au) with a subject header with the plan you are giving feedback on.

**Post** General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670  
Closing date for submissions is **Monday 1 June 2020**.