



City of Ryde Mayor Clr Jerome Laxale, LGNSW President Clr Linda Scott and Clr Penny Pedersen

### Women in local government campaign

I recently caught up with LGNSW President, Clr Linda Scott, and Clr Penny Pedersen to show our support for the State Government's new Women in Local Government campaign, which is encouraging more women to nominate and run for their local council at the September 2021 elections.

Councils should always reflect the communities they represent and if we want the City of Ryde to be a true representation of our community, then we need more female representation on our Council.

Women make up half the population in the City of Ryde, yet only two of our 12 Councillors are female.

This latest State Government initiative builds on the work the City of Ryde has done in recent years to promote inclusion and encourage people to contribute to the running of Council. This includes becoming one of the first councils to provide childcare for members of our advisory committees when meetings are held.

For more information on the Women in Local Government campaign visit the Office of Local Government website at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au)

### Nominations now open for Citizen of the Year awards

Nominations are now open for the 2021 City of Ryde Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

The Citizen of the Year awards provide the community with a terrific opportunity to publicly acknowledge and recognise the outstanding accomplishments by individuals in the City of Ryde who have excelled in their chosen field.

Past winners and nominations have come from a diverse range of fields such as sporting administrators, business leaders, fire fighters, church leaders, school captains, writers, youth workers and other entrepreneurs.

If you know someone who goes above and beyond for the City of Ryde I strongly encourage you to nominate them for an award. The awards are open to all Australian citizens living in the City of Ryde.

Nominations close on Sunday 29 November. For more information, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen)

### Support for Australian-Armenians in the City of Ryde

The City of Ryde stands united with our local Armenian-Australian community following the resumption of hostilities in the Republic of Artsakh/Nagorno-Karabakh.

As part of a Council resolution, the City of Ryde has condemned the military aggression launched by Azerbaijan and Turkey against the right of self-determination of the indigenous Armenian population of Artsakh.

Council also held a minute's silence in honour of those who have lost their lives in the conflict and called on the Federal Government to request an immediate ceasefire and end to the hostilities.

I would like to thank all Councillors who supported this resolution, in particular Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM for all his work in representing the interests of the Armenian community in Ryde.

### Congratulations to The Weekly Times

On behalf of all Councillors at the City of Ryde I would like to congratulate The Weekly Times on 100 years of local reporting.

As a way to recognise this achievement, Council has unanimously resolved to present a recognition of service plaque and framed certificate to The Weekly Times' Managing Editor John Booth AM.

Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale  
Mayor

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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### CITY OF RYDE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

City of Ryde is seeking active and committed members of the community to join its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group. Being a part of the RAP Working Group is a fantastic opportunity for members of the community to actively contribute to the reconciliation process.

Expressions of interest are sought from:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community representatives
- Individuals and organisations with a connection to Ryde and a commitment to reconciliation.

Your role on the Working Group is to provide guidance on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and perspectives in the implementation of Council's Reflect RAP, advance the profile of reconciliation in the City of Ryde and contribute to the development of the next version of the document in late 2021.

The Working Group will meet every three months with an expected commencement date of February 2021.

For more information on the role and responsibilities, selection criteria and how to nominate yourself please visit

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Reconciliation-Action](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Reconciliation-Action)

Please ensure you address the selection criteria, as part of your nomination.

Expressions of interest close on **14 November 2020**.

*It is Council policy that all expressions of interest received will be publicly accessible. Supplying your personal information is voluntary. If you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council may be unable to assess your expression of interest.*

## LIBRARY EVENTS

TUES  
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### AUTHOR'S PLATFORM: GARTH NIX



Join bestselling author Garth Nix in conversation with Yasmin Greenhalgh from Stanton Library about his new fantasy adventure book titled *The Left-handed Booksellers of London*.

Follow the quest of one girl whose search for her father leads her to a secret society of magical fighting booksellers who police the mythical Old World when it disastrously intrudes into the modern world.

This event is presented with the support of NSW Public Libraries Association.

Online Zoom link will be sent out prior to the event.

**When** Tuesday 3 November

**Time** 6.30 – 7.30pm

**Where** Online via Zoom

Bookings essential:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garthnix](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garthnix) or  
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### GARAGE SALES

From 9.00am

3 Wandoo Ave, Ryde

List your garage sale for free at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales)