

# City of Ryde Your City News

Celebrating **150** years OF THE City of Ryde



City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale with Mel Eustace from the Special Olympics Dance Performance Group. The group was this year's City of Ryde Australia Day Ambassador.

### Celebrating Australia Day

Congratulations to Carmen Platt who was named City of Ryde 2021 Citizen of the Year during a special ceremony on Australia Day.

I would also like to congratulate Alex Noble who received the City of Ryde 2021 Young Citizen of the Year award, as well as Rob Senior and Cameron Last who were recognised with Special Commendations.

The City of Ryde also staged a Battle of the Bands competition on Australia Day, which did not disappoint with great performances from the three up-and-coming bands who competed for the \$1,000 winning prize.

I would like to thank Council's events team for putting on these events in a COVID-safe way and helping ensure the health and safety of everyone who took part.

### Have Your Say on the future of our open spaces

I may be biased, but I think the City of Ryde has some of the best open spaces and recreation facilities in Sydney.

But to ensure this remains the case, Council must continually plan for the future to ensure our open spaces meet the needs of our community.

Based on current participation rates and population projections, we will need an additional 135 hectares of open spaces, 12 additional indoor courts and 13 additional full-size ovals (or equivalent) by 2036.

To help us achieve this, we are now asking the community for their

opinions to help shape Council's Open Space Future Provision Strategy.

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

### Bus route changes

I have been contacted by a lot of residents who have been severely impacted by the latest cancellations and changes to local bus routes by Transport for NSW.

Many residents who live in the City of Ryde must already contend with bus services which are infrequent and do not go close to their homes. The latest changes to local bus routes will exacerbate these issues.

Of particular concern is the way these changes were made without adequate consultation with the community or Council.

I would encourage you to write to Transport Minister Andrew Constance and request a full review of the changes and re-instatement of the bus routes that have been cut.

Under the changes, routes M52, 520, X15, X18 and X06 have been withdrawn, while changes have been made to routes 515, 518 and 525.

Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale  
Mayor

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### LIBRARY EVENT

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### NSW READS: LUCKY'S

Join Andrew Pippos in conversation with Amy Heap from Riverina Regional Library about his debut novel, *Lucky's*, a sweeping saga that pays homage to the old Greek café-style restaurants in a gone-but-not-forgotten era of Australian multiculturalism.

Stretching across decades, this novel explores the rise and fall of a family business over generations. Inspired by the author's own experiences, *Lucky's* is a richly told narrative that explores the power that love and luck play in our lives.

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

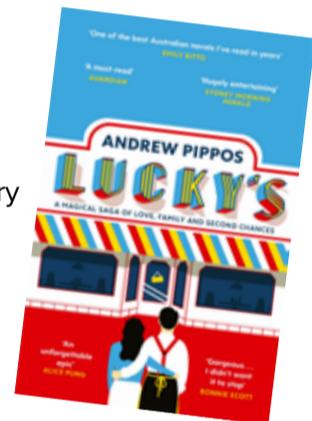
**When:** Wednesday 17 February

**Time:** 6.30 – 7.30pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom

Bookings essential:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/nswreads](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/nswreads)  
or 9952 8352.



### 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.

- City of Ryde Draft Open Space Future Provision Strategy (Closing 7 February 2021)
- NSW Government: NSW Water Quality Objectives Survey (Closing 26 February 2021)
- Dog Off Leash Trial (Closing 11 April 2021)
- Devlin Street Pedestrian Bridges
- Graffiti Vandalism in the City of Ryde
- Immunisation Clinic Customer Experience Survey
- Traffic & Parking Around Schools

#### 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.