



City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale and Mrs Edna Wilde OAM unveiling a plaque that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Ryde Local Government Area.

### Celebrating our Sesquicentenary

Last week on Wednesday 10 February we celebrated the Sesquicentenary (150 years) of the City of Ryde with a special morning tea at Ryde Park. This day marked the 150th anniversary of the first Council election that followed our Municipality's proclamation on 12 November 1870.

Edna Wilde OAM, our first female Mayor and longest serving Councillor, joined me in unveiling a plaque that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Ryde Local Government Area.

We acknowledged our 150-year history through a photo display of Ryde's 'People, Places and Progress' and a traditional Aboriginal dancing ceremony performed by Garrigal Culture.

Former Mayors, past Councillors and General Managers, current serving Councillors and Council staff, prominent members of the community and the Ryde District Historical society joined us for this celebratory event.

While we celebrate 150 years as a Council, it is important that we acknowledge the contribution of the Wallumedegal people, remember their tragic story, and always recognise that the land we stand on today always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

For more information about our Sesquicentenary, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/150years](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/150years)

### Lunar New Year – The Year of the Ox

Our Lunar New Year celebrations commenced last Friday, with a range of events and specials planned for the Lunar New Year period from 12 February – 26 February 2021.

We will hold an outdoor cinema at Eastwood Oval on Saturday 20 February 2021 and screen the family-friendly animation, Ferdinand. Tickets cost \$5 per person (plus booking fee) and includes free popcorn.

Treat yourself and the family with Lunar New Year specials offered by businesses in Eastwood Town Centre. Visit the website to see the interactive map to find out which businesses are participating and what they're offering.

Get into the festive spirit! After dining at a local restaurant or attending the Eastwood Night Markets, which takes place every Saturday night from 4.00pm to 10.00pm, why not view the display of 800 lanterns at the Eastwood Plaza.

To promote the study and appreciation of classical Chinese Poetry, Ryde Library and Chinese Sydney Poetry Association are hosting a workshop presented in Mandarin, that includes Tang poetry appreciation and Lunar New Year's poems readings.

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

### Love Eastwood

Our Love Eastwood Gift Card Campaign was rolled out just in time for the Lunar New Year period last Friday.

As part of the campaign, you have the chance to enter a competition and win one of 400, \$100 gift cards to spend at participating businesses on the western and eastern side of Eastwood town centre. More than 100 businesses have registered in the program which means that the lucky winners will have a large variety of local stores to spend their gift cards at and support businesses in Eastwood.

To go into the running to win a \$100 gift card, all we ask you to do is visit the City of Ryde website during the Lunar New Year period (12 February - 26 February 2021) and simply complete an online form. Please note only one gift card will be available per household. The \$100 gift cards will be valid for one year, between March 2021 and March 2022.

There have been plenty of entries so far, so make sure you enter at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LoveEastwood](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LoveEastwood)

Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale  
Mayor

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### ROAD SAFETY EVENT

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### SAFER DRIVING FOR SENIORS

As ageing affects our mobility, eyesight, hearing and reaction times, we may need to adjust the way we approach things we have always taken for granted—including driving. This free, three-hour workshops will explain:

- How to be a low risk driver
- The latest changes to road rules
- What to expect from the Aged Driving Test;
- New vehicle technologies and how to use them.

Refreshments provided. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. This is a COVID Safe event. Social distancing measures will be implemented. Attendees will need to sign in via NSW Health upon entry.

**When:** Thursday 4 March

**Time:** 10.00am - 1.00pm

**Where:** Marsfield Community Centre

For more information or to book, call 9952 8222 or visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniordrivers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniordrivers)

### 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.

- 1/2P Parking – Outside 79 Falconer Street, West Ryde (Closing 21 February 2021)
- NSW Government: NSW Water Quality Objectives Survey (Closing 26 February 2021)
- Pittwater Road Shared User Path – Between Victoria Road and High Street (Closing 28 February 2021)
- Proposed Trial of Mobile Parklet – Charles Street, Putney (Closing 3 March 2021)
- Draft Economic Development Strategy 2020 – 2024 (closing 7 March 2021)
- Draft Generic Plan of Management - Natural Areas Public Exhibition (Closing 21 March 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.

### LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT

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#### LUNAR NEW YEAR OUTDOOR CINEMA

To celebrate the Year of the Ox we will be screening Ferdinand.

**Where:** Eastwood Oval

**Time:** Movie starts at sundown approx. 8.00pm

**Cost:** \$5pp (plus booking fee) and includes a free box of popcorn.

BYO rug or low chair.

*The movie will be subtitled for the hearing impaired.*



Tickets must be pre-purchased. No tickets available at the gate. Tickets are available online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Ferdinand](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Ferdinand)