

### MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



Elouera Reserve upgrade celebration

#### Lunar New Year Festival

It's planned to be the biggest Eastwood Lunar New Year Festival this year and you're all invited to come together and welcome in the Year of the Dog.

I say it every year, but our City is so blessed to have an event such as the Lunar New Year Festival, run by community members, for all to enjoy and celebrate our cultural diversity.

From humble beginnings, the celebration has grown into the biggest Lunar New Year celebration in the North Western District. Now in its 10th year, it has become one of the highlights of Ryde's calendar of events.

The celebrations begin this Saturday with the ever-competitive cooking competition taking place at Eastwood Plaza between 10.00am and 1.30pm. A lion dance performance by International Shaolin Wu Chu Chuan Australia will also take place and the God of Wealth will be handing out 'good luck' red packets.

The cooking competition kicks off a number of Lunar New Year activities in the local area which also includes the Lunar New Year Night Markets and Ryde Lights Eastwood Launch on Saturday 24 February from 4.00pm to 10.00pm and the traditional Grand Celebration taking place on Saturday 3 March from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

I hope everyone can join in on the festivities with an event held every Saturday for the next three weeks and witness the spectacular display of culture and excitement of the Lunar New Year.

#### IT Industry Sector Forum

Later this month, the City of Ryde will host the IT Industry Sector Forum aimed at professionals in the community who are eager to learn more about how to build a successful and sustainable business in the competitive IT sector.

Attendees at the forum will be able to hear from some of the sharpest minds in the technology and start-up sectors, who will be able to provide insights on how to build a successful business and provide tips on how you can get the support you need to grow a new business.

Attendees at the forum will also be able to have their professional profile photos taken between 5.00 - 6.00pm, free of charge.

The IT Industry Sector Forum is just one of the initiatives the City of Ryde plans to stage this year to help spur innovation and assist small businesses get as much assistance as they can in their early stages of development.

The IT Industry Sector Forum takes place between 6.00pm and 8.00pm on Wednesday 28 February at the Optus Auditorium, 1 Lyonpark Road.

#### New General Manager

Last week, it was announced that George Dedes had been appointed as the new General Manager for the City of Ryde.

George's appointment was unanimously endorsed by Council following an extensive recruitment process.

George has worked with the City of Ryde since 1999 and has most recently been serving as Council's Acting General Manager. During his time as Acting General Manager, George has demonstrated that he is the perfect fit to lead the operations of the City of Ryde and oversee the key projects that are planned for 2018 and beyond.

I would like to personally congratulate George on his appointment and I look forward to working with him.



Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor  
Phone 9952 8222 or  
email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

### EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

FEBRUARY  
Saturday  
24

City of Ryde

## MAYOR'S MORNING TEA

Meet the Mayor for Morning Tea at Eastwood Park

Talk to the Mayor about Local Issues.

Where: Eastwood Park,  
Lakeside Road, Eastwood

Time: 10.30am to 12noon



Clr Jerome Laxale  
- Mayor



#### Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day encourages all Australians to take to their local park, beach, bushland or streets and help collect rubbish. For more information and to register visit [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)

Business Clean Up Day: Tuesday 27 February

Schools Clean Up Day: Friday 2 March

Clean Up Australia Day: Sunday 4 March

City of Ryde and Hunters Hill Council are hosting information sessions to help you understand retirement living options, and how to access Aged Care services.



City of Ryde  
**SOCIAL INCLUSION**

#### RETIRE READY – ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The Department of Human Services will provide a free seminar about your accommodation options in retirement, and how these affect government payments.

When: Thursday 1 March, 6.00 - 8.00pm

Where: Ryde Library, 1 Pope St, Ryde

#### AGE WELL, PLAN EARLY

Join us for a free presentation about the changes to Aged Care, and learn how to access help to live independently and age well.

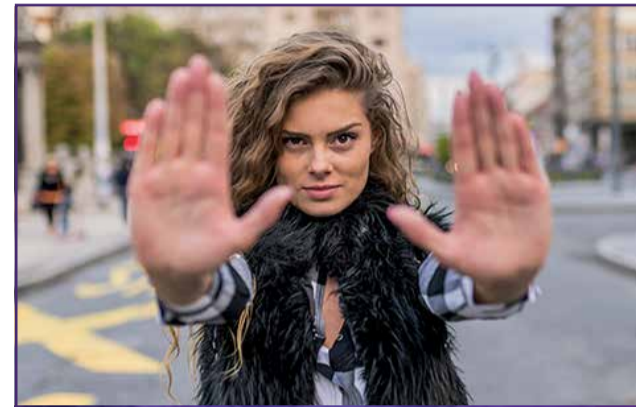
When: Wednesday 14 March, 6.00 - 7.30pm

Where: Eastwood Community Hall,  
159-161 Shaftsbury Rd, Eastwood

PRESENTED BY:



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



International Women's Day

## FORUM

#PressforProgress

SAVE THE DATE:

THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018

10.00am – 2.00pm

Eden Gardens, 307 Lane Cove Road,  
Macquarie Park

The International Women's Day Forum highlights the City of Ryde's commitment to supporting women's leadership in taking on the challenges that face women in the community. The Forum is designed to be informative, interactive and entertaining with experienced guest speakers sharing their stories and insights into women's leadership.

#### THE FORUM INCLUDES:

- Guest Speakers:  
**SARAH LIU**  
*Founder of The Dream Collective*  
**DR VIJAYA NAGARAJAN**  
*Professor, Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University*  
**PENNY DILLON**  
*OPTUS*
- Workshop - Leadership Skills
- Performances
- Morning tea and light lunch

#### HOW TO REGISTER:

Go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/iwd](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/iwd) to register or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

The Forum is proudly supported by the City of Ryde's Status of Women's Advisory Committee.

Spaces Limited, so book early for this FREE EVENT

### PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

#### Garage Sales

Saturday 17 February from 9.00am

• 36 Bank Street, Meadowbank

To list your garage sale for free, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales)