

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



New Facilities at Ryde Park

This Friday I will be making my way to Ryde Park (behind Ryde Bowling Club) to check out the latest exciting and new upgrades that have been installed as part of my vision to create more open space in our City.

The new upgrades include an amazing scooter track for children, complete with traffic signs, a roundabout and traffic lights. There is also an undercover seating area, landscaped gardens, drinking fountains, a relaxing picnic park and a new dog off-leash fenced area.

In a growing City, it is important that Council continues to provide facilities such as these. We cannot continue to have growth without the adequate provision of local infrastructure.

I would encourage everyone to join me for the unveiling of these upgrades this Friday between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. There will also be a free community barbecue to enjoy. I hope to see you all there.

Community Grants

There will be more opportunities for not-for-profit organisations and groups to apply for community grants after the City of Ryde announced improvements to its Community Grants Program.

Under the improvements, an additional community grants round will be introduced, bringing the community grants' rounds from one a year to two each calendar year. A Social Support and Social Inclusion Grant will also be introduced as a way to engage with organisations and small businesses to support inclusion, a key goal for the City of Ryde as part of its strategic plan.

Last financial year, more than 40 projects received funding under the Community Grants Program.

Examples of projects and events that received funding include a school readiness program for Ryde children who are hearing impaired, the Ryde Language Festival and a telephone counselling service for the Korean community.

The improvements will come into effect from 1 July 2018.

Have Your Say on Traffic and Parking Around Schools

With kids of my own at school, pedestrian safety around schools is a priority for me. The City of Ryde is currently undertaking a round of consultation on how we can improve traffic and parking around local schools. Specifically, we want to gain an understanding of how students are travelling to school in order to make improvements to pedestrian access and traffic flow in and around schools.

The next information session will be held at Denistone East Public School tonight (Wednesday 14 March) between 6.00pm and 7.00pm.

Further information sessions will be held at Truscott Street Public School on Wednesday 4 April between 7.00pm and 8.00pm and West Ryde Public School on Tuesday 10 April between 7.00pm and 8.00pm.

If you cannot get to one of the information sessions, you can submit your views online or add your comments to the interactive online map at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay



Sincerely,



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

HAVE YOUR SAY

Traffic and Parking Around Schools Truscott Street Public School and West Ryde Public School

As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to road safety, Council is investigating traffic and parking issues around schools in the Local Government Area. The next investigations will focus on issues around Truscott Street Public School and West Ryde Public School, and we would like you to tell us how students are travelling to the schools and how we can improve traffic flow and safety concerns for both students and residents living near the schools.

Want to find out more?

Information Sessions

Join us for an information session where there will be a presentation by the Mayor and Council's traffic team. Also at this session you will be able to identify any traffic and parking issues you've experienced around the school.

Truscott Street Public School Information Session

When: Wednesday 4 April
Time: 7.00 - 8.00pm
Where: Truscott Street Public School

West Ryde Public School Information Session

When: Tuesday 10 April
Time: 7.00 - 8.00pm
Where: West Ryde Public School

How do I make a submission?

In person At one of our events listed above

Online Complete the online submission at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay
Closing date for submissions is Sunday 15 April.

For more information

For more information, or for assistance completing the online submission, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222. To learn more about Traffic and Parking Around Schools, please visit at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Authors Platform: Hugh Riminton

Minefields is multi-award winning international journalist Hugh Riminton's fascinating memoir of over forty years on the frontline of the news game.



When Thursday 15 March
Where Ryde Library
Time 6.30 - 7.30pm
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings essential:
cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au or
at any Ryde Library Branch.

InFocus: Rediscovering Our Harbour Gems

Presented by the Sydney Harbour Federation. Enjoy historic and current photos and discover little known tales of Harbour sites.



When Tuesday 20 March
Where Gladesville Library
Time 10.30 - 11.30am
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings essential:
cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au or
at any Ryde Library Branch.

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY



City of Ryde Seniors Celebration occurs each year around the NSW Seniors Festival, with a month long program of events celebrating the valuable contribution seniors make to our community. There are many free events taking place in our community. This is a great opportunity to learn about the services available in the local area, to try some new experiences and to meet others!

To book and for a list of all the events happening as part of the Seniors Week Festival, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors

Understanding your Pension - Finance Seminar

This free seminar is presented by a specialist staff member from The Department of Human Services Centrelink.



When Monday 26 March
Where West Ryde Library
Time 10.30am - 12.30pm
Cost Free

Digital Discoveries - Tablet Class

Discover tips and tricks to get the most out of your device! Learn how to access e-books, audiobooks, e-magazines and comic books using your library card with this free class.



When Wednesday 4 April
Where West Ryde Library
Time 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Cost Free

Senior Low Risk Driving Workshop

A free senior low risk driving workshop presented by a Qualified Driving Instructor and Senior Assessor.



When Thursday 5 April
Where Meeting Room (above Ryde Library)
Time 9.30am - 12.30pm
Cost Free

 **"HOP IN"**
Story Sessions
West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair Day
Where: West Ryde Library
When: Saturday 24 March
Times: 10.30am and 11.30am
Drop-in craft activity: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Everyone welcome

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD
Garage Sales
Saturday 17 March from 9.00am
• 133 Marsden Road, West Ryde
• 15 Winston Street, Marsfield
• 3 Gallard Street, Denistone East
• 9 Parkes Street, Ryde
To list your garage sale for free, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales