

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair another great success

It was fantastic to see so many people out and about last weekend for the 25th anniversary of the West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair.

Easter is such an important time for so many people so it is great that we can stage an annual event that brings people of all ages together to mark this special occasion each and every year here in the City of Ryde.

Thanks must go to the West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair Committee as well as the City of Ryde events team for all their hard work which ensured this year's event was such a success.

With Easter taking place this weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy break filled with lots of joy and happiness.

Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Open Day

Speaking of Easter, this Easter Monday the City of Ryde will be hosting a special open day at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

There will be plenty of fun for the entire family with all the facilities at the centre available for people to use including the Surf Ryder, inflatable obstacle course and the giant wave machine.

A range of sporting activities will also take place throughout the open day including a fencing demonstration, coaching clinics for soccer and basketball and much more. There will be a range of prizes to win as well as kids face painting.

Entry is free so be sure to get to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre on Monday and take advantage of the great facilities and activities on offer.

Macquarie Park rail shutdown

Traffic is unfortunately an issue for everyone living in Sydney, however, I fear that for residents and businesses in the City of Ryde it is soon going to reach unmanageable levels with the planned seven month closure of the Epping – Chatswood rail line.

While the closures will severely impact commuters who use the line to access Macquarie Park and Macquarie University, it will also create lengthy delays for motorists travelling around our city, particularly parents who take their kids to and from school.

The State Government has previously promised road upgrades, increased bus services and more bus lanes to help cope with the increase in traffic, but with the rail line due to be closed later this year I just cannot see how we will avoid mayhem on our roads.

The City of Ryde will keep seeking answers on this important issue and I hope the State Government can at least deliver on what they have promised so that our residents will not suffer unnecessarily.



Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor
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email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Easter Long Weekend Closures

The City of Ryde Customer Service Centre, and all five City of Ryde libraries will be closed for Easter on Friday 30 and Saturday 31 March, Sunday 1 and Monday 2 April. After hours chutes will be available at all libraries for your convenience. The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre is closed Friday 30 March and opening hours on Saturday 31 March, Sunday 1 and Monday 2 April are 9.00am - 5.45pm. The Shop Ryder bus service will not operate Friday 30 March and Saturday 31 March 2018. Waste Collections will continue as usual, however other Waste services will not be available on Friday 30 March and Monday 2 April 2018. For full details go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/holidayhours

Safe Holiday Driving

Every holiday presents special challenges for road users, so whether you're packing the car to head up or down the coast, or just celebrating locally, remember these simple safety messages this Easter:

- Slow down – it's better to arrive late than not at all
- If you're drinking, don't drive – have a Plan B: get the bus, catch a cab or ask a friend to give you a lift
- Ensure everyone in the car wears a seatbelt
- Ensure that your child is properly restrained in an appropriate child seat or capsule
- If you're riding a motorcycle – wear a helmet and ride to the conditions.

If you're travelling by car to a holiday destination, make sure you're well rested before you head off. Be aware of the signs of driver fatigue and take advantage of Rest Stops and Driver Reviver sites along the way.

For more information on holiday driving, including links to Driver Reviver sites and Rest Stops visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Remember: Double Demerit Points apply from Thursday 29 March to Monday 2 April 2018 inclusive.

EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

RYDE

Aquatic Leisure Centre

OPEN DAY

FREE ENTRY

Monday 2 April 2018

10.00am - 3.00pm

504 Victoria Road, Ryde

PRIZES TO BE WON



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Surf Ryder, inflatable obstacle course, giant waves and free sporting programs for kids to try

Sausage sizzle fundraiser for Giant Steps School

Visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RALC for activity times

ENTER A COLOURING-IN COMPETITION FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN YOUR NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY!*

*Conditions apply
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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

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Digital Discoveries Table Basics: Know 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 1.00 - 3.00pm
Cost Free

InFocus Talk - Walking the Camino and other spiritual journeys

Join Noel Braun, an 84 year old young adventurer and hear about his journey from grief to joy.



When Friday 6 April
Where Gladesville Library
Time 10.30am - 11.30am
Cost Free