# City of Ryde WEEKLY CITY NEWS



City of Ryde has been recognised as a Winner for Employer of Choice in The Australian Business Awards 2017

## MAYOR'S **COMMUNITY MESSAGE**



Winners of the 2017 Spring Garden Competition

#### **Spring Garden Competition now open**

Get your gardening gloves out - entries are now open for our annual Spring Garden Competition. This popular community event has 12 entry categories for almost every kind of garden and culminates with a gala presentation evening at the stunning Eden Gardens in Macquarie Park.

The Children's Seed Growing Competition is also back again this year. The aim is to see who can grow the best Empress of India nasturtiums from seed. There are three age brackets for children aged 3-16 years and everyone who enters will get a free seed growing kit! Learn more:

#### www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp

#### School holidays activities

Our libraries are holding a huge range of workshops, storytime sessions, coding clubs and more around a Comic Con-versation theme. I hope you can join me at our Comic Con-versation Festival Day on Wednesday 18 July.

With year-round heated pools and an indoor sports stadium, Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre is the perfect spot to take the kids no matter what the weather. Boost their water confidence by enrolling them in our Learn to Swim Holiday Program. Or, if they love netball, basketball or soccer, they can take part in one of the holiday sports camps, which will be running on weekdays throughout the school holiday period.

### **Granny Smith Festival applications open**

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the humble granny smith apple, named after local legend Maria Ann Smith. Our famous Granny Smith Festival has been celebrating her legacy since 1985 and attracts around 90,000 people each year, who come to Eastwood for the tasty food, vibrant parade, carnival rides, activities and fireworks display.

This year's festival will be held on Saturday 20 October, and for the first time, stallholders will be required to comply with Council's new single-use plastic ban. That's no plastic bags, bottles or plastic straws. Applications are now open for performers, parade participants and stallholders. This is a great opportunity to be part of this wonderful community event. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gsf

#### **Christmas in July themed All Abilities** Accessible disco

Royal Rehab is holding its All Abilities Disco on Saturday 7 July at the North Ryde Golf Club. This is its third year running, reflecting the popularity and demand from within the Ryde community for a socially inclusive event. This year's theme is Christmas in July and carers get in for free.

Council is supporting this event through our Social Inclusion program and I hope you can make it!



Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor Phone 9952 8222 or

email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

### HAVE YOUR SAY

# Plans of Management for City of Ryde

management plans, one for parks and one for sportsgrounds within the City of Ryde local area. These Plans of Management will be applicable to the majority of parks, reserves and sportsgrounds which are managed and maintained by Council.

The purpose of these Plans is to propose strategies that quide the future use and management of these parks and

We would like to hear how you currently use the parks and sportsgrounds and how you would like to see them managed and maintained now and into the future.

#### How do I make a submission?

Complete the online submission at Online

Closing date for submissions is Sunday 26 August.

#### For more information

For more information visit:

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

## **Parks and Sportsgrounds**

The City of Ryde is currently developing two generic

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

# **EVENTS AROUND THE CITY**





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### **EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY**

#### InFocus: Double Agent Celery: MI5's **Crooked Hero**

You never know what you will find when you go looking for relatives but imagine Carolinda Witt's surprise when her grandfather turned out to be Walter Dicketts, MI5's double agent 'Celery'.



When Tuesday 17 July Where Gladesville Library 10.30 - 11.30am Time Gold coin contribution Bookings essential. Book online at cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au or call

#### 9952 8352 **Comic Con-Versation Festival Day**

Time

Join us for an amazing adventure at Ryde Library. Take your picture with Maleficent, face painting, badge making, an escape room, caricature drawing and much more. Or join us in Top Ryde City for a superhero workshop.



Wednesday 18 July When Ryde Library

See details in the booking link

Some age restrictions apply Bookings essential. Book online at cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au or call





PROGRAM OUT NOW! Celebrate the best of local comic culture at your library.

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