

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



### Rave reviews for new playground

I am delighted to report that the initial feedback about the new playground at ELS Hall Park, which recently opened to the public, has been nothing but positive.

This playground has something for every child with slides, climbing areas, a rope swing and a flying fox. It also has inclusive elements, including a high back swing and a toddler's combination unit, both with soft-fall rubber.

Another highlight is a large sculpture component featuring three 'cubbies' that are designed based on the native flora found in ELS Hall Park.

For those who have not seen the new facilities first-hand, I would encourage you to do so as you will not be disappointed.

Stay tuned for more announcements about playground upgrades over the coming months as Council continues to deliver on its commitment to provide the local community with safe and accessible high-quality play areas.

### Community outraged after interim heritage order ignored

Just a week after Council unanimously resolved to place an interim heritage order on a historic home in Denistone, came the awful news that builders had accessed the property and caused extensive damage to the interior of the home.

This disgraceful behaviour shows a complete disregard for Ryde's heritage. We will ensure those responsible for this damage are held to account, not just to protect this house in Denistone but also to deter anyone from ever contemplating

such an act and such a serious breach of heritage legislation in Ryde ever again.

Immediately after becoming aware of the damage, the City of Ryde took action in the Land and Environment Court seeking that fines be applied for breaching the interim heritage order, that the matter proceed as a criminal matter, and a direction be made for the owner to restore the property to its original glory.

In addition, Council has installed more barriers around the property and engaged security guards to ensure further damage cannot be inflicted on the home.

### Supporting small business

This month is Small Business Month and the City of Ryde is supporting a number of events to assist local small and medium-sized businesses.

First up is the Upskilling Your Business for the Future on Wednesday 17 October. At this free event, attendees will be able to access free tools to grow their business,

identify alternative ways to recruit talent and learn about grants available for small businesses. Special giveaways on the day include free professional 'pitch your business' videos for three lucky winners.

Following that is our Get Connected – Big Ideas for Small Business event on Wednesday 24 October. Hear from some of the sharpest minds in business and learn how to grow a business in the digital era and better manage cash challenges in the business world.

To find out more information about these events visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesevents](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesevents).



Sincerely,



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Lease of part of Cleves Park, 53 Douglas Street, Putney

Council is proposing to grant a Lease of the Scout Hall and fenced area encompassing the Scout Hall in Cleves Park located at 53 Douglas Street, Putney, (comprising an area of 522.8m<sup>2</sup>) to Scouts Australia NSW for a term up to a maximum of ten (10) years.

#### Usage Times:

Year round: 7.00am to 10.00pm seven days a week

In accordance with the Local Government Act, Council invites you to have your say on the proposed granting of the Lease.

Submissions must be in writing and clearly marked Lease of part of Cleves Park, 53 Douglas Street, Putney, reference: PPM2008/269.

Submissions can be lodged as follows:

**Online** [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

**Email** [cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

**Post** General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670.

Closing date for submissions is **4.30pm on Wednesday 7 November 2018**.

It is Council policy that all submissions received will be publicly accessible on request.

Supplying your personal information is voluntary. However, anonymous submissions may be given less weight (or no weight) in the overall consideration of the lease proposal.

For more information on this proposal call Council's Property Section on 9952 8337.