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Clr Jerome Laxale, Mayor and Clr Bernard Purcell at Meadowbank ferry wharf

### Council opposes changes to F3 Parramatta River Service

Following a Mayoral Minute to oppose cuts to the F3 Parramatta River Service, comes the welcome news that the deeply unpopular changes will no longer be going ahead.

This is a big win for our community as it means the F3 Parramatta River Service will continue to travel through to Circular Quay instead of ending at Barangaroo.

Public transport is essential to our community, and I will continue to vigorously oppose cuts to services.

#### International Women's Day Forum this Saturday

The City of Ryde has organised a fantastic line-up of speakers for the International Women's Day #EachforEqual Forum, which takes place this Saturday from 10.00am to 1.30pm at Ryde Civic Hall.

Foodbank Australia CEO Brianna Casey, Women's Community Shelters CEO Annabelle Daniel, Link Housing COO Margaret Maljkovic and Venture Café Executive Director Zara Crichton, as well as Walkley Award winning columnist, author and social commentator Jane Caro AM, will all be speaking at the free event.

There will also be live performances and a complimentary lunch hosted by women's social enterprise group, Kabul to You. To register for this event visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/IWD.

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#### **Domestic violence leave**

Last year, the City of Ryde showed it was leading the way in tackling domestic violence when it introduced 10 days of domestic leave for Council staff members.

I am delighted to report that our policy has now been adopted by Local Government NSW, meaning 45,000 local government workers in NSW now have access to paid domestic violence leave.

The 10 days paid leave is designed to assist employees dealing with the effects of domestic or family violence such as moving house, attending court, looking after children or seeking medical care.

#### Mayoral-Tea reminder

A reminder about the new Mayoral-Tea events that I will be holding at cafés across the City of Ryde.

The next one is taking place this Saturday between 8.00am and 9.30am at Hatrick Café in Macquarie Park, with all welcome to attend.

Further dates and locations are available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ mayoraltea.

#### Sincerely,

*Deremfarde. Cir Jerome Laxale Mayor* Phone 9952 8222 mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au



Join the Good Life Chorus, Ryde's first dementia-friendly daytime community choir for a fun morning of musical sing-along to old favourites. Bookings are essential. Visit **cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au** or call 9952 8352.

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# Your City News

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

#### MEADOWBANK PARK NEW REGIONAL PLAYGROUND

The City of Ryde's vision for play is to support and nurture children and family friendly communities through play. Last year, Council adopted the Meadowbank and Memorial Park Masterplan which included a new large regional level playground adjacent to the skate park.

The new all abilities playground is designed to ensure that the play space is accessible for all.

We would like to hear your thoughts on the new playground design.

#### Want to find out more?

You can view the concept design and have your say on the Meadowbank Park New Regional Playground online or face-to-face at one of the events below.

#### **Community Drop-In Sessions**

Where	Meadowbank Park, Constitution Road West, Meadowbank
	(next to the skate park)

Time	Anytime between 4.00pm and 6.00pm
wnen	Tuesday 10 March 2020

WhenSaturday 14 March 2020\*TimeAnytime between 10.00am and 12noon

\*Bring the family to the Saturday session and enjoy a free coffee and face painting.

#### How do I make a submission?

In Person At one of the drop-in sessions listed above

Online Complete the online interactive map at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/ MeadowbankPlayground

Closing date for submissions is Sunday 22 March 2020.

#### For more information

Please contact our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/MeadowbankPlayground



Enjoy live performances and hear stories, and come together to celebrate the achievements of women in Ryde.

> Saturday 7 March 10.00am – 1.30pm

Ryde Civic Hall, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde A light complementary meal will be provided.

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