

Council adopts 100% renewable energy target

The City of Ryde continues to take a leading role in the fight against climate change with Council adopting a 100 percent renewable energy target by the end of the decade.

Luckily, Council is in a very strong position to achieve this target based on the extensive work it has already undertaken with energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. In fact, Council is on track to source more than 60 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources by 2030 based on no further interventions taken.

The 100 percent target by 2030 is not only achievable - it will also deliver a range of benefits for the entire community including reduced Council utility costs, reduced carbon emissions and increased energy security.

And despite what some may say, investing in renewables will actually deliver savings for ratepayers over the long term as energy that was once sourced and paid for from the grid will instead be sourced for free from renewables.

The bushfires that destroyed large swathes of Australia last summer showed us all that we need to take proper action to reduce carbon emissions and I am extremely proud that the City of Ryde has committed to this target and demonstrated real leadership on such an important issue.

Ryde GP Respiratory Clinic

The first ever GP Respiratory Clinic in Australia was recently opened in the City of Ryde as part of efforts by Federal and State governments to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The GP Respiratory Clinic is located at 11-17 Khartoum Road in Macquarie Park and operates between 8.00am and 5.00pm, seven days a week.

The free clinic is available to assess people who are experiencing mild to moderate respiratory symptoms and diagnose cases including COVID-19, influenza and pneumonia.

Walk-ins are not accepted at the clinic, so bookings are essential. For more information and to make a booking visit www.wisemedical.com.au/respiratory-clinic. Alternatively, bookings can be made by calling 0412 611 948 between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

Have your say on small business support

Time is running out to have your say on a range of financial measures Council is proposing to assist local businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The measures include waiving outdoor dining fees payable by cafés and restaurants, health inspection and compliance fees, fire safety certification fees and filming application fees.

Council is also proposing to consider all applications for rent deferrals submitted by café and restaurant owners operating from a Council premise.

These financial measures are on public exhibition until Tuesday 28 April. For more information and to provide a submission visit the Have Your Say section of the City of Ryde website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay.

For ratepayers, Council has introduced a fast-tracking process for financial hardship applications, which is available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hardship. We will also consider our budget as well as rates, fees and charges at the upcoming Council meeting on Tuesday 28 April.

Sincerely,

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Draft Art Collection Management Policy

The City of Ryde's draft Art Collection Management Policy is on public exhibition for community comment. Council recognises the important role of art as a form of cultural expression and heritage, and holds an art collection on behalf of the City of Ryde community. The draft City of Ryde Art Collection Management Policy defines the aspirations, purpose and objectives of Council's Art Collection (the Collection) and outlines the processes and standards for its ongoing development and management. This policy includes guidelines for acquisition (adding items to the Collection through gifts or purchase) and deaccessioning (removing items from the Collection).

Where can I view the draft Policy?

Online www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

How do I make a submission?

Submissions must be clearly marked as 'Draft Art Collection Management Policy' via:

Online www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

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

Closing date for submissions is **Sunday 24 May 2020**.

ONLINE EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

Ryde-In presents
THE LOUNGE SESSIONS



Grab a drink and kick back in your favourite chair while listening to free live performances by talented local artists from the comfort of your lounge.

Ryde-In: The Lounge Sessions brings live entertainment to you while supporting artists within the Ryde community during a time when some of our live events cannot go ahead. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/TheLoungeSessions



ANGE ROSE
7.00 - 7.30pm, Friday 24 April
Ange is an indie singer/songwriter from the Ryde area, playing both covers and originals all over Sydney.



JACK RODGERS
7.00 - 7.30pm, Friday 1 May
Jack is a singer/songwriter from Eastwood who has performed locally and overseas.



Over four fun-filled sessions, this hands-on program will allow children and their accompanying parent/guardian to combine everyday objects and experiences with genuine scientific enquiry methods.

Before starting, we recommend putting together your own Discovery Box, which you will use during each session to maximise enjoyment. There will also be a list of additional items specific to each session.

Equipment lists and instructional videos are available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LittleBangDiscovery

Little Bang Discovery On Demand

Conduct experiments at home with your young scientist through Little Bang Discovery On Demand.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL



Register, Read and Be Rewarded

The 1000 Books Before School program is a free early literacy program designed to build important literacy skills prior to starting school and instil a love of reading.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/1000Books

Our libraries may be temporarily closed but don't let that stop you and your child from reading and reaching 1000 books!. View the online library at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onlinelibrary



Online Storytime

Introduce your child to the wonderful world of books from home with our online sessions.

There are over 10 to watch!

Visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/OnlineStorytime