



## Citizenship ceremonies go online

In recent weeks, the City of Ryde has conducted online citizenship ceremonies, which has allowed a number of local residents to become Australian citizens despite coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

These online citizenship ceremonies were able to take place after I wrote to the Minister for Immigration, David Coleman, and asked for permission for Council to undertake them.

We have many residents in the City of Ryde who have waited years to become Australian citizens, so it is terrific that Council staff have been able to stage these online citizenship ceremonies and give these people a positive experience in time when there is a lot of negativity in the world.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, I am pleased to announce that Council will be able to resume face-to-face citizenship ceremonies from next month, with each event to strictly adhere to physical distancing measures.

## SWAP applications now open

Applications are open for the City of Ryde's Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (or SWAP as it is commonly known).

Now in its 10th year, SWAP is a unique environmental competition in which locals are asked to repurpose their rubbish and recovered materials into creative pieces of art. It is not only a fun opportunity to learn new skills but also a great way to explore the artistic potential of items you would normally throw away.

There is \$5,000 in prize money up for grabs across six categories, with the short-listed entries to be showcased at the 2020 SWAP exhibition at See Street Gallery at Meadowbank TAFE later in the year.

For more information including eligibility criteria and dates for each of the online workshops visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap).

## Feedback sought on Waste and Recycling app

The City of Ryde is exploring options to introduce a Council Waste and Recycling app for smart devices.

The app will offer accessible information on Council waste services and facilities, including bin collection days and how to correctly dispose of certain items.

As part of the app development, Council is asking for members of the community to take part in an online survey about how they source waste information and whether they would use such an app.

The survey takes approximately seven minutes and can be accessed at

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/WasteApp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/WasteApp). It will be available until Sunday 9 August 2020.

Sincerely,



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## NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON

# VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

CHANGING COMMUNITIES.  
CHANGING LIVES.

**Nominations close this Sunday**

Every year a committed and largely unseen army of volunteers give of their time and skills to enhance and uplift the life of the community within the City of Ryde.

Now more than ever it is important to recognise our unsung heroes.

Visit [ryde.rocks/volunteers](http://ryde.rocks/volunteers) for more information and to nominate.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### 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](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/OnlineStorytime)



COVID-19 is affecting every aspect of how we live, work, socialise and play in the City of Ryde. What we are experiencing now will become history for the future and the only way that history will be recorded is if we document it now.

We need your help to create a photographic record of what it was like to live through this once in a generation event. You may have already taken photos that relate to the topic from Easter and ANZAC Day or as things started to change around you.

Please join in and upload your photos and help us build the history of tomorrow for our community, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeAtHome](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeAtHome)

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- License of part of Christie Park, Macquarie Park (Closing 4.30pm 25 June 2020)
- Monash Road Upgrade between Higginbotham Road and Kim Street, Gladesville (Closing 28 June 2020)
- City of Ryde Parks – Proposed Land Categorisations (Closing 29 July 2020)
- Waste and Recycling App Survey (Closing 9 August 2020)
- Rowe Street East Smoke Free Zone Trial (Closing 31 August 2020)
- 'Dine out in Ryde' Trial Program
- Devlin Street Pedestrian Bridges
- Graffiti Vandalism in the City of Ryde
- Immunisation Clinic Customer Experience Survey
- Traffic & Parking Around Schools
- Save Our Streets

### Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay) or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

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### GARAGE SALES

From 9.00am

23 Clermont Ave, Ryde

List your garage sale for free at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales)