
**MM15/14 NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - 23RD MAY -
The Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP14/589**

Friday 23rd May 2014 is National Walk Safely to School Day. On this day, children, parents, caregivers and community leaders across the City of Ryde assemble at various schools and walk to school in an effort to strengthen healthy and safe pedestrian habits. The event is also used to evaluate pedestrian safety in the community.

I would like Council, in partnership with the Pedestrian Council of Australia and the Ryde Hornsby Health Promotion Unit to encourage local schools and P and C Associations to participate in walk to school safely programs. This will build on Council's current support for Go Active to School Initiatives in Ryde.

Further I am recommending that Council and local schools through their Principals and P and C Associations, act in partnership to host three healthy school community breakfasts (one per ward). These breakfasts would promote healthy eating and act as a thank you for participation in the National Walk to School Day for 2014.

I would also like Council to promote the benefit of walking to school, healthy eating and the school community breakfasts in the Mayors Community Message and all other media channels.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council, in partnership with the Pedestrian Council of Australia and the Ryde Hornsby Health Promotion Unit encourage local schools and P and C groups to participate in walk to school safely programs.
- (b) That Council and local Principals and P and C Associations act in partnership to host three healthy school community breakfasts (one per ward). These breakfasts would promote healthy eating and act as a thank you for participation in the National Walk to School Day for 2014.
- (c) That upon confirmation of the level of participation in the healthy community breakfast initiative, that a further report be brought to Council regarding funding of the initiative.
- (c) That Council promote the benefit of walking to school, healthy eating and the City of Ryde community breakfasts in the Mayors Community Message and all other media channels.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Council, dated 9 May 2014, submitted on 13 May 2014.

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