

Tuesday 18 November 2014

## **WEST RYDE CELEBRATES WITH OPEN DAY**

Saturday 29 November, 10.00am – 2.00pm, town centre locations

The West Ryde town centre is gearing up to celebrate its new lease of life with a special Open Day, and the community is invited to share in the fun and *'see what's new from ten till two'* on Saturday 29 November.

West Ryde Open Day is part of the Council's Social Inclusion Week celebrations, with a host of family-friendly activities including live music, kids' crafts and activities, artisans markets, international food safari and the launch of an innovative Shopfront Sculpture discovery trail.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said: "If you haven't been to the West Ryde town centre for a while, you'll be in for some very pleasant surprises.

"There is a wide choice of established and new shopping experiences, a thriving community services hub and a vibrant arts scene. West Ryde is also easy to access by rail or bus and there's plenty of parking."

### ***WHAT'S ON AND WHERE***

***In the open plaza and various locations:***

#### **ORIGAMI HORSE SCULPTURE INTERPRETATIVE PLAQUE UNVEILING**

Find out who and what inspired these striking horse sculptures. Activities include:

- Kids arts and crafts
- Ride the PonyCycles
- Live music and entertainment
- Information stalls
- West Ryde Primary School Fundraising BBQ
- Interactive Community Chalkboard

#### **SHOPFRONT SCULPTURE TRAIL LAUNCH**

The Shopfront Sculpture Trail, now in its second year, is a Council-run initiative designed to celebrate the diverse retail scene in West Ryde by connecting artists with retailers to showcase art and local business.

Join us for the launch of the Shopfront Sculpture Trail by the Origami Horse sculptures in the open plaza area. You can follow the Sculpture Trail map and while you're visiting the shops and viewing the art works, you'll discover some of the nooks and crannies only the local know. Vote for your favourite Sculpture for a chance to win a \$50 voucher each week to spend at participating shops at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shopfrontsculpturetrail](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shopfrontsculpturetrail). Exhibition runs until Saturday 13 December. There's also a great photographic exhibition of everyone involved in the Sculpture Trail showing at the West Ryde Community Hall.

#### ***In the Community Hall***

#### **RYDE ARTISANS MARKET**

Pop over to the West Ryde Community Hall in Anthony Road for the Ryde Artisans Market and pick up that perfect gift for Christmas. Select from a range of unique hand-made creations including jewellery, artworks, mosaics, and more! Proudly supported by the City of Ryde.

### ***In the Community Centre***

#### **SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK: WEST RYDE OPEN DAY**

Celebrating Social Inclusion Week (22 – 30 November) the West Ryde Open Day aims to connect, collaborate and celebrate with our community.

Hosted by the West Ryde Community Centre, the Open Day celebrates nearly two years of operation of the City of Ryde's first 'Child, Family and Neighbourhood Centre' – a purpose-built hub designed to co-locate a variety of community services committed to improving the wellbeing of local children, their families and the community as a whole.

*Celebrate* the day with the following activities:

- International food safari BBQ
- Multicultural tea ceremony
- Celebrate Diversity 'Sculpture Trail' Photography and Art Exhibition
- Children's jumping castle
- Face painting
- Story telling
- Cupcake stall and much more

*Connect* – with the services within the Hub

Relationships Australia NSW, Ryde Family Services, West Ryde Early Childhood Health Centre, West Ryde Neighbourhood Children's Centre, Good Beginnings Australia, Korean Lifeline, Indonesian Welfare, Community Migrant Resource Centre, and The Benevolent Society, and get more information on:

- Parenting and child health programs
- Referral and support programs
- Social inclusion groups
- Migrant support
- Family relationship support
- A transition to school program
- Counselling services
- Child care

*Collaborate* - tell us what 'social inclusion' means to you:

- Leaving your message on the blackboard
- Participate in the Social Inclusion Survey
- Have your say on the vox pop interviews.

For details of Social Inclusion Week community events at Eastwood (Thursday 27 November CCA Family Day Care) and Top Ryde City shopping centre Open Plaza area (Friday 28 November) go to

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson)