

Tuesday 7 April 2015

## **R Y D E's RED LETTER ANZAC DAY**

Two-thousand handmade red poppies will adorn giant letters spelling out "R Y D E" in an Anzac Day tribute to the 2,000 Ryde locals who went to the First World War, between 1914 – 1918.

Since November last year, individuals and groups have been busy knitting, crocheting, felting or stitching woollen red poppies as part of the Ryde Remembers Centenary of Anzac commemoration. It is estimated that 200 balls of wool and over 1,500 hours of work has gone into the creation of the poppies.

This grand community effort will culminate in a giant red poppy "R Y D E" display at a special Ryde Remembers Anzac Tribute and Morning Tea on Friday 24 April at the Cenotaph in Ryde Park starting at 9.30am.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said the community had responded magnificently to the call to create a memorable and meaningful Anzac Day display. "We hope that many of those who contributed red poppies will attend our special Anzac Day tribute and morning tea in Ryde Park so the Council can say 'thank you' for their efforts."

### **Be part of Ryde's Red Letter ANZAC Day**

There is still time for you to be part of this great community project.

- Make a red woollen poppy – pick up a pattern from your local library or download from [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryderemembers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryderemembers)
- Dedicate an already-made poppy to a local WWI soldier or nurse, or to a member of your family who served in WWI, with a gold coin donation. All money goes to Legacy.
- Be part of our special Anzac Tribute and Morning Tea on Friday 24 April, 9.30am.
- The giant 2m high R Y D E letters are on display at Ryde, West Ryde, Eastwood and North Ryde Libraries where you can attach your handmade poppy to remember a WWI Digger.

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