

Friday 2 October 2015

## **RYDE RIVER WALK'S NEW GLADESVILLE SECTION REVEALS HIDDEN GEMS**

Some of Ryde's 'hidden gems' will be revealed when the new Gladesville Section of the Ryde River Walk is officially opened on Sunday 11 October.

Residents are invited to a community celebration to mark the completion of the works connecting a string of beautiful parks and natural areas between Banjo Paterson Park and Bill Mitchell Park.

Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "We have worked hard to preserve the foreshore environment and improve public access to this picturesque and historically significant stretch of the Ryde River Walk.

"The new works, recently completed by the Council at a cost of \$1.8 million using Federal, State and City of Ryde funding, is the culmination of years of planning and negotiation and the community is invited to join the celebration."

The new 2km section, running through Bill Mitchell Park, Glades Bay and Looking Glass Bay to Banjo Paterson Park, replaces dirt tracks and unconnected walks with well-defined and signed all-weather pathways, a mangrove boardwalk, stairs, bridges and landscaping.

### **Gladesville Section Ryde River Walk Community Celebration, Sunday 11 October 9 – 11am**

9.00 – 10.00am Guided Walk (optional) from Bill Mitchell Park (entry at Morrison Road), through Glades Bay Park and Looking Glass Bay Park, finishing at Banjo Patterson Park. Walking shoes, hat and water advisable.

10.00 – 11.00am Community celebration and plaque unveiling at Banjo Patterson Park (entry at Punt Road, off Victoria Road, near Banjo Patterson Cottage). Community BBQ breakfast and refreshments + jumping castle.

**Ryde River Walk** is a \$5 million City of Ryde project, in partnership with Federal and State Governments, creating a continuous green reserve along a 10km stretch of the Parramatta River, from Kissing Point to the western boundary of Meadowbank Park. It was created to improve the community's enjoyment of the unique attractions along the famous waterway with improved public access and enhanced recreational facilities. The shared pedestrian highway runs along the northern foreshore of the River, linking a network of parks, playgrounds, sports fields, historic sites and natural areas.

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