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2018 CITIZEN & YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Pictured: (Left to right) Rhett Prado, Nathan Moulds, Ryde Mayor Clr Jerome Laxale, Julie Hill, Joanne Taranto, Corina Seeto and Alexander Chorley. Absent: Josie Howes.

The City of Ryde Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards recognise outstanding accomplishments by individuals in our community who have excelled in their chosen field. The awards are open to all Australian citizens living in the City of Ryde.

The seven nominees for this year's awards represent the high values and diversity of our community. They include community and business leaders and volunteers.

Winners will be announced at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on Friday 26 January, 11.00am at the North Ryde School of Arts Hall, 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde.

Mayor Laxale said "All the nominees are local legends, who have earned the admiration of the community and are deserving of this recognition"

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Alexander Chorley

Alex is an inspirational force for young performers. The multi-award-winning actor, extra and musician has competed at Ryde Eisteddfod for more than a decade and taken to the stage at many local events. He was also the winner of the prestigious Cub Scouts' Grey Wolf Award.

Rhett Prado

Since joining the NSW State Emergency Service Ryde Unit as a student volunteer, Rhett has shown dedication and commitment to his community in their time of need. He is a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award recipient.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES**Julie Hill**

Julie works collaboratively with community leaders and organisations to advocate for people living with disability. Through Royal Rehab Ryde, she spearheaded a choir and organises a variety of socially inclusive events.

Josie Howes

A stalwart of the Lady of Grace Nursing Home Fraternity, Josie is known for going above and beyond to care for people in her community. As volunteer editor of La Campana Magazine, she helps connect Italian migrants with their traditions and culture.

Nathan Moulds

Part of the Ryde Salvation Army, Nathan has been a tireless supporter of the residents of the Ivanhoe Estate during a time of transition. He works with local service providers and church communities to bring about positive social change.

Corina Seeto

Corina is on the frontline of the war on waste. As co-founder of 5forRyde, she has been instrumental in increasing community awareness of waste issues. She also established the Martin Reserve bushcare group, transforming the area into an oasis for native wildlife.

Joanne Taranto

As co-founder of 5forRyde, Joanne has helped sign up some 70 local cafes to the Responsible Cafes movement. This has created an incentive for coffee lovers to limit waste by getting a discount for bringing their own reusable coffee cup. Joanne has also been involved in the Martin Reserve bushcare group.

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

Fifty new Australian citizens, all local residents hailing from 20 countries around the globe, will also be welcomed as part of the Australia Day ceremony.

The day will climax with the annual Australia Day Family Concert and Fireworks Spectacular at North Ryde Common (5.00 – 9.00pm). For full details go to ryde.rocks/AusDay

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