

Trampolines Add Extra Bounce at Monash Park

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Kids are jumping for joy thanks to the new in-ground trampolines at the Monash Park playground.

The compact trampolines are part of a \$142,000 upgrade that has seen the playground double in size.

New play equipment includes swings, a slide and climbing structure, a spring jeep and spring motorbike added.

A brightly coloured fence encloses the playground and purple and orange spotted soft- fall covering surrounds the new equipment that is providing plenty of dynamic and energetic play for 0 – 12 year olds.

Well defined pathways for prams and wheelchairs, seating and amenities, provider safe, accessible and high quality facilities for children to play freely and for families to enjoy.

Tree-lined Monash Park located on Ryde Road, Gladesville, is one of our most popular neighbourhood parks, with a picket-fenced sportsfield, grandstand, public toilets, small garden with memorial and historic headstone.

Visit the [Monash Park](#) page for more information.

Apply Now for a Community Grant

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Locally based, not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations are invited to apply for a 2015 City of Ryde Community Grant.

These annual grants are one of the ways Council supports a diversity of community groups to grow, prosper or carry out special projects that contribute to community wellbeing and a vibrant, diverse community culture.

New Grant Categories

The revamped format offers new categories provide better opportunities for applicants to identify a grant that best suits their objectives. There are six new categories offering grants ranging from \$2,000 up to \$5,000.

These categories are:

- **Seniors Grant (up to \$2,000)** – this new grant category is for local seniors groups for projects that will enhance existing programs or encourage new activities.
- **Capacity Building Grant** – 3 sub categories (up to \$3,500) – this category is for all groups to help boost organisation growth potential and realise its vision. There are three sub-categories covering Events, Emerging Groups and a General section which includes Arts and Culture.
- **Sports and Recreation Grant (up to \$3,500)** – for local sporting and recreation groups to develop activities that increase the opportunity for participation in sports, recreation and physical activity.
- **Community Projects Grant (up to \$5,000)** – these grants will support special projects aim at working towards building a cohesive and connected community, based on inclusion, enhancing community well-being and cultural growth.

For more information on the Community Grants, download the following Guidelines and Policy.

- [Community Grants Program Guidelines](#)
- [Community Grants Policy](#)

Applications closed on **Monday, 16 March 2015**.

Winners of the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announced

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(L-R) Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering, Dr Peter Mitchell OAM, Aidan Fisher, Tracey Spicer

At an Australia Day ceremony today, the Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, announced the 2015 City of Ryde Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, in recognition of their service to the local community. The recipients are:

- **Dr Peter Mitchell OAM** – Citizen of the Year
- **Aidan Fisher** – Young Citizen of the Year

In acknowledging their outstanding contributions, Cllr Pickering said the two winners exemplified the character and fine qualities of the people who make up the City of Ryde.

“Dr Mitchell and Aidan deserve the admiration of the community and to be acknowledged as role models,” the Mayor said.

“Through their deeds and actions, both winners have added enormous value to our city and to the lives of so many in our local community. They lead by example and show that community spirit is thriving in the City of Ryde.”

To read more about our winners, go to the [Citizen of the Year](#) page.

2015 Citizen & Young Citizen of the Year

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A unique group of local heroes, who have earned the admiration of the community, will be honoured on Australia Day when the 2015 City of Ryde Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are announced.

The seven nominees, whose ages range from teens to seniors, represent the high values and diversity of our community. They include volunteers, academics, students, IT professionals and community leaders.

Citizen of the Year Nominees

- Mrs Knarik Barati
- Dr Peter Mitchell OAM
- Mr Vincent Yu

Young Citizen of the Year Nominees

- Aidan Fisher
- Sophie Lara-Watson
- Mitchell Stubbs
- Wiley Ye

City of Ryde Mayor Bill Pickering said these Awards are our City's way of acknowledging those individuals whose commitment, passion and a willingness to help others have strengthened our community.

"From the quiet achiever, to the successful professional and the leaders of the future, all have left their mark on an appreciative community.

"The qualities they show and the broad range of their achievements made this year's selection very difficult," he said.

Choosing one individual over another is always difficult but what is very clear is that a strong commitment to serve and community spirit is thriving in the City of Ryde.

The Citizen of the Year Awards recognise those who have shown outstanding community service and whose dedication in their chosen field has made a positive and lasting difference to the community. Visit the [Citizen of the Year](#) page for more information.

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

The day will end with the annual Australia Day Family Concert and Fireworks Spectacular at North Ryde Common (5.00 – 9.30pm). Lead act for the evening is The Whispering Jack Show – a tribute to the music of John Farnham.

For full details, visit the [Australia Day](#) page.

Ryde Celebrates Australia Day 2015

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Come and celebrate what's great about the City of Ryde at our Australia Day celebrations on Monday 26 January 2015. On a day of ceremony, tradition and family fun, we will:

- **Honour** our most admired citizens and welcome new ones at a special civic ceremony
- **Hear** about what makes Australia great from Australia Day Ambassador Tracey Spicer, news reporter and journalist
- **Enjoy** a traditional Aussie morning tea or sausage sizzle
- **Rock** on the Common with the Whispering Jack Show's tribute to the King of Rock *'You're the Voice'* John Farnham, at the annual Aussie Day Family Concert at West Ryde Common.
- **Be amazed** as the night sky lights up with a spectacular fireworks display in a fitting tribute to our national holiday.

And it all happens right on our doorstep, here in the City of Ryde.

Mayor Bill Pickering said: "Our celebrations are a real reflection of local people, the values we share and the freedom and enviable lifestyle we enjoy here in the City of Ryde.

"The day has special significance for those attending our civic ceremony in the morning, while many residents will get together with family and friends in the time honoured tradition of a backyard barbeque or gathering in one of beautiful riverside parks."

"We're expecting thousands to turn up at our traditional free Family Concert and Fireworks Spectacular at North Ryde Common – the perfect, relaxing way to end off a special day of celebration, as it is designed to be hassle free, safe for families and there's no long trip home afterwards."

Organisers are urging kids and adults to get into the spirit by dressing up as their favourite Aussie icon. So come as a bushranger or a crocodile tamer, your favourite sporting hero or wrap yourself in the flag.

So make sure you and your family are part of our great Aussie-Ryde celebration!

Visit the [Australia Day](#) page for more information and to view the Program of Events.

Australia Day Ambassador Adds Spice to Ryde's Celebrations

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The NSW Australia Day Council has announced media personality and TV presenter Tracey Spicer as this year's Australia Day Ambassador for the City of Ryde.

Ms Spicer will take part in the official proceedings of the annual Australia Day Civic Ceremony at the Ryde Civic Hall.

The event will take place on Monday 26 January from 10.00am and includes a citizenship ceremony, the announcement of Citizen of the Year, live music and a traditional morning tea.

Tracey Spicer is one of the most versatile journalists and presenters in the country, with a portfolio spanning television, radio, newspapers, magazines, and online media.

During her 27-year career, she has reported for, and anchored, news, current affairs and lifestyle programs in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

Currently, Tracey works as an anchor for Sky News, a weekly columnist for print and digital media, a radio broadcaster, and is a presentation trainer at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School.

She is best known for presenting Channel 10's national weekend and morning news services for 14 years.

Tracey has written, produced and presented documentaries for NGOs in Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda, Papua New Guinea and India, as well as the National Breast Cancer Foundation in Australia.

The 47-year old, mother-of-two, is an Ambassador for ActionAid, World Vision, Life's Little Treasures, and Dying with Dignity, Patron of the NSW Cancer Council and

National Premmie Foundation, and face of the Garvan Institute's research into pancreatic cancer.

Tracey is passionate about women's rights, social justice, and equal opportunity.

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January School Holidays Program

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There are plenty of fun activities in the City of Ryde to keep your kids busy during the Autumn school holidays.

If your kids like creative writing, bring them to the library for craft activities workshops. There will also be story times and other exciting workshops.

For kids who like the great outdoors, there's a skateboard clinic to learn how to ride a skateboard safely or pick up some new tips and tricks as well as Go4Fun School Holiday Sessions

The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre has a program of school holiday intensive classes to learn to swim or polish up specific skills. And the pool is open every day for those who just want to come in for a splash. The wave pool, giant slide and other features will be operating every day during the school holidays.

Visit the [School Holidays](#) page to see what's on offer.