

Women's Art Prize Winners

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Celebrating another successful year, the City of Ryde supported by the Northern Sydney Institute – Part of TAFE NSW presented the fifth annual Women's Art Prize.

Last night's official opening and awards presentation marked a special date in the diary for the 103 finalists in this year's event which was inspired by the 2015 International Women's Day theme 'Make It Happen'.

This year's theme clearly resonated with the community resulting in a record 268 entries, a 30 percent increase on the previous year and an outstanding response from artists as diverse in age and culture as the mediums they have chosen.

2015 also marks the first year the Art Prize has been open to entrants across the country. Consequently a special Local Artist Award has also been added for the first time to recognise local talent.

Tasked with a difficult decision, the judges were impressed with the calibre of entries in this year's event, noting that every year the decision becomes harder with so many strong submissions using diverse techniques and mediums from a talented and creative art community.

Open Category

Open to artists who identify as a professional or practicing full-time artist 18 years and over.

Prize: \$1,000

Winner: Patricia Concha - *Electra Safari*

Highly Commended: Danielle Golding - *Self Portrait No. 15*

Highly Commended: Jayanto Damanik - *Conversation With Clara I (Percakapan Berdarah)* and *Conversation with Clara II (Air Mata Berdarah)*

Commended: Sandra Winkworth - *Surefit*

Commended: Pamela Honeyfield - *Playground*

Community Category

Open to members of the community who, do not (yet) identify as a professional artist, 18 years and over. This category encourages those who study art, practice art as a hobby or as part of a community group.

Prize: \$1,000

Winner: Miriam Chan - *Power in Peace*

Highly Commended: Laura Jayne - *Untitled*

Highly Commended: Lakshmi Muthupalaniyappan - *Mother and Child*

Commended: Prue Platt - *Helpworth Embryo #1*

Youth Category

Open to members of the community who identify as a student, hobby artist or professional artist between the age of 12 and 25.

Prize: \$500

Winner: EJ Son - *<Error 404>*

Highly Commended: Zoe Luxford - *Moonlight*

Highly Commended: Kevin Zhuang - *Inner Beauty*

Local Artist Award

This will be awarded to an artist who lives in the City of Ryde. The recipient of this award can be selected from any category, but will be chosen after the selection of all other category winners. Other category winners will not be eligible to then win this award.

Prize: \$500

Winner: Rosemary Dugan - *Vibiance*

Curator of the exhibition, Casandra Hard Lawrie, said: "This exhibition is a fantastic way to showcase the talent of the local community whilst bringing attention to important women's issues to the wider community.

"The Council's ongoing commitment to presenting opportunities for local artists to exhibit their works, from both professional, student and youth backgrounds should be commended."

The International Women's Day Art competition celebrates the achievements of women and artists who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde. The works will be on exhibition for two weeks (29 May – 13 June) at the See Street Gallery in Meadowbank.

The International Women's Day Art Prize and Exhibition is an initiative of the City of Ryde Status of Women Advisory Committee in association with Northern Sydney Institute TAFE.

International Women's Day Art Prize and Exhibition 'Make It Happen'

When: Exhibition runs Friday 29 May - Saturday 13 June. Open Tuesday - Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm (closed Sunday and Monday).

Where: See Street Gallery, Sydney Gallery School, Meadowbank Campus of The Northern Sydney Institute – part of TAFE NSW.

Cost: Free entry

Visit the [Women's Art Prize](#) page for more information.

Surf Ryder Master Class

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Learning to Ryde 'The Wave' has never been easier for water loving teens thanks to a Surf Ryder Master Class hosted by special guest coach and professional longboard surfer, Jack Entwistle.

Tweens and teens aged 10 to 15 years will have the opportunity to learn to surf and improve their skills on Sunday 28 June under the accomplished eyes of Jack.

Manager of the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Paul Hartmann said: "As a professional longboard surfer and an advocate of the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre's Surf Ryder attraction, Jack's class is a fantastic addition to the winter school holiday repertoire of events taking place in the City of Ryde.

"We're really lucky to have someone as talented as Jack hosting the Master Class and it's a great inspiration to local kids who covet a career in surfing or have a passion for water sports.

With five levels to achieve and catering from beginners to more experienced young surfers, Master Class students will be put through their paces under Jack's expert guidance, finishing with an introduction to tricks including the popshuvit, 180 degree, 360 degree and Hang 5.

"The Surf Ryder is a great way for kids, big and small, and the young at heart to develop balance, new skills and learn some impressive tricks in a controlled environment."

Places are strictly limited for this special class and parents are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

Jack Entwistle started surfing at Sydney's Manly Beach at the ripe age of six, guided by his father, Stuart Entwistle, a 1988 World Longboard Champion. Now in his early twenties, Jack has a promising career ahead of him with a long list of achievements, including:

- 2014 25th CJ Snowy McAlister Festival – 1st Open Men's / 2nd Professional Longboard
- 2014 WSL LQS Taiwan Open of Surfing – 3rd Place
- 2014 WSL Australasian Longboard Qualifying Series – 4th Place
- 2014 WSL GoPro World Longboard Championships – 25th Place

Event Details - Surf Ryder Master Class

When: Sunday 28 June 2015, 8.00am – 10.00am

Where: Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde

Age: Children 10 – 15 years, beginner through to experienced surfers

Cost: \$35 per child, includes a surf pack and pool entry at the conclusion of the class
Bookings: Essential. Phone 8878 5111

For more information, visit the [Surf Ryder](#) page.

The Surf Ryder was officially opened to the public in August 2014 and since then has seen more than 7,000 people 'Ryde The Wave'. It is currently available for individual or group bookings, including corporate team building, bucks parties and birthday events.

To make a booking or to enquire about an upcoming event, phone 8878 5111.

Development Control Plan Part 6.5: 461-495 Victoria Rd, Gladesville Update

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Council has recently adopted an amendment to Ryde Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014 to include new site specific development controls for land at 461-495 Victoria Road, Gladesville. This amendment was adopted by Council together with changes to Ryde Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 applying to the subject site as a result of a planning proposal lodged by the Bunnings Group Ltd.

The DCP part called *Part 6.5 461-495 Victoria Road, Gladesville* adds a new set of site specific controls. This part has been designed to support changes to Ryde LEP 2014 to rezone the land from IN2 Light Industrial to B5 Business Development and to change maximum building height controls applicable to the site.

The new controls provide guidance for the preparation and assessment of redevelopment proposals for the subject land. The new DCP part contains:

- Objectives and controls for setbacks to address amenity issues with respect to the transition between this site and the adjoining residential areas
- Controls to guide the development of a high quality built form and public domain around the site
- Controls to ensure the implementation of the Bunnings Gladesville Traffic and Parking Study, December 2014 as amended by City of Ryde Council resolutions 28 April 2015.

The new Part 6.5 will come into effect on the notification of associated changes to Ryde Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 known as Amendment No. 5.

A copy of the new *Part 6.5 461-495 Victoria Road, Gladesville* under DCP 2014 will be viewable on the City of Ryde website from the effective date.

ELS Hall Amenities Block upgrade kicks goal for the Community

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After a \$536,000 upgrade, the new-look amenities block at ELS Hall Park, North Ryde, was officially reopened on Tuesday 19 May at 10.15am by City of Ryde Mayor.

Part of the City of Ryde's ongoing Sports Field Amenities Renewal program, the Council partnered with the State and Federal Governments, AFL NSW/ACT and the North Ryde Dockers Club to upgrade the amenities building servicing Fields 1 and 3.

Included in the upgrade are:

- Four new change rooms with shower facilities
- New umpires' change room and shower
- New canteen facility
- Refurbished public toilets
- New decking and entertainment area providing views to the playing fields

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said ELS Hall Park is a regionally significant sporting and recreational facility and the upgraded amenities will provide much improved amenities to Australian Rules Football and Cricket users into the future.

"This is a wonderful community asset and I'm delighted to see the Federal and State Governments supporting our local sporting clubs as they are so very important to the fabric of our community."

Young Sydney Swans player, Aliir Aliir, also joined the Mayor and other guests at the official opening, with the upgrade signalling a significant investment by the City of

Ryde in the next generation of Australian sporting stars.

A number of organisations contributed to the project that has delivered much improved facilities for players, officials, volunteers and the wider community. They are: City of Ryde Council - \$363,000; Federal and State Government Grants - \$93,000 and \$25,000 respectively; AFL NSW / ACT - \$45,000; North Ryde Dockers Junior AFL Club - \$10,000.

ELS Hall Park is also home to the Ryde Community Sports Centre and is part of the Shrimptons Creek pedestrian/cycleway. ELS Hall Park provides a range of indoor and outdoor sporting fixtures, floodlit fields, walking tracks and paths, cycle path, playground, picnic shelters, BBQ, public toilets, accessible toilet, dog off-leash.

Ryde Bowling Club Update

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Community response to the Council's decision to develop the Ryde Bowling Club site for the purposes of public recreation has been positive.

Following extensive community consultation, Council at its meeting on 12 May 2015, endorsed proceeding to an expression of interest process in respect to the Ryde Bowling Club site for the long term use of the community.

City of Ryde General Manager, Gail Connolly, said: "The outcome is a positive one with the Council deciding to proceed with an option that the community supports.

"The site could accommodate a mix of community and recreational uses that are permissible under the current zoning."

In March 2015, around 40 local residents attended a community meeting to discuss options surrounding possible usage of the site.

"The main concerns of residents have been to address the loss of community and recreational facilities since the site's closure in December 2013 and this has now been achieved."

Council will now seek expressions of interest to develop the site in line with permissible uses that include facilities for community/environmental/indoor recreation/outdoor recreation/arts/culture, as well as possible restaurants and cafes.

The site's use dates from the early 1900s, on a parcel of land on Blaxland Road at the south-west corner of Ryde Park. The Bowling Club is located mostly on Crown land, with the City of Ryde having care control and management of the land.

Argyle Centre Update

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Following a lengthy community consultation process, the derelict Argyle Centre site will breathe new life into the Blaxland Road precinct and provide Council with an ongoing revenue stream which will assist with the long term financial viability of Council.

At its meeting of 12 May 2015, Council resolved to proceed to the next stages of the development, accommodating a medium-rise mixed use building (residential and commercial/retail mix) at the current Argyle Centre site. The prevailing development controls provide for maximum height of 21.4 metres (approximately 6 storeys).

The site which would continue to be Council owned land zoned B4 (mixed use) and the development will be funded from the Council's property investment portfolio reserve and borrowings.

City of Ryde General Manager, Gail Connolly, who is tasked with continuing to pursue ongoing income opportunities for the City of Ryde, said: "This decision shows that Council is addressing its promise to the community of creating alternative sources of revenue in addition to rates and to deliver ongoing financial sustainability to assist the long term financial position of Council.

The project is expected to return to Council a significant annual rental return which will assist Council to be fit for the future. Opportunities for the site to provide key worker housing and commercial space will also be pursued.

"Income projections are being assessed as part of the feasibility study. Funds have been made available in Council's 2015-2019 Delivery Plan to obtain all the necessary approvals."

The Argyle Centre site is situated on 33-35 Blaxland Road and has been owned by Council since 1972.

In April 2012 a detailed building condition and Work Health and Safety (WHS) report, identified serious safety issues affecting the work environment within the Argyle Centre and the building was deemed as non-habitable. This assessment recommended that occupation of the Argyle Centre building (offices and hall) cease immediately.

The Argyle Centre has been permanently closed since August 2012.

Keep Councils Local: Residents up in Arms at Possibility of Forced Merger

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More than 250 Residents in Sydney's North were up in arms last week at community meetings held in Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove to discuss the State Government's Fit for the Future initiative.

The proposed destruction of their communities, the prospect of higher rates, the high probability that services and service standards would decline in addition to diminished local representation were touted as unacceptable and irresponsible by the people who attended the meetings.

Residents clearly stated their opposition to forced amalgamations, however they were very supportive of the three Councils exploring the formation of a Joint Organisation (Regional Authority).

Residents of the City of Ryde and neighbouring councils were incensed at the proposal to split and dissolve the City of Ryde into two mega councils, with the western one-third being merged with a Parramatta-based mega council, and the eastern two-thirds merging with a number of north shore councils.

An online survey by the City of Ryde currently shows that 81 per cent of people reject the amalgamation of their Council with others and that opposition to the prospect of forced amalgamations is growing.

There was strong support for the exploration of a Joint Organisation option that would address regional issues, which is currently being investigated by the City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils. The regional approach, would allow councils to remain in place as an entity to deliver local services with proper representation. This was considered by the participants as a superior approach to that of amalgamation. This approach meets all of the State Government's objectives for local government, whilst retaining local identity and communities of interest.

Live polling was conducted at all three public meetings where 88 per cent of attendees stated they were not supportive of forced amalgamations and more than 70 per cent supported exploring the possibility of a Joint Organisation of Councils within the Northern Sydney Region.

The other concerning issue was the strong opposition to the loss of local representation where Ryde residents would be represented by just 2.18 Councillors, down from the current 12, Hunter's Hill Council would only be represented by 0.64 of a Councillor down from its current 7 and Lane Cove Council would only be represented by 1.52 Councillors down from its current 9 Councillors.

It was clear at the public meetings that residents considered that their respective councils represented them well and that they are the voice of the people. Attendees at the meetings had major concerns on the level of local representation residents would have under the proposed new mega council structure.

The Mayor of the City of Ryde, Bill Pickering said that residents are very concerned about the impact of forced council mergers under the State Government's Fit for the Future package.

"City of Ryde Council is not against reform. We are realists and believe that a better approach to improved local government is for councils to retain autonomy, preserving 'local voice' and 'local choice'. This avoids the heavy costs of mergers and enables neighbouring councils to collaborate for the benefit of the region," said Mayor Pickering.

The Mayor of Hunter's Hill, Richard Quinn said: "That is why the City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils have agreed to investigate the formation of an innovative, collaborative Joint Organisation that would deliver the desired Fit for the Future reforms of size and scale, without the heavy price tag.

The view, held by many in NSW government, that mega councils are cheaper and more efficient has somehow obtained urban myth status."

"Our councils are committed to working together to deliver shared services and programs. The mounting evidence demonstrates that forced amalgamations simply don't work," Mayor Quinn said.

The Mayor of Lane Cove, David Brooks-Horn said: "In our Council alone, 93 per cent of the people who attended our public meeting were opposed to Lane Cove Council being merged into a new mega Council, they much preferred that we investigate the formation of a Joint Organisation for the region, a partnership that has the potential to meet the State's criteria of size and strategic capability and also deliver good outcomes for the region while maintaining each council's identity and representation."

A new Fit for the Future information pack has been produced by the City of Ryde, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Councils setting out what all residents and ratepayers need to know about forced amalgamations. It also sets out the superior alternative of a Joint Organisation and how it would work.

You are invited to take part in the [online survey](#). Be part of the conversation, have your say and help contribute to our submission to the State Government which is due at the end of June.

If being Fit for the Future requires councils with vision and leadership, the City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils have proved their credentials in their governance frameworks, financial prudence and the ability to hold steady when times are tough.

The Councils have taken an innovative approach to addressing the NSW Government's objectives and firmly believe that the Joint Organisation (Regional Body) is a superior alternative for the State Government to consider as opposed to forced amalgamations.

Parramatta to Macquarie Park Light Rail

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(L-R) Prof Richie Howith, Ryde Mayor Bill Pickering, Parramatta Lord Mayor Scott Lloyd, Member for Bennelong John Alexander, Dr Michelle Zeibots UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures, Damien Tudehope Member for Epping, Vaughan Paul Vice President Human Resources OPTUS

Construction of Critical Missing Link in Light Rail Network is a ‘No Brainer’

Construction of the ‘missing link’ in the Western Sydney Light Rail Network between the Macquarie Park and Parramatta CBDs was described as a ‘no brainer’ by delegates representing three tiers of government, at a Light Rail Symposium hosted by City of Ryde Council and Macquarie University today.

In a rare show of consensus, delegates that included two State cabinet ministers, a Federal minister and two mayors, were unanimous in their agreement that a light rail connection between Parramatta and Macquarie Park (via Carlingford and Epping) was the preferred route for Stage 1 of the Western Sydney light Rail Network.

City of Ryde Mayor, Bill Pickering, said the Macquarie Park/Parramatta route was the critical missing link in the metropolitan transport strategy: “Macquarie Park to Parramatta is the only section in the Global Economic Corridor that does not have a current or planned mass-transit service.

“Today, we demonstrated how servicing this Global Economic Corridor with adequate and connected transport infrastructure will ensure its continued significant contribution to the State’s economy and reputation as an international city and benefit the wider Sydney region.”

Linking the two thriving CBDs with light rail infrastructure that can move up to 10,000 passengers per hour was described as a ‘no brainer’ by key note speaker, Dr Michelle Zeibots of the UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures.

When businesses were asked to identify the key transport issues affecting Macquarie Park, 95% of the respondents indicated that traffic congestion affects their business directly.

Vaughan Paul, Vice President of Human Resources of Optus, whose head office campus is located in Macquarie Park, said: “The current transport options are reaching a critical point. If we don’t resolve this soon, companies like Optus will not be able to attract highly skilled workers to the area any more.”

The Mayors of Ryde and Parramatta will take their proposal for a Parramatta to Macquarie Park (via Carlingford and Epping) Stage 1 link to the NSW Government within the next week.

Visit [Connecting the Future: Parramatta to Macquarie Park Light Rail](#) to view the video and brochure containing presentations and key benefits.

Delegates to the Symposium included Dr Michelle Zeibots (UTS) Institute for Sustainable Futures; Vaughan Paul, Vice President Human Resources, Optus; The Hon John Alexander MP, Member for Bennelong; Scott Lloyd – Lord Mayor Parramatta; Jeff Lee MP – Member for Parramatta; Damien Tudehope MP – Member for Epping; members of the Macquarie Park Business Community. Hosts City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering; Prof Richie Howith, Macquarie University, Professor of Human Geography and Director Macquarie-Ryde Futures Partnership.

Summary Key Benefits

Key benefits of the preferred Light Rail Link will:

- Drastically reduce reliance on single-driver car trips
- Connect workers along the corridor with access to a potential 80,000 knowledge-based jobs in the Macquarie Park Specialised Precinct and Parramatta business hub
- Connect students with world-class educational opportunities at Macquarie University, the Rydalmere Educational Precinct and the University of Western Sydney’s new Parramatta City campus
- Serve fast-growing population centres such as Greater Parramatta, the new Urban Activation Precincts in Epping and Macquarie Park, and other large housing developments occurring at Carlingford
- Connect residents with a range of recreational and shopping opportunities such as Rosehill Racecourse, Macquarie Shopping Centre, Parramatta Westfield and Parramatta shopping precincts.
- Increased capacity with space for up to 300 commuters on each light rail service – equivalent to five standard length buses – reducing crowding and congestion
- Faster, simpler, more reliable services that are easy to navigate
- Improved amenity with smooth, comfortable and quiet services that reduce the stress of commuting
- Urban renewal opportunities through creation of more pedestrian friendly streets, open spaces and revitalised public areas.

From a transport perspective, Light Rail will:

- Provide a key missing transport link for the Global Economic Corridor by connecting the CBDs of Parramatta and Macquarie Park and into the existing northern transport link to Sydney CBD
- Reduce congestion and remove the reliance upon cars for commuters by providing fast, effective and affordable travel options
- Reduce the demand by employers for parking on site for staff, enhancing their ability to attract and retain staff.

From an infrastructure investment perspective, Light Rail will:

- Align with the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney commitment to prioritising infrastructure investment to Growth Centres and Priority Growth Areas
- Align with the NSW Government priorities such as the Macquarie Park Specialised Precinct, the Herring Road and North Ryde Station Urban Activation Precincts
- Provide necessary infrastructure to a key centre of the Global Economic Corridor, which generated over \$9.1 billion in economic output in 2012/13, is currently NSW's second biggest CBD and is projected to become the fourth largest CBD in Australia.

For more information about local volunteering, go to the [Volunteering](#) page or visit [Volunteering Australia](#).

National Volunteer Week 2015

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City of Ryde Council will join thousands of organisations around the nation to celebrate National Volunteer Week with a gala event on **Monday 11 May**, to say 'thanks' to the thousands of local volunteers who help put a smile on people's faces.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said: "The City of Ryde recognises the valuable contribution of the estimated 15,000 people who volunteer in our City. Without them we would not be able to assist the community through the provision of services such as community transport, gardening and bushcare, youth issues, language classes, art and recreation, home visits and meals on wheels.

"Our Volunteer Recognition Awards give us the chance to 'thanks' and to celebrate the exceptionally skills of volunteers and acknowledge their hard work and dedication.

"Volunteers truly are a great benefit to everyone and contribute so much to the wellbeing of our community."

Thirty-two individuals and groups have been nominated for the 19th City of Ryde Volunteer of the Year Awards in the following categories:

Individual Award

Presented in honour of an individual who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution and who through their volunteering has made a significant impact in their community.

Nominees: Jeffery Che Fai Tse, Colin Clark, Peter Duclos, Nora Etmekdjian, Peter Fairburn, Emma Follent, Kristine Frost, Carolyn Glen, Mark Hanley, Bruce Hartwell, Margaret Herbert, Pam Hogarth, Vaughan Kelly, Ho Sum Lam, Kathy Mangan, Bronwyn McGrath, Shannon Mitchell, David Pickering, Tony Quance, Carol Roy, Johanna Tile, Sharon Whitbourn, Betty Willis, Susan Ye.

Youth Award

Presented in celebration of an individual aged 16 – 25 years who has made an outstanding voluntary commitment and who through their volunteering has positively impacted on the lives of others.

Nominees: Victoria Clifton, Ben Lopez.

Group Award

Presented in celebration of a volunteering group that provides innovative leadership through best practice and brings about positive and enduring change to their community.

Nominees: Artisans Ryde, Corine Van Diggele and Megan Campbell, Easy Care Gardening (Friday Morning Team, Ivanhoe Estate Tenant Group, Riding for the Disabled, Tutors of Chinese Leisure Learning Centre.

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Women's Art Prize and Exhibition

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The Women's Art Prize, now in its fifth year, invites artists and members of the community to submit works inspired by the theme **Make It Happen**.

The Women's Art Prize offers five categories (Open, Community, Youth, Local Artist and Peoples' Choice) with a total prize pool of \$3,250.

Applications close **Monday, 11 May 2015**.

For more information or to register, visit the [Women's Art Prize and Exhibition](#) page.