

It's Time to toil in the Soil for the annual Ryde Spring Garden Competition

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Whether your speciality is perfecting beautiful blooms, creating tranquility in the back garden, working with a bushcare group or beautifying your balcony, it's time to get some dirt under your fingernails and show off your pride and joy for the annual City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition.

This hands-on community event has been held annually by the City of Ryde Council for more than twenty years and offers local green thumbs the chance to show off their propagation, design and sustainability skills. "It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned gardener, a beginner, or part of a group, there's a category to suit everyone," said City of Ryde Active Recreation Officer, Meredith Gray.

Categories include traditional back gardens, courtyards, balconies, river-frontages, corporate green-spaces, community gardens, school yards and large tracts of natural bushland. A new Native and Habitat-friendly garden section has been added.

Here are details:

Large Garden: large private residential garden - may be the whole garden or just a section

Small Garden: small private residential garden - may be the whole garden or just a section

Courtyard or Balcony: private residential garden using pots, planter boxes, ornaments, walled gardens

Edible Garden: vegetable, fruit, permaculture

Children's Garden: private residential gardens inspired and created by a child, group of children or a family with young children

School Garden: gardens within local primary or high schools where students and teachers or the community have worked together

Pre-School Garden: gardens within local pre-schools where students and teachers or the community have worked together

Community Garden: garden projects where the local community, groups or community organisations have worked together.

Commercial Garden: gardens within local businesses and commercial organisations, eg hotels, retirement villages, commercial premises, small businesses, universities etc.

Bushcare Site: for an outstanding contribution made by volunteers to a Bushcare site.

NEW - Native and Habitat-friendly Garden: gardens which feature Australia native plants and include habitat elements to encourage native fauna such as birds, lizards, possums and insects.

- All entries will be personally judged by a panel of appointed garden judges and horticulture professionals during September/October.
- Winners announced at a special Gala Event 22 October at Eden Gardens

Entries close to 31 August. For full details go to the [Spring Garden Competition](#) page.

Gold Sponsors: Eden Gardens, Snowden Parkes, Top Ryde City

Silver Sponsor: SUEZ environnement

Bronze Sponsor: Sam The Paving Man

Fit for The Future Reform

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As the deadline draws closer for Council to make its submission to the State Government (June 30), I want to assure you that we have a team working extremely hard on finalising a very strong business case to support our proposal and I am confident that this is going to put Council in the best position possible to secure its future.

As part of the overall process, the Upper House (NSW Legislative Council) is also holding an Inquiry into the NSW Government's Fit for the Future Reform Agenda.

The Inquiry will examine the criteria that the Government will use to decide if a Council is Fit for the Future and will also examine what is the right size for local councils in NSW. It will inquire into costs and benefits of council amalgamations for local residents and businesses, particularly how amalgamations could affect rates and investment in local infrastructure.

As part of its work, the Inquiry will accept submissions from residents, businesses and organisations by **Sunday 5 July 2015**.

You can make a submission to the Inquiry and have the option to appear in person to speak directly to the members. It is important that the Inquiry hears from local residents and we believe that it is important you are given every opportunity to voice your opinion in the State Government's proposal.

To make having your say easier, we have developed sample letters which you can use to lodge a submission - you can write your own submission or [download one of the sample letters here](#).

Where do you send your submission?

There are a number of ways you can make your submission:

1. Sign and return the letter to Council staff

Once you have printed and signed the letter it can be returned via internal mail to "Media and Communications" for us to send on your behalf.

If using the internal mail option, please return your submission by COB Wednesday 1 July 2015.

2. Lodge online

To lodge an online submission using a sample letter, please download the relevant letter and re-upload it to the submission form on the Inquiry website here.

Visit the [Lodge a Submission](#) page for more information.

Ryde Council Wins Fifth Gold Award

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The City of Ryde's 2013-14 Annual Report was awarded gold at the 65th Australasian Reporting Awards held in Melbourne last night.

The 2015 award is the fifth time the City of Ryde has won gold in the prestigious Australasian Reporting Awards - having previously achieved the top standard every year since 2010.

City of Ryde Mayor Cr Bill Pickering said the gold award was an important benchmark for the Council's reporting of its activities.

"The gold standard is confirmation that our reporting is of the highest standard. It is pleasing to know that the Council's Annual Report has been peer reviewed and judged to demonstrate overall excellence, not once, not twice, but five years in a row," the Mayor said.

"Congratulations to all who have worked hard to achieve a gold standard in our reporting as it is important to us that the community has a thorough understanding of the business of its local council including financial data and performance measures.

"It is always a challenge to present complex data in a clear, concise and interesting format whilst meeting the specific requirements of a formal annual report," he said.

The Awards are run by Australasian Reporting Awards Inc., an independent not-for-profit organisation supported by volunteer professionals from the business community and professional bodies concerned with the quality of financial and business reporting.

To achieve a gold award an Annual Report must:

- Achieve overall excellence in annual reporting
- Provide high quality coverage of most aspects of the Australasian Reporting Awards criteria
- Provide full disclosure of key aspects of its core business
- Address current legislative and regulatory requirements
- Be a model for other peer reports.

The City of Ryde received gold for its annual Report 2013-14 in the Local Government Division. [View the Annual Report.](#)

City of Ryde hosts Netball Championships

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The best young netballers aged 12-15 from all over NSW will converge on the City of Ryde for the Division 2 NSW State Age Championships June 27-29.

The Championships are being hosted for the first time by Eastwood Ryde Netball Association (ERNA) at the recently upgraded Meadowbank Netball Court Complex.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said: "The Council is delighted to have assisted Eastwood Ryde Netball Association in their successful bid to host the tournament. Our plan of management and recent \$80,000 upgrade of the netball complex played a key role in bringing these championships to Ryde.

"Meadowbank Parks' reputation as a State significant sporting facility is enhanced by this special event and the local economy is sure to benefit from the estimated 3,000 visitors expected over the three day tournament.

"Congratulations to ERNA for securing this event and for providing such great role models to our local community."

Anne Doring, President of ERNA said : "Eastwood Ryde Netball Association is very proud to be hosting Division 2 of NSW State Age Championships. We welcome netballers, their families and friends, from all over NSW to our netball community and the City of Ryde.

"Our members are excited and volunteers have come forward to help out in this prestigious event, putting up their hands to assist in everything from canteen duty to traffic management.

"We would like to thank the City of Ryde for all their support in helping us to stage this event and in developing a management plan to ensure that everything runs smoothly."

Netball NSW General Manager – Commercial, Communications and Events, Tristan Prosser-Shaw, said the organisation was excitedly making its final preparations ahead of the organisation's largest event on the calendar. "Following the success of our recent State Championships earlier in the month, Netball NSW is excited to once again see some of the State's best young netballing talent in action for the 2015 State Age Championships," Prosser-Shaw said.

"Our State Age Championships is a huge logistical challenge for our organisation. In 2015 we're expecting more than 3,200 athletes, plus coaches, umpires, managers, and spectators on top of that number."

"It's a wonderful problem to have, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank

Eastwood Ryde, Baulkham Hills Shire, Penrith and Hawkesbury City Netball Associations for their cooperation in co-hosting this year's event.

"On behalf of Netball NSW I'd like to wish all participants all the best for this year's State Age Championships, and we look forward to seeing some great netball across the weekend," Prosser-Shaw concluded.

With four divisions in four age groups – 15/U, 14/U, 13/U and 12/U – the State Age Championships will showcase potential future stars of Australia's number one female participation sport, Netball.

Netball is the most popular sport for girls and women in Australia with an estimated 1.2 million girls and women taking part every week. The National Championships will be held in Sydney this coming August.

The \$80,000 Meadowbank Netball Courts upgrade included the construction of a new netball court, taking the total to 28 courts, as well as installation of Plexipave surfaces, new equipment including rings and posts and line markings on the courts. ERNA funded the construction of the court which was project managed by City of Ryde Council.

Council appalled by Parra Council land-grab

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PARRAMATTA COUNCIL LABELLED 'PARASITIC MEGALOMANIACS'

Ryde Council is once again appalled at the gutless, arrogant tactics of another Council attempting to "take over" large parts of the City of Ryde, in particular Macquarie Park, in its bid to become 'Fit for the Future'.

Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering said the 'Fit for the Future' initiative is descending into a farcical exercise of cash and land grabs. "In the stealth of night, Parramatta Council has proposed a land and cash grab of the majority of Ryde without a single discussion with our Council.

"Their obsessive desire for power is akin to that of a 'megalomaniac on steroids'. They are like parasites attempting to suck the life-blood out of the City of Ryde.

"Ryde is not western Sydney and Parramatta should focus on building the west, not trying to expand east where there are already well managed, mature economic zones such as Ryde's Macquarie Park.

"This is the act of a reckless, immature Council with no integrity which is simply proposing this alternative to the State Government as a revenue raising exercise for Parramatta Council in an attempt to build a proper CBD that they have failed at dismally over the past 50 years. They think that by simply expanding their boundaries that they have the initiative and capability of managing a thriving business hub like Macquarie Park."

Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said he was also shocked when looking at the proposed boundary expansion, that Parramatta Council thought they could better manage one of the State Government's own pre-eminent sport and cultural centres, Sydney Olympic Park Authority. "I am certain that the NSW Minister for Sport, Stuart Ayres, would have something to say about that!

"It is disappointing to see that once again our neighbouring councils are mounting desperate last ditch bids to take over parts of the City of Ryde. Everyone it seems wants a piece of Ryde, and in particular the booming Macquarie Park business district. This 'jewel in the crown' has matured under the careful management of this Council and it currently contributes \$9.1 billion to the State's bottom line.

"However, Ryde is not about 'empire building' – we prefer quality over quantity and we will always look after local interests and local residents, as in our Joint Regional Authority response to Fit for the Future where Ryde, Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Councils have put forward a superior option which enjoys the support of our communities."

Mayor Pickering said Parramatta's actions are not only counter-productive, they totally contradict the Office of Local Government's Fit for the Future guidelines in

respect of a hostile takeover, “and I can’t believe that Minister Toole would condone any proposal that contravenes his own Fit for the Future criteria.”

IPART has advised all Councils that if any hostile proposals are made and it is clear that the Councils affected had not agreed or discussed the matter, then that proposal would not be considered and automatically rejected.

“Let me state once again that Parramatta Council has had no discussion with the City of Ryde about these proposed boundary adjustments and I can see no evidence that they have bothered to ask their community either,” Mayor Pickering added.

Recently, Ministers Anthony Roberts and Victor Dominello publicly acknowledged the City of Ryde’s track record in developing Macquarie Park to be the State’s second largest business precinct. They also stated that the City of Ryde should continue to control Macquarie Park’s future.

The Mayor concluded: “It is ironic that everyone wants a piece of Ryde thanks to its outstanding success, strong leadership and desirable location.

“Parramatta Council has cherry picked parts of their surrounding LGA’s with no regard to the impact on their surrounding communities. They seem to be staking a claim on anything of value.

“Ryde Council has established a strong partnership over many years with businesses, developers and residents and we will not surrender any part of our City without a fight.”

Joint Regional Authority Update

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In a show of unity, City of Ryde, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Councils have adopted a Joint Response Submission to the State Government's Fit for the Future reform program, endorsing their rejection of forced amalgamation and detailing the formation of a Joint Regional Authority (JRA).

The trio of Councils collaborated on the preparation of the Joint Response Submission that details the community consultation undertaken in the three council areas, the reasons why the mega-council concept has been rejected by the communities and details of a Joint Regional Authority as a superior alternative for management of the region.

Ryde Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering said the Councils were committed to working proactively with the State Government and were not opposed to local government reform: "Our goal was to combine our strengths, find common ground and present a workable solution to a complex set of criteria.

"Our JRA model is a superior alternative to forced amalgamation. It meets the requirements of scale and capacity, streamlines decision making, while allowing our individual communities to retain their local identity, their voice and the high quality, tailored services they currently enjoy.

Mayor Pickering added that it was surprising that a JRA model was available for country councils to consider but not metropolitan councils where the impact of forced amalgamations and mega-councils were shown to be unpopular with the community as well as costly and unsuccessful where they had been implemented in other states.

Under the Fit for the Future recommendations, the City of Ryde would be split in two and merged with Councils to the west (Parramatta, Holroyd and Auburn) and to the East (Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Willoughby).

Lane Cove Mayor, Cllr David Brooks-Horn, said extensive community consultation showed that residents were opposed to the amalgamation proposal: "Residents unequivocally rejected the State Government's proposal with 92% of residents from all three council areas saying no to amalgamation.

"Residents told us they did not want to lose their local representation nor did they want a reduction in the quality of services such as childcare, disability support, libraries, sporting and recreational facilities provided by their Councils. This is why they have not accepted the 'bigger is better' myth and with our Council already being debt-free and financially sustainable, there is no evidence that the community would be 'better off' under a mega-Council".

Hunters Hill Mayor, Cllr Richard Quinn, said the JRA would operate as the decision making body for subregional planning, infrastructure delivery, procurement and shared services. "We have invited the Government to participate with us in this

innovative alternative that would prevent the disintegration of our community's identity."

Core benefits of the JRA include:

- Subregional land use and infrastructure planning:
 - Single approach to subregional planning priorities and policy
 - Central management
 - Single set of State/Major local infrastructure priorities
 - Subregional Section 94 Plan
- Single point of contact for State and Federal Government
- Subregional advocacy
- Subregional procurement
- Shared service centre for economies of scale

These benefits are further detailed in a submission being made to the State Government later this month.

Parramatta to Macquarie Park link

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Business leaders have thrown their support behind Ryde Council's campaign to urge the State Government to build the Parramatta to Macquarie Park link 'where the jobs are' as the first route for the \$1-billion Western Sydney Light Rail Network project.

The response follows reports that the Government is considering building the initial stage of the project from Parramatta to Strathfield via Olympic Park.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering said the State Government had only to look at the numbers in its own Metropolitan Strategy to see that the Macquarie Park/Parramatta route via Carlingford and Epping, offers the greatest potential for success. "A route from Parramatta to Macquarie Park would service 10 times the passenger numbers than the Olympic Park option. Looking at the numbers, it's a no-brainer," he said.

The combined Macquarie Park/Parramatta CBDs currently employ 80,000+ workers a figure that will increase to 130,000 over the next 10 years. This compares to a projected total of around 25,000 jobs for Olympic Park.

Mayor Pickering said it has to be a priority for the Government to 'build where the jobs are': "Jobs growth in Macquarie Park over the next 10 years is equivalent to building another airport at Macquarie Park. It stands to reason you wouldn't put another 40,000 jobs anywhere without the necessary transport infrastructure.

"By connecting the Parramatta and Macquarie Park residential and business centres, as well as key education, health and community facilities, with fast, effective and affordable travel for tens of thousands of commuters travelling from Western Sydney to Macquarie Park, will ensure the financial success for the light rail network, and that's what we all want," he added.

At a recent Light Rail Symposium hosted by Ryde Council and Macquarie University, the route between Macquarie Park and Parramatta was unanimously agreed as the preferred first stage of the North West Light Rail Network by two State cabinet ministers, a Federal minister, two mayors and Macquarie Park business leaders.

Andrew Parker, National Manager, Employee Experience HR – Singtel Optus, whose head office campus is located in Macquarie Park, said: "Optus firmly believes that completing the missing link to Parramatta is vital to the future and success of Macquarie Park.

"More Optus employees commute from Central Western Sydney than any other region in Sydney. This demonstrates the significance of the relationship between these two key regions, not just for Optus but all employers in Macquarie Park."

Tony Abboud, Chair of the Ryde Macquarie Park Chamber of Commerce, said: "Macquarie Park is part of the State's Global Economic Corridor and a significant contributor to the State's coffers and international reputation. Servicing this vital

corridor with adequate and connected transport infrastructure will continue to ensure Macquarie Park's status as a significant, strategic employment hub."

Rebecca Lehman, General Manager Connect Macquarie Park + North Ryde, added: "This alignment connects strategic business centres, with two universities, two hospitals and two residential catchments already generating significant numbers of work trips."

Mark Broomfield, Director of Property, Macquarie University, said: "From a socio-economic development perspective, a rail link would connect students along the corridor with world class educational opportunities at Macquarie University and the University of Western Sydney's new Parramatta City Campus.

his closely aligns with the NSW government's priority precincts program in Macquarie Park. On this basis, we strongly endorse the Parramatta/Macquarie Light Rail Link."

Mayor Pickering said Macquarie Park to Parramatta is the only section in the Global Economic Corridor that does not have a current or planned mass-transit service. "We do not see this as an either/or choice, but the priority should and must be where the jobs are."

Hornsby Council announces Hostile Takeover

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HORNSBY COUNCIL LABELLED 'DESPERATE AND DATELESS' IN HOSTILE TAKEOVER BID

Ryde Council is crying foul over Hornsby Shire Council's hostile resolution last night to "take over" Macquarie Park, Eastwood and Marsfield within the City of Ryde LGA boundary in their bid to become 'Fit for the Future'.

Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering said he was shocked at the brazen act by a 'desperate and dateless' Council. He said it was akin to the actions of a 'spoilt brat with delusions of grandeur with whom no one else wants to deal with'.

"It is not only counter-productive it totally contradicts the Office of Local Government's Fit for the Future guidelines in respect of a hostile takeover."

IPART has advised all Councils that if any hostile proposals are made and it is clear that the Councils affected had not agreed or discussed the matter, then that proposal would not be considered and automatically rejected.

"Let me put it on record that Hornsby has had no discussion with the City of Ryde about these proposed boundary adjustments.

"We do not need to resort to desperate tactics at the eleventh hour. Ryde, Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Councils have a superior option which enjoys the support of our communities. It begs the question whether Hornsby Council has asked its community if they support a hostile takeover of the northern suburbs of Ryde.

"This aggressive tactic by Hornsby Council has been tried before and rejected by a number of other Councils and Hornsby has been left "isolated, desperate and dateless" in its bid to find merger partners.

Clr Pickering also pointed out that in Hornsby Council's Fit for the Future submission they state that they are a 'role model' Council. "If this is the case, then I hope other councils do not follow Hornsby's underhanded manoeuvre to portray themselves as being 'progressive'."

Macquarie Park is indeed the jewel in the crown and under the City of Ryde's leadership has grown rapidly as an employment, high-tech, pharmaceuticals and telecommunications hub. It contributes \$9.1 billion to the State's coffers and employs in excess of 90,000 workers.

Recently Ministers Anthony Roberts and Victor Dominello publicly acknowledged the City of Ryde's track record in developing Macquarie Park to be the State's second largest business precinct. They also stated that the City of Ryde should continue to

control Macquarie Park's future.

The Mayor concluded: "It is ironic that everyone wants a piece of Ryde thanks to its outstanding success, strong leadership and desirable location.

"Hornsby cannot even manage the operation of a local swimming pool, so how do they think they could handle a billion-dollar business park. They're dreaming!

"Ryde Council has established a strong partnership over many years with both businesses and residents and we will not surrender any part of our City without a fight."

[View the Hornsby Shire Council news release](#)

Celebrating Refugee Contribution

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In 2013 the City of Ryde became a Refugee Welcome Zone and next members of the community are invited to celebrate the contribution refugees have made to our society with the sharing of food, stories and performances at the West Ryde Community Hall as part of World Refugee Week.

City of Ryde Community and Culture Manager Baharak Sahebkhitiari said: "This is a celebration of our community's diversity and a chance to hear about refugee stories and accomplishments, and to find out about local services and partnerships available through the Community Migrant Resource Centre."

The Council is partnering with the Community Migrant Resource Centre to highlight the contribution refugees have brought to the local community at this special free event that includes food and refreshments.

The morning event includes:

- Film and performance piece – director Dr Iqbal Barkat introduces his short film *Face to Face* based on the true account of performer Yuol Yuol's life in a detention centre, re-settling in Sydney, and his first visit to Sudan nearly 20 years later.
- Author Talk with Robin de Crespigny - *People Smugglers*
- Working with Refugees in Ryde – Melissa Monteiro, Executive Director Community Migrant Resource Centre
- Intercultural Network – Kate Teys, Relationship Australia Ryde Community Hub
- Macquarie Mentoring – Semra Tastan, LEAP Project Coordinator
- Refreshment and food.

More than one third of Ryde's 110,000 population comes from countries where English is not the first language. There are more than 110 different nationalities living in Ryde.

Ryde Refugee Week Celebration

When: Wednesday 17 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Where: West Ryde Community Hall, 3-5 Anthony Road

Bookings: Please RSVP by 15 June

to janlohy@ryde.nsw.gov.au or afghan_northernregion@cmrc.com.au

Dr Iqbal Barkat - Lecturer in Screen Production

Yuol Yuol - actor and producer. For more information visit the [Alt Media website](#).

Face to Face - Film and Performance

A film and performance piece dealing with the story of a young Sudanese refugee in Sydney. It includes a 10 minute film, book-ended by a one-man theatrical

performance. This project is a collaboration with Yuol Yuol, and is based on the true accounts of his life in a detention camp, his experience of re-settling in Sydney, and his first visit to Sudan nearly 20 years later. Directed by Iqbal Barkat. Produced by Filigree Films.

Yuol's Bio excerpt

"Life in Africa is a little bit different," says Yuol "It was a struggle to find a right way to live," he says about this Australian culture so removed from his own. He continually asked himself "Who am I?" and "Where do I belong?" but it was these kinds of questions that made him feel different.

But for most Australians, these stories seem too remote to matter – and it is part of Yuol's aim to connect the African experience to the Australian one. He believes understanding the African experience is important for Australians in order to appropriately connect the two continents.

Storyline of film *Face to Face*

A young refugee from South Sudan wanders through the suburbs and city streets of his new home, Sydney, Australia. We are privy to his thoughts and reflections. How can he, life uprooted, learn to make small, tentative steps to live again in another land? How does he show his face when everywhere he turns, it is the mark of a problem? Through his soliloquy run themes current to the political and social landscape of Australia - 'the refugee crisis' - who, how many, border protection, crime, resources, integration. Globally, the increased movement of dislocated populations demonstrate that these concerns are not uniquely Australian. Using images and narration, the protagonist speaks directly to the general fear of the Other. Written by Iqbal Barkat

The People Smuggler. Author Robin de Crespigny

Robin de Crespigny is a Sydney film-maker, producer, director, local author, writer and a former Directing Lecturer at the Australian Film, Television & Radio School.

For more information about how Robin came to write *The People Smuggler*, or to read more about the book, visit the [People Smuggler website](#).

Smoke Free Campaign

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“Smoke Free” banners (shown below) will be displayed around our local sporting fields to promote the smoking ban that applies to both covered and uncovered spectator areas while they are being used for an organised sporting event.

Council recently endorsed the “Smoke Free” education campaign that supports NSW Health requirements and the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000.

Creating smoke-free outdoor areas, such as in public sports grounds and recreational areas, can support those who have quit and make smoking less visible to children and young people.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. This is the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling from a lit cigarette.

In adults, breathing second-hand tobacco smoke can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases. It can worsen the effects of other illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis. Exposing ex-smokers to other people’s tobacco smoke increases the chance of relapsing to smoking.

For children, inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous. This is because children’s airways are smaller, and their immune systems are less developed. These differences make children more likely to suffer health problems due to second-hand smoke such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma.

For more information, contact the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412 or visit the [NSW Health website](#). The Tobacco Information Line can be accessed by non-English speaking people via the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14

Ryde Business Forum Business After Hours event

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The City of Ryde was the host for the Ryde Business Forum June Business After Hours event held on Monday 1 June 2015.

Gail Connolly, General Manager of the City of Ryde, gave an overview of Council's Draft Four Year Delivery Plan 2015-2019, service delivery to the Ryde Community, the 2015/16 Budget Update and the Economic Development Strategy.

Dominic Johnson, Group Manager Environment and Planning, presented on planning and development in five key areas; Macquarie Park Business Corridor, Gladesville Town Centre and Victoria Road corridor, Improving connections to Macquarie Park – Light Rail Symposium, Top Ryde and Meadowbank Employment Area.

Download the presentations below:

- [Ryde Business Forum, General Manager Update – presented by Gail Connolly \(PDF 2.3 MB\)](#)
- [Planning and Development in Ryde – presented by Dominic Johnson \(PDF 814 KB\)](#)