

Memorial Book Relocated To New Resting Place

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Lest. We. Forget. Those three words are echoed through civic halls, memorial gardens and cenotaphs throughout the country every year. And in the early 1960s, it had been on the minds of the Aldermen of the era.

Fifty-odd years ago, in a time honoured tradition to commemorate and show the utmost respect to those who gave their lives to serve our community and country, a special project was in the making to immortalise the names of the local men and women who perished during the course of the Boer War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Following two years of planning, researching and creating, a Memorial Book was finally unveiled on Sunday 16 April 1967; at the same time the Ryde Cenotaph was dedicated.

Chairman of the Centenary of ANZAC and Commemoration of WWI Committee, Mayor Jerome Laxale, said: "This book was a fitting tribute to those fallen soldiers and the families they left behind and a significant piece of local history.

"Despite the years' that have passed, it is important for the community to know that their names will be remembered. Every day we acknowledge their sacrifice, honour and courage."

Fast forward to the recent closure of the Ryde Civic Centre and once again, the Memorial Book has needed its own dedicated team of planners to facilitate its move to a new location.

On Thursday 21 July 2016, the book officially left the Civic Centre to be housed permanently at its new resting place in Ryde Library.

"Our library staff have been heavily involved in the Ryde Remembers project to mark the Centenary of World War I, so it's a fitting new home for this important piece of post-war history.

"The Memorial Book will now take pride of place in a special glass cabinet for all to enjoy."

The Memorial Book features one name per page, and where known, a service record number and date of death.

"As per the original wishes of the Aldermen of the 1960s, a new page is turned each day to ensure each name lives on."

The Memorial Book can be viewed at Ryde Library during normal opening hours. To check opening times, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library.

The Doorbell Ryde Youth Theatre's New Production

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...the beginning of a new movement of young people's theatre in Ryde

Ryde Youth Theatre's new production *The Doorbell* is the first in a new series of plays developed from the Underground Writers' Workshop.

Set in 1953 Amsterdam, *The Doorbell* is inspired by the true story of seventeen-year-old playwright Rachel Rasker's grandmother who survived the Holocaust hidden from the Nazis while her parents died in concentration camps.

The Doorbell is wholly created by young people for young people. It opens at Brush Farm House, 19 Lawson St Eastwood, on Friday 15 July and plays for eight performances over three weekends. Tickets are only \$5 plus booking fee and are available online now from Sticky Tickets www.sticktickets.com.au

Performance dates and times:

Friday 15 July, 7.30pm

Saturday 16 July, 7.30pm

Sunday 17 July, 5.00pm

Friday 22 July, 7.30pm

Saturday 23 July, 7.30pm

Sunday 24 July, 5pm

Thursday 28 July, 7.30pm

Friday 29 July, 7.30pm

Design Our Ryde Stage 2 Finalists On Display

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An expert jury and members of the community have selected four architectural concepts to compete in Stage Two of the Ryde Civic Hub *Design our Ryde* competition.

The four shortlisted contenders, including the People's Choice winner, were chosen from a total of 175 complying entries received from 47 countries, including 42 from Australia. They will go on public display from 11 July to 1 August and the public can provide comment on the four entries before the expert jury makes its final choice. The winning entrant will be announced in the week beginning 8 August.

During the Stage One three-week public exhibition, 2,653 votes were received in the People's Choice category. The shortlisted entries are:

- Entry 16 **Team2 & Arcadia Landscape Architecture** (Australia – St Leonards NSW/Hawthorn East VIC) People's Choice Winner
- Entry 299 **Architensions** (USA – New York)
- Entry 392 **MORQ** (Australia/Italy – Perth WA and Rome)
- Entry 572 **Beijing Institute of Architectural Design** (China)

Design our Ryde jury chairman, Peter Poulet said, "Great architecture can rejuvenate a city and the jury members have been impressed by the diversity and range of design responses."

From Monday 11 July, 9.00am, you can see the detailed concepts, including animated walkthroughs and provide comment at:

- Top Ryde City (Ground Floor, Plaza Level, area between Esprit and Sheike)
- Macquarie Centre (Level 4, area across from the escalators in front of Dusk)
- Or view online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde2

Jury Members: Chair, Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect; Shaun Carter, President NSW Chapter, Australian Institute of Architects; Maria Atkinson AM, Greater Sydney District Commissioner and Sustainability Strategist.

Design our Ryde gives Council and the community a unique opportunity to revitalise Ryde's civic, commercial and cultural heart with a design, from the world's most creative minds, that reflects the site's iconic location and town centre status.

Incident at Ryde Pool

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Today, an incident occurred at Council's Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre that involved two teenage boys having difficulty in the pool.

The boys were retrieved from the pool by the Centre's lifeguards. The lifeguards assessed both boys and found them not to be in any danger.

As a precaution the boys were taken to hospital for observation.

Everything's Coming Up Sunflowers - New Children's Seed Growing Category

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A new and exciting Children's Seed Growing Category has been added to the 2016 City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition.

The new category is open to children aged 3 – 16 years and aims to see who can grow the best Dwarf Sunflower plant from seed. There are three age brackets and a pot full of exciting prizes to be won.

Here's what the expert panel of judges will be looking for:

- Overall condition of plant(s)
- Freedom from pests and disease
- Height of plant(s)
- Diameter of flower(s)
- Best decorated pot also receives an award.

Here's how to enter:

1. Fill out the entry form online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp
2. Collect your free seed growing kit (Sunflower Dwarf Sensation seeds, 1 x pot, growing instructions and entry tag – limit of one kit per child) from Eden Gardens, 307 Lane Cove Rd, Macquarie Park, between Friday 1 July - Sunday 31 July 2016.
3. For maximum seed growing time, entries and seed pick up are encouraged before Sunday 31 July.
4. Plant your seeds from Sunday 31 July. (Late entry, collection of seeds and late planting will be permitted up until Wednesday 31 August, however, this will reduce the seed and plant growing time).
5. Deliver your entries/plants to Eden Gardens for judging Friday 7 October 9am – 5pm or before 9.30am on Saturday 8 October. Judging will take place between 9.30am – 10.30am. Winners announced at 11am.

Special note: When you are collecting your free seeds growing kit, you can also enter the annual Eden Gardens Gnome Roam decorating competition, a fundraiser for the Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets.

IT'S TIME TO DIG DEEP 2016

City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition

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Are your perennials perfect? Is your balcony blooming? It's time to dig deep, whip out the weeds and cultivate the cauliflowers in preparation for the City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition, the annual celebration of all things botanical and horticultural.

This hands-on community dig-fest has been held annually by the City of Ryde Council for more than thirty years and offers local green fingers, from 3 to 80, the chance to showcase their propagation, design, sustainability and gardening skills.

This year a new Children's Seed Growing Competition has been added, taking the number of categories to twelve. 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 Garden: private residential garden using pots, planter boxes, ornaments, walled gardens

Edible Garden: vegetable, fruit, permaculture

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

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 business and commercial organisations, eg hotels, retirement villages, commercial premises, small businesses, universities

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

NEW for 2016 - Children's Seed Growing Competition: Categories for 3 - 7 years, 8 - 11 years and 12 - 16 years. The seeds to be grown are Sunflower Dwarf Sensations. Entries in this category should be made by 31 July to allow for maximum seed growing time. Free seeds, pot and growing instructions provided.

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City of Ryde Mayor, Jerome Laxale said: "Our Spring Garden Competition is a true celebration of community. It is a very hands-on, inclusive community event, showcasing not only what makes our neighbourhoods so attractive but also the people who work so hard to make it happen."

"We encourage entries from everyone, from young and aspiring green thumbs to older, more seasoned seniors, individual gardeners, families, community and cultural groups, gardeners with different abilities, as well as commercial organisations and small businesses."

"It's very exciting to see so many children getting involved whether it's with their family, through their school or a community group. I know my girls are very excited about the new Children's Seed Growing Competition."

- Free entry for residents, organisations and businesses in the City of Ryde local government area
- Full details, including entry form and judging criteria, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp
- Entries close 31 August 2016
- All entries will be personally judged by a panel of appointed garden judges and horticulture professionals during September/October.
- Winners and place getters announced at a special Gala Event 27 October at Eden Gardens.

Judging of entries in the Children's Seed Growing Competition and announcement of winners in this category will take place on 8 October at Eden Gardens.

Special note: See the 2015 winner of the Native and Habitat-friendly Garden Category, Fran Reddacliff, on Gardening Australia, on ABC TV on Saturday 16 July at 6.30pm (repeated Sunday 17 July at 1.00pm). www.abc.net.au/gardening