

# Council Paves The Way To Christmas

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Christmas has come early for a Ryde resident thanks to Ryde Council's effort to get a new footpath completed before the holidays.

The resident who is wheelchair bound sought the assistance of Cllr Salvestro-Martin to ask the Council to upgrade a footpath in Fawcett Street so he and other members of the community could more easily access nearby Santa Rosa Park.

City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering said it was a great outcome that would benefit everyone. "We investigated the options and found the area was identified for a new path as part of our future footpath network improvement program.

"We had to change the schedule on another street and so were able to bring forward the work in Fawcett Street into the program. Given the resident's needs, priority was given to fitting the works into our pre-Christmas delivery plan.

"This is a great example of a Councillor working for the benefit of the community and how Council's commitment to social inclusion to ensure all people have equal access to public facilities works in a practical way."

The \$52,000 spent on the Fawcett Street footpath is part of the Council's \$795,000 allocation for the 2016/17 footpaths expansion program.

# Safe Holiday Driving

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Every holiday presents special challenges for road users, so whether you're packing the car to head up or down the coast, or just celebrating locally, remember these simple safety messages this festive season:

- Slow down – it's better to arrive late than not at all
- If you're drinking, don't drive – have a Plan B: get the bus, catch a cab or ask a friend to give you a lift
- Ensure everyone in the car wears a seatbelt
- Ensure that your child is properly restrained in an appropriate child seat or capsule
- If you're riding a motorcycle – wear a helmet and ride to the conditions.

If you're travelling by car to a holiday destination, make sure you're well rested before you head off. Be aware of the signs of driver fatigue and take advantage of Rest Stops and Driver Reviver sites along the way.

For more information on holiday driving, including links to Driver Reviver sites and Rest Stops see the [RMS website](#).

**Remember:** Double Demerit Points apply from Friday 23 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017 inclusive. Note that school zones are still in operation on and up to Tuesday 20 December 2016.

# Ryde Community Awards Winners

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City of Ryde Mayor Clr Bill Pickering announced the Community Awards winners at a special event on Saturday December 10.

The Mayor acknowledged the work of local not-for-profit groups and organisations whose commitment has made a positive contribution to the City of Ryde. "It is very difficult to single out one group's contribution for special recognition. We believe that all the nominees deserve our gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding work they do.

"Whether in times of trouble or by bringing people together all of these groups provide essential community services through their hard work and generosity of spirit."

Twenty-two groups were nominated by members of the community in the Senior, Youth and Open categories. For full details go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au)

## **Open Category Winner – NSW State Emergency Service SES (Ryde Unit)**

The Ryde SES consists of local unpaid volunteers who are highly trained to support the local community in times of floods, storms and other natural disasters. In a typical year the SES Ryde Unit amass in excess of 7,000 volunteer hours and are on call 24/7. The nature of their work involves rigorous training, experience in adverse conditions and time away from their family.

The SES Ryde also takes part in many local events and works to educate vulnerable sections of the community to be more resilient in emergencies and has conducted informative presentations to over 40 groups.

***Special Commendation – The Northern Centre***

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## **Youth Category Winner – Ryde Youth Theatre**

The Ryde Youth Theatre (RYT) is a place of inclusion, acceptance and support. Participants range in age, ability and interests – every voice is valued and every individual feels included. In 2016, RYT staged 25 performances of five unique works. Every work was written by young people, for young people. The social outcomes of the project have been amazing. One young man cited his involvement with RYT as being his major suicide prevention intervention and has helped him with debilitating depression.

***Special Commendation – Ryde Youth Advisory Council***

## **Senior Category Winner – Indonesian Welfare Association**

This group has been providing services in the City of Ryde since 2007. Their existence has been very important in terms of strengthening social support, community connectedness and social inclusion. They established a Seniors Group in 2009, as a place for regular social gatherings and as an educational hub in the dissemination of information of other services available from the City of Ryde. In addition, they have used Council Grant Funding to support several events organised throughout the year.

***Special Commendation – Eastwood Chinese Senior Citizen’s Club***

# Don't Tell The Others

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Ryde Youth Theatre's fifth and final production for 2016 takes place in a world where plants have taken over the earth. To add authenticity the play is performed in one of Sydney's most beautiful nurseries.

*Don't Tell the Others* is a futuristic story of intrigue, survival, lies and blackmail that looks at friendships and communities and the things that tear them apart.

Developed with local young people aged 11 to 15, *Don't Tell the Others* was written specifically by Artistic Director Suzanne Hauser for performance at the Amphitheatre at Eden Gardens. This will be the first time Ryde Youth Theatre has performed outdoors and the cast have been inspired by the lush garden setting.

*Don't Tell the Others* is a great opportunity for a family night out in the lead up to Christmas and is suitable for everyone aged eight and older.

There are two performance of *Don't Tell the Others*:

Friday December 16 and Saturday December 17, at 7.30pm

Eden Gardens, 307 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park

Tickets are \$6.50 and available online now from Sticky

Tickets [www.stickytickets.com.au](http://www.stickytickets.com.au)

In the event of wet weather *Don't Tell the Others* will be performed in the Eden Gardens conference rooms.

# Time to bring courtesy back to the roads

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Have you ever let someone merge in front of you and received a ‘thank you wave’? Or stopped at a pedestrian crossing and had the pedestrian tip their hat at you? To help inspire more of this courteous behaviour, a unique retro-themed calendar has been developed to celebrate the benefits of road safety etiquette.

2017 can now feel like ‘the good old days’ thanks to the 2017 Road Safety Calendar – The Courtesy Edition – a collaboration between Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Northern Beaches, City of Ryde, and Willoughby Councils.

Each month features retro-style messages relating to road safety issues such as general courtesy, pedestrian awareness, speed, fatigue and more. It also highlights the benefits of mutual respect, tolerance and friendly behaviour for all road users, including drivers, passengers, cyclists, motorcycle riders and pedestrians, through retro inspired road safety posters/messages.

With an increase in road rage incidents occurring on Sydney’s roads, the calendar reminds all road users to be more tolerant and courteous to each other.

First produced in 2001, the annual Road Safety Calendar was originally created for senior drivers aged 60 and over, however, the calendar has now been expanded to appeal to road users of all ages on NSW roads.

For a copy of the limited edition, free calendar, please contact the Road Safety Officer at one of the participating local Councils. Stock is limited.

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