

# History comes alive at Sydney Writers' Festival

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The Sydney Writers' Festival returns to Ryde Library in May featuring workshops with two exciting thinkers and writers ready to share their stories.

## Ghost Empire with Richard Fidler

Wednesday 24 May at Ryde Library, 6.30 – 8.00 pm

Join ABC Radio's Richard Fidler and discover the extraordinary story of the rise and fall of the Byzantine Empire and the legendary city of Constantinople. Ghost Empire is a beautifully written ode to a lost civilization and a warmly observed father-son adventure far from home.

## Historian Tom Griffiths in Conversation

Thursday 25 May at Ryde Library, 6.30 – 8.00pm

Join eminent historian and award winning author Tom Griffiths for a fascinating conversation about his new landmark book *The Art of Time Travel*. Tom explores the craft of discipline and imagination that is history. With meticulous research and glowing prose, he shows how our understanding of the past has evolved, and what this changing history reveals about us. Passionate and elegant, Tom's book conjures fresh insights into the history of Australia and renews our sense of the historian's craft.

Ryde Library

1 Pope Street, Ryde

Light refreshments served

Gold coin contribution

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# **STATEMENT - Artin Etmekdjian Disqualified As Councillor**

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Based on Council's legal advice, Artin Etmekdjian is disqualified from holding public office as a Councillor at the City of Ryde.

The Acting General Manager, Roy Newsome, has referred this matter to the Office of Local Government (OLG) to determine if any further action is required to be undertaken by the OLG.

No further comment will be made.

# Ryde Youth Theatre - You Are Such A Lovely Audience

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*You're Such a Lovely Audience* will be Ryde Youth Theatre's fifth annual production of short plays written, directed and performed by young people. This year's theme – the iconic lyrics of rock'n'roll pioneers The Beatles – has given rise to some of RYT's most imaginative plays and inspired a new and unique theatre venue. Built in 1934 the towering brick arches of the Ryde Park Band Rotunda provide a beautiful frame for the teenage performers.

"I love the Rotunda, it's got such theatrical proportions," says RYT Artistic Director, Suzanne Hauser. "For as long as I've been working in Ryde I've wanted to stage a performance there and a show inspired by Beatles lyrics is the perfect fit".

The ten short plays were written as part of a holiday workshop in January by young people ranging in age from 12 to 21. For some of the playwrights this is the first time they've written for the stage. Some of the older writers, including Diana Morgan, a Director's Assistant at Channel Nine, and Bokkie Robertson, a student at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School, are veteran RYT playwrights.

The plays will take audiences on a magical mystery tour from Tudor England to a control room overseeing the human race, from absurdity to poetry to crushing reality, through love and heartbreak, crime and redemption, with Ryde Youth Theatre's trademark snarky sense of humour.

Audiences will visit a secret library forgotten for centuries, take a train ride into the bush without a valid ticket, be held captive with strangers and escape a brutal

institution. They will pull levers that control all human choice, discover the secrets of the rocking horse people, confront two princesses contemplating the very worst of crimes and wonder how to work out if your best mate really just killed someone.

*You're Such a Lovely Audience* opens on Friday May 5 at The Ryde Park Band Rotunda, Argyle Avenue, Ryde. All tickets are \$6.50 and are available from [Sticky Tickets](#).

**Performance dates and times:**

Friday 5 May - 7.30pm

Saturday 6 May - 7.30pm

Sunday 7 May - 5.00pm

Friday 12 May - 7.30pm

Saturday 13 May - 7.30pm

Sunday 14 May - 5.00pm

For further information contact Suzanne Hauser 0410 353 118.

# New Community Recycling Centre Now Open

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A new Community Recycling Centre (CRC) for Northern Sydney residents is now open at Waltham Road, Artarmon.

The drive-through/drop-off recycling centre is a free service for household problem waste that cannot go in your kerbside bins. Items accepted including:

- Paint (oil and water based)
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent light globes and tubes
- Electronic Waste (eg. computers, TVs, electronic equipment and small electrical appliances) White goods are not accepted
- Household batteries
- Lead Acid Batteries eg car and motorbike batteries
- Motor and other oils (including cooking oil)
- Smoke detectors
- Mobile phones
- X-ray films

Only household quantities of the above materials will be accepted. This is equivalent to a maximum of 20 litres or 20 kilograms for each of the items listed above.

The new CRC is located at: 8 Waltham Road, Artarmon

Opening hours: Saturday and Sunday 8.00am – 4.00pm

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8.00am – 2.00pm

It is important to handle and transport your materials carefully and safely. Protect your vehicle by placing items on a protective sheet or tray in the boot to capture any leaks or breaks.

Most of the items accepted at the CRC can be reused or recycled. By sorting our waste and taking it to a recycling centre, we:

- keep potentially hazardous waste out of landfill
- help improve recycling rates and
- save water, energy and other valuable natural resources.

City of Ryde, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, North Sydney and Willoughby Councils have partnered with assistance from the NSW EPA to reduce and manage Household Problem Waste by establishing the new Community Recycling Centre (CRC). The NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative is funded from the waste levy. For more information [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/recyclingcentres](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/recyclingcentres)

# Ryde Remembers WWI Anzacs With Avenue Of Honour

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An **Avenue of Honour** made up of twelve bronze plaques dedicated to the memory of local World War One servicemen and women will be unveiled at Anzac Park, West Ryde on Anzac Day, Tuesday 25 April 2017.

The plaques were commissioned by the City of Ryde Committee for the Centenary of Anzac as part of the Ryde Remembers tribute to the more than 2,000 local men and women who served in the First World War.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering (Lt Col Retd) said: "This is a fitting tribute to the spirit of Anzac and the gallantry of that generation who helped lay the foundations of our society today.

"The plaques capture a spiritual moment in our history and remind us of the extraordinary sacrifices these men and women made."

Each plaque describes a compelling account, family memory or significant event of the 1914-1918 'war to end all wars'. Abridged description:

- Ryde and Eastwood in 1914 – a population of 9,660 residents living in 1,815 houses.
- Ryde Goes To War – At least 2,000 men and women from Ryde and Eastwood municipalities volunteered.
- 1914 – Rabaul PNG sinking of Emden eye-witness account of T Gascoigne, Putney.
- 1915 – Gallipoli "I don't think that he was ever found ..." Mother of George White, Ryde.
- 1916 – France and Middle East "Our poor lad may be suffering from an injury ..." Mother of Henry Nelson, Ryde.
- 1917 – Beersheba "He was taken to Tel-el-Jemmi ... where he died on Sunday morning."

A B Campbell, Eastwood – Red Cross document.

- 1918 – Allies launch attack against the German Army on 8 August "The deceased soldier was accorded a full military funeral ..." Brother of George White, Ryde.
- Armistice – on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent.
- Women in War – Twelve women from Ryde and Eastwood enlisted ... worked in terrible conditions.
- The Home Front – "... the joy we experienced when our parcels began to arrive ..."
- The Home Front – The Voluntary Workers' Association objective was to build homes for the next of kin of fallen soldiers.



- 1914 – 1918 – “The honoured graves beneath the crest of Gaba Tepe hill, May hold our bravest and our best, But we have brave men still.” Lieut. Andrew Barton ‘Banjo’ Paterson, Gladesville.

Chair of the Centenary of ANZAC Committee, Clr Jerome Laxale, said: “The Committee was formed to promote and commemorate the Spirit of Anzac and we have done that by telling the stories of Ryde’s involvement in WWI through unique community projects like the ‘Avenue of Honour’.

“I particularly want to thank the members of the Ryde District Historical Society for the hard work they have done in assisting Council with this lasting legacy and with other Ryde Remembers projects.”

Members of the community are invited to attend the Anzac Avenue of Honour unveiling ceremony:

**When** Anzac Day, Tuesday 25 April 2017. Time 9.00 – 10.00am

**Where** Anzac Park, Anzac Avenue/Wattle Street, West Ryde (rear of Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club)

Light refreshments will be served in the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club from 10.00am.

City of Ryde Centenary of Anzac ***Avenue of Honours*** project was made possible with assistance from the Community Building Partnership Program - a NSW Government initiative coordinated by the Department of Education and Communities on behalf of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

# Design Our Ryde Wins Excellence Award

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City of Ryde has been recognised with a Highly Commended Award for the "Design our Ryde" Civic Hub architectural design competition in the category "Excellence in Innovative Leadership and Management", for outstanding achievement and innovation at the annual NSW Local Government Excellence Awards.

The "Design Our Ryde" international architectural design competition set out to identify a fresh design concept to guide the redevelopment of the Civic Hub site.

The design competition engaged the international architectural community receiving interest from 73 countries and all the general public interested in the future of Ryde, to produce a winning design concept.

The award category recognises innovative projects that demonstrate 'new ways of leading, facilitating, administering, controlling or ensuring a particular outcome is achieved, and positive changes to the leadership and management of councils, processes, practices or projects are made'.

The Mayor of the City of Ryde, Councillor Bill Pickering, stated "receiving this prestigious award is a significant accolade for the City of Ryde. It demonstrates what a local Council can achieve with great foresight and inspirational thinking.

Council's unique project concept not only attracted our local residents and visitors into a conversation about the future of the City of Ryde's most significant site but also engaged a huge audience from the international community into that discussion.

The City of Ryde now has a vision that can bring a new identity to our iconic Civic Hub site."

For more information on Design our Ryde go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde)

# Boronia Park's New Community Hub

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Clever design and community involvement have turned an underused section of footpath in Boronia Park shopping village into a vibrant, new community hub.

The Council's City Activation Team engaged with the community including local businesses, medical centre staff, and the local Boronia Park School to discover the missing elements. Boronia Park School Before & After Care Centre who were eager to paint a "Street Library".

The Team came up with some simple, fast and low-cost ideas and the transformation has had the desired effect.

Seniors attending the medical centre now have comfortable seating and table to stop for a chat and coffee. Kids – and a few adults – are having fun on the hopscotch. The community chalk board is getting a workout. People are stopping by the new community "Street Library" to pick up or drop off a book.

The brightly painted Dr Seuss-inspired "Street Library" is the pride and joy of students and teachers at the local Boronia Park School Before & After Car Centre who transformed a plain wooden box into a beautiful home for books.

Members of the community, business owners and the students were delighted to be invited to a celebration to launch the new Boronia Park community hub and see their Street Library, hopscotch, and chalkboard in action.