

# Roads and Maritime Services

## Expired Marine Flares Collection Program

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Roads and Maritime has launched a program to help boaters dispose of expired flares, with mobile collections set up along the NSW coastline. The expired marine flare collection program kicks off in the new year.

Most flares have a use-by-date of three years, and penalties apply if they are not replaced before the expiry date. It is the responsibility of marine flare owners to dispose of the expired flares in a safe and timely manner.

[Find a collection point near you](#)

# Mosquito helicopter treatment at Newington Nature Reserve Wetland

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A helicopter application of Bti will take place at Newington Nature Reserve Wetland on Monday 3 December 2018 to control mosquito larval populations. Spraying is scheduled to occur between 7.30am and 10am; however, weather conditions or operational matters could cause it to be delayed until later in the day.

Treatment of the wetlands involves the application of a biological mosquito larvicide known as *Bti*. It is a nature-based product and impacts the target species of mosquito at a specific stage of larval development. The larvicide is known to be safe to people, pets and the environment, and treatments are monitored by the University of Sydney's Department of Medical Entomology.

Advisory signage providing notification of spraying and the product used will be placed on the River Walk and other pathways surrounding the treatment area in accordance with SOPA's Pesticide Use & Notification Plan. Local businesses and residents will be notified through SOPA's relevant communication channels.

For more information visit our [Mosquitos page](#).

# City of Ryde to explore renewable energy targets up to 60% by 2030

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The City of Ryde will commission a report to determine how to transition towards greater renewable energy sources to power Council's facilities, in an effort towards lowering its greenhouse gas emissions.

At its ordinary meeting this week, Council resolved to investigate how a Renewable Energy Target could be mandated by June 2030, to ensure at least 60 per cent of electricity usage for which the City of Ryde is responsible for is delivered from renewable energy sources.

If determined that this is indeed possible, the increase in renewable energy would be derived from energy sources such as solar power, wind power and hydro power, and not sourced from electricity that is generated utilising coal.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the report would investigate a range of areas including how it could achieve the 60 per cent target, the feasibility of setting such a target and the financial impact it would have, if any, on Council.

"Since a new Council was elected in 2017, we have led the way in improving the environment and delivering real action on climate change for the benefit of the local community both today and for generations to come," Clr Laxale said.

"The Ryde community has told us that they want Council to take a leading role on environmental issues – such as tackling climate change – and exploring ways to increase the amount of energy we source from renewables achieves that community need.

"As outlined in our current 10 year Community Strategic Plan, 85 per cent of community members told us they were supportive of the City of Ryde becoming a natural and sustainable city, with environmental issues listed as the third most important priority in our community."

Clr Laxale said Council would approach any Renewable Energy Target in a fiscally responsible way.

"There are some members on Council dragging their heels, claiming that investing in renewables and protecting the environment for future generations will increase costs, but this has shown to be a fallacy," Clr Laxale said.

"These same people said the same thing when Council became one of the first local government authorities in Australia to divest its term portfolio from fossil fuel aligned financial institutions. Since this decision was made, Council's investment portfolio has performed strongly, with returns well above the benchmark."

The report into the Renewable Energy Target comes as the City of Ryde released new figures showing it reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 10 per cent in 2017/18 compared to emissions in 2016/17.

In July 2018, the City of Ryde completed the installation of a new solar power system at Eastwood Hall, which will offset an estimated quarter of the building's annual consumption, while a solar harvesting system has also been introduced at North Ryde Library reducing consumption by over half.

In addition, the largest solar harvesting power station in the area has recently been installed at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC). This project has seen the installation of 826 solar panels on the RALC's roof, which will generate more than 300 kilowatts and save close to 660 equivalent tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

The City of Ryde has also become one of the first local government authorities in Australia to phase out single-use plastics and also joined the Cities Power Partnership, which is Australia's largest network of local councils tackling climate action.

# Heritage status of Eastwood house confirmed

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The NSW Government has supported a City of Ryde recommendation and listed an historical Eastwood house as an item of local heritage significance.

At its August meeting, councillors unanimously resolved to support a planning proposal that recommends the Ryde Local Environment Plan be amended to list the house located at 330 Rowe Street as an item of local heritage significance.

This resolution was endorsed by the NSW Government last week.

The house at 330 Rowe Street was built in 1907 and has been described by a heritage consultant as a site of local historical significance and evidence of the early development of the Eastwood area. It is also an example of work of the prominent local architect Charles Robert Summerhayes.

The City of Ryde initially placed an interim heritage order on the Rowe Street house after it received a development application last October to demolish the house and construct a two-storey childcare centre.

Council then prepared its own planning proposal to permanently list the house as an item of local heritage significance. As part of this planning proposal, Council undertook community consultation which overwhelmingly supported listing the house as a heritage item.

An item of local heritage significance indicates a place or object that intends to be kept for future generations. Owners of such places or objects need to make a special application to a consent authority before they can make changes to the item. The consent authority must take the heritage significance into consideration when considering development applications.

# Strong support for a new car park in Eastwood

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*Eastwood car park concept design*

The Eastwood community has put forward their views on the new Eastwood short stay car park, which will address chronic parking shortages for shoppers in the area and help boost the local economy.

The community consultation recently carried out by the City of Ryde on the new short stay car park found an overwhelming majority of respondents supported the need for such a car park in Eastwood as well as the concept design produced by Council. More than 750 residents, workers and business owners from Eastwood as well as visitors to the suburb took part in the consultation.

The City of Ryde has committed to build a new multi-storey short stay car park on the current car park site at 53-71 Rowe Street, Eastwood. The new car park will have a minimum of 150 spaces and will be specifically designed for shoppers.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said every response received as part of the community consultation has assisted Council to identify the needs and requirements of the new car park.

“It is clear from the responses Council received that this short stay car park will address chronic parking shortages in Eastwood and help boost the local economy,” Clr Laxale said.

“Based on the consultation, the majority of people who visit Eastwood get there by driving and stay for a short period of time and therefore would find enormous benefit through the introduction of the new short stay car park.

“Some great suggestions were also received about the features the car park could have, including solar panels on the roof, different car park time limits at various stages of the day/week and electrical vehicle infrastructure (such as charging stations) to accommodate the increase in electric cars in the future.”

Council will now prepare the necessary documentation to submit a development application for the new short stay car park in the coming months.

Residents who have registered to be kept informed about the short stay car park will continue to receive notifications as the project progresses and will have another opportunity to provide feedback at a later stage.

“This new short stay car park will be the biggest increase in public parking spaces in Eastwood in nearly 50 years. As a local resident, I understand that providing parking in Eastwood is essential as the lack of short stay parking is hurting local businesses and the town centre,” Cllr Laxale added.

# City of Ryde achieves significant reductions in emissions

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*Solar panels at the North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre*

The City of Ryde has reduced its carbon footprint, with new figures showing Council's greenhouse gas emissions dropped substantially in 2017/18.

According to the City of Ryde's Annual Environment Update for 2017/18, Council's CO<sup>2</sup> emissions for the year were 12,614 gigajoules (GJ). This was 10% lower than Council's annual greenhouse gas emissions in the previous 12-month period which amounted to 14,082GJ.

The decrease was largely due to lighting upgrades that included the installation of energy-efficient LEDs at a number of facilities, including at the Ryde Aquatic and Leisure Centre (RALC) and Peel Park.

Other carbon emission reduction initiatives included savings from the very efficient cogeneration facility at the RALC, where heat and power is produced at the same time resulting in a 10% reduction in electricity consumption at the RALC.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said Council was committed to reducing its carbon emissions and by doing so was helping prevent the damaging impacts of climate change.

"While politicians at a federal level continue to drag their heels on tackling climate change, I am delighted to report that the City of Ryde is continuing to work hard to



reduce its carbon emissions, and the figures released in the Annual Environment Update show that this hard work is paying off,” Clr Laxale said.

“And I am pleased to confirm that we are not stopping here, with Council rolling out several new initiatives – particularly around renewables – that should reduce our greenhouse gas emissions even further.”

In July 2018, the City of Ryde completed the installation of a new solar power system at Eastwood Hall, which will offset an estimated quarter of the building's annual consumption, while a solar harvesting system has also been introduced at North Ryde Library.

In addition, the largest solar harvesting power station has recently been installed at the RALC. This project has seen the installation of 826 solar panels on the RALC's roof, which will generate more than 300 kilowatts and save close to 66 equivalent tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

“Since a new Council was elected in 2017, the City of Ryde has led the way in improving the environment and delivering real action on climate change for the benefit of the local community both today and for generations to come,” Clr Laxale added.

“Aside from our reduction in emissions, Ryde has also become one of the first local government authorities in Australia to divest its term portfolio from fossil fuel aligned financial institutions as a way of limiting global warming and help prevent the damaging impacts of climate change. This has been done with no impact on the City of Ryde's financial position.

“We are also phasing out single-use plastics and joined the Cities Power Partnership, which is Australia's largest network of local councils tackling climate action.”

# Christmas Card Competition winner announced

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*City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, with Jackson and his winning entry*

Jackson Byak, a Year 2 student at North Ryde's Holy Spirit Catholic School, has been announced as the winner of the first ever City of Ryde Mayor's Christmas Card Competition.

More than 100 entries were received as part of the competition, which asked for primary school students in the City of Ryde to draw a design that matched with the theme 'An Aussie Christmas'.

By winning the competition, Jackson will have his design placed on the front of the Mayor's Christmas card and also receive a \$100 voucher.

Meanwhile, Yehansa Dahanayake from Meadowbank Public School received second prize and Sivanee Nathan from Denistone East Public School received third prize.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, congratulated Jackson on winning the competition as well as Yehansa and Sivanee for being judged second and third respectively.

"The standard of entries we received were all of a very high quality so it was extremely hard to pick a winner, but the judges felt Jackson's drawing which incorporated the theme, "An Aussie Christmas" the best," Clr Laxale said.

"I would like to thank everyone who entered the competition and I hope it becomes an annual competition."

# City of Ryde signs Refugee Welcome Scroll

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*Deputy Mayor, Clr Zhou with Mayor, Clr Laxale signing the Refugee Scroll*

The City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, has signed the Refugee Welcome Scroll, underlining Council's support for the successful resettlement of refugees in Australia.

The Refugee Welcome Scroll was established by the Refugee Council of Australia and Rural Australians for Refugees and aims to confirm the commitment from local councils that they support refugees settling in their local communities.

The scroll has been touring Australia for more than a year and has now been signed by 113 Refugee Welcome Zone councils.

Clr Laxale said he was proud to sign the Refugee Welcome Scroll and promote inclusion in the City of Ryde.

"It is my honour as City of Ryde Mayor to join with the 113 Refugee Welcome Zone councils participating in the project and sign the Refugee Welcome Scroll. The scroll illustrates how local governments across our nation come together to show our commitment to welcoming refugees to our communities and our role in building a future for all," Clr Laxale said.

"The City of Ryde declared itself a Refugee Welcome Zone in 2013 and has since then undertaken a number of programs designed at assisting refugees in the community,

including staging regular workshops, support programs and making vital information easily accessible.

“The City of Ryde is one of the most culturally diverse communities in Australia with more than 110 different nationalities living here. We are proud of this and as a council we will continue to do more to promote our diversity and foster inclusion to the benefit of the entire community.”

# Connect, collaborate and celebrate for Social Inclusion Week

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*UR Included is a celebration of the creativity, diversity and inclusiveness in our community*

The City of Ryde is asking everyone to 'Connect, Collaborate and Celebrate' as part of Social Inclusion Week.

Social Inclusion Week will take place between 24 November and 2 December and aims to promote the benefits of social inclusion through this year's theme 'Connect, Collaborate and Celebrate'. Social inclusion is about creating conditions for equal opportunities for all and essentially means that all people have the best opportunities to enjoy life and do well in society. Promoting social inclusion policies has shown to be an effective way to reducing discrimination within communities across the world.

Fittingly, there will be something for everyone throughout the week, with the City of Ryde putting on a range of events aimed at promoting social inclusion and highlighting some of the initiatives Council undertakes to ensure all residents are able to participate in every aspect of the community.



*Cinema in the Park at Yamble Reserve*

Highlights of the week include:

- **[Wonder Under The Stars](#) CANCELLED due to predicted high winds on Friday evening:** A free screening of the movie *Wonder* at Yamble Reserve in Ryde. *Wonder* is an inspiring and heart-warming story of a boy with facial differences who attends a mainstream school for the first time.
- **[UR Included Celebration, 27 November:](#)** A celebration of the creativity, diversity and inclusiveness in the Ryde community. Located at the Ryde Civic Hall, the event will feature performances, stalls as well as an art exhibition by Achieve Australia.
- **City of Ryde Community Grants' information sessions, [27 November](#) and [28 November:](#)** Find out how to apply for an Inclusion Grant under the City of Ryde Community Grants program. These free information sessions will assist attendees find out whether they are eligible for a grant and how to prepare a submission to apply.
- **[Mad Pride, 30 November:](#)** This free event at North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre is open to everyone to attend. Mad Pride will showcase the creative achievements of young people while also breaking down the stigma associated with mental health experiences. Mad Pride is supported by a City of Ryde community grant.

The events that make up Social Inclusion Week are just one way in which the City of Ryde is promoting social inclusion throughout the community.

Given the City of Ryde's diverse community, Council has made it a priority to undertake initiatives that encourage inclusion across all sections of the community.

For example, Council's [Disability Inclusion Action Plan](#) identifies ways to improve the quality of life of people living with disability and their families. This includes the

provision of accessible, equitable and inclusive Council services, events and facilities. Each year, businesses can also enter the Inclusion category in the [Northern Districts Local Business Awards](#).



*Buffalo Locksmiths and Security owners, who took away the 2018 Inclusion Award*

Council also offers a range of programs designed to assist those with a disability including our:

- [Home modification and maintenance service](#)
- [Assisted bin collection service](#)
- [Home library service.](#)

For more on social inclusion visit our [Social Inclusion page](#).

# Top-5 takeaways from #GetConnected18

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*Max McFarlane talks global macro and domestic forces shaping the business environment*

A large crowd attended the annual City of Ryde Get Connected event at the Optus Auditorium in Macquarie Park on 24 October.

Get Connected brings local small business owners together to allow them to share ideas and hear from some of the sharpest minds to identify ways to grow their business and maximise their potential.

This year's event had a great line-up of talented professionals who spoke including Skyward Financial Managing Director Max McFarlane, Sonic Sight Managing Director Geoff Anderson, WOVEON COO David Dinh and Realise Business CEO Jacqui Attard.





*Tony Abboud from Riverside Business Chamber facilitates a panel discussion with (L-R) David Dinh, Max McFarlane, Jacqui Attard and Geoff Anderson*

Based on the information provided by the speakers, the five major take-outs from this year's Get Connected event are:

- Ensure you leverage all of the skill sets of the people working for you. This will help ensure you retain and recruit key people to your organisation, while also maximising outcomes for your business.
- Government grants and services offer great assistance to assist with the day-to-day running of your business. The NSW Government Business Connect program for instance offers specialised business advisory services that can prove to be invaluable for small business owners.
- Understand every business starts small. Once you recognise that, you will allow yourself the time to grow and realise your business's potential.
- Never underestimate the power of video to build your brand. Video builds an emotional connection between your business and your customers that other mediums cannot achieve on their own.
- When trying to raise money for your business or gain a sound financial footing, try and practice the 4Rs: re-price, replace, reinvest and rethink.

The City of Ryde would like to thank all of the speakers for this year's Get Connected event as well as all of those who attended.

Get Connected is just one of many events held by the City of Ryde that are designed to help and support local small-to-medium businesses. Find out more about what happened at this year's event by watching the video below, or for a full list of events for businesses visit our [Training and Events page](#).

# Have your Say: 2017-2018 Financial Statements

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## Presentation of Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 June 2018

The City of Ryde's General & Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 have been completed and audited. The Statements, together with the Auditor's Report, are available for viewing.

[\*\*View the Statements\*\*](#)

# City of Ryde recognises St Charles School's 160th anniversary

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The City of Ryde has acknowledged the 160th anniversary of the opening of St Charles Catholic Primary School in Ryde, by donating a tree and a plaque that commemorates the milestone.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, joined Clr Roy Maggio, St Charles Catholic School Principal Peter Watkins, Parish Priest Fr Greg Morgan as well as students from the school this week to unveil the tree and plaque.

St Charles Catholic Primary School is the school of St Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish. The school first opened its doors in 1858 with an enrolment of 30 children in a small weatherboard building.

Today the school has more than 470 students enrolled on a site with high quality learning facilities.

Clr Laxale congratulated St Charles Catholic Primary School on the significant milestone.

“A 160th anniversary is an incredible achievement in any field, particularly education, and everyone involved in St Charles Catholic Primary School should be extremely proud,” Clr Laxale said.

“From humble beginnings, the school has become a vital education centre for the community and I am delighted Council has acknowledged this milestone.”

Clr Maggio put forward the motion for Council to acknowledge the 160th anniversary and donate the tree and plaque, which Councillors voted for unanimously.

“As a long time parishioner at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish, I understand the importance of St Charles Catholic Primary School to the local community, and I thought it was only fitting that Council recognise such a significant anniversary,” Clr Maggio said.

# New design released to transform former bowls club into outdoor oasis

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The City of Ryde is asking the community to have their say on the concept design for Kings Park, which is the former site of the Denistone East Bowling Club.

The concept design draws heavily on feedback from local residents, removing the bowling club building and transforming the site into a new high quality, multi-use open space.

Highlights include:

- A new playground for kids with shade-sail
- Kick-about space
- A multi-court facility for sporting activities such as basketball and soccer
- A covered community area
- New paths and seating
- Additional trees and shrubs

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the concept design delivered on the feedback received during Council's initial community consultation for Kings Park.

"Residents have been saying for years that they want new parks, new playgrounds and new open spaces and the concept design proposed for Kings Park ticks all of the above," Cllr Laxale said.

“I would encourage everyone to view the Kings Park concept design online or by dropping by one of our community drop-in sessions, and provide their feedback.

“Providing more open spaces for the benefit of everyone in the community is a key goal of mine and I can assure you that this Council will continue to do all it can to provide more parks, playgrounds and community spaces across the City of Ryde now and well into the future.”

**Have your Say**

Alternatively, residents can also provide feedback at two community drop-in sessions at Kings Park. The first session is between 4pm and 5pm on Wednesday 14 November and the second session is between 10am and Midday on Saturday 17 November.

Feedback is open until Sunday 25 November.

# Advice to residents about mosquitos

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The City of Ryde has received a large number of enquiries about the high volumes of mosquitos, particularly in areas around the Parramatta River foreshore.

The current issue is related to the recent rain, which has triggered the hatching of salt marsh mosquitos and container breeding mosquitos.

Residents are reminded about the measures they can take to minimise the harm and discomfort caused by mosquitos. These include:

- Eliminating any sources of standing water around the home to control container breeding mosquitos
- Limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk where possible
- Covering-up and applying insect repellent to all exposed skin when outdoors
- Ensuring that all windows and doors are fitted with insect screens
- Using insecticidal sprays to control mosquitos indoors.

Residents are also advised that the most effective repellents for mosquitos are those containing DEET.

The main breeding site for salt marsh mosquitos in this area is the wetlands at Sydney Olympic Park.

The Sydney Olympic Park Authority is due to commence treating the wetlands on Friday 9 November to control the mosquito larvae, which should result in a decrease in the number of mosquitoes found around the Parramatta River foreshore area.

We encourage residents to contact Council on 9952 8222 to report additional mosquito breeding sites.

For more information visit our [Mosquitos page](#).

# Inaugural Ryde Battle of the Bands winners in the spotlight

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*Lost Friends, formerly known as A Big Mistake, on stage at the 2018 City of Ryde Australia Day Concert*

The winner of the 2018 City of Ryde Battle of the Bands has encouraged bands to nominate for the 2019 edition, saying it can be a great launching pad for up and coming musical talent.

A Big Mistake – now known as Lost Friends – took out the 2018 Battle of the Bands competition during the City of Ryde’s Australia Day Concert.

The band – which is made up of former students from Epping Boys High School – received \$1000 in cash and a mastering session at Studios 301. They also received an extra \$250 for being voted as the winner of the People’s Choice award.

Ed Galoustov, the band’s drummer, said they entered the Battle of the Bands as a way of expanding their audience and because they thought it “would be good fun”.

“We never thought we would actually make it in but we were very excited when we were given the opportunity to participate in the event,” Galoustov said.

“During the (competition) we got to experience playing to a large open audience and to meet some great guys from the other bands with whom we later did a couple of shows at the Petersham Bowling Club and the Captain Cook Hotel.”





*Being named winners at the 2018 Ryde Battle of the Bands*

Since winning the Battle of the Bands, Lost Friends has been busy playing gigs and working on new material.

“After winning the competition, we were able to gain a larger audience and have a different perspective on our music, as well as having an extra few hundred in our pockets,” Galoustov said.

“We (are now) focused on recording our songs and re-branding ourselves under the name Lost Friends. We are currently working on our first EP scheduled to be released in early 2019, and have a large show coming up on 14 December to celebrate the launch of an early single that we are releasing.”

In terms of the Battle of the Bands, Lost Friends has no regrets taking part and Galoustov recommended participating in the competition to any other band trying to make a name and get noticed.

“I would recommend the battle of the bands to any band out there that wants to get their songs into the community as this event offers a great audience for your music to be heard. It is also a very fun and friendly event to be a part of and will leave you your band with an unforgettable experience,” he said.

The Battle of the Bands is open to all youth bands across Australia.

Bands are shortlisted by a panel of judges, including Guest Judge and APRA AMCOS Ambassador Isabella Manfredi from The Preatures, and the top three entries will be invited to perform at the City of Ryde Australia Day concert on 26 January.

Entries for Battle of the Bands close at 4pm on Monday 26 November. Visit our [Battle of the Bands](#) page to find out more and enter or watch the video below to discover what happened at last year's competition and Australia Day celebration.

# An open door into Ryde's WWI history

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*Angela Phippen at the launch of her new book*

In the lead up to [Remembrance Day](#), we hear from Angela Phippen, Local Studies Librarian and author of new book *Ryde's World War I House Names: Houses for the living and memorials to the dead*.



*Nameplate for 'Wiltshire', Edgar Street, Eastwood*

**You go into some detail in the Background section of the book, but why did you embark on this project? In particular, why house names?**

In your Background you mention that the idea for this book first came about in 2009. Did you think at the time that it would take so long to complete?

The initial enquiry came in 2009 about a house called *Gallipoli* in West Ryde and I thought it was interesting that a house would be called that and wondered how

many other houses in the Ryde LGA were named after WWI battles. Initially I didn't do a lot of research; it was one of those questions in the back of my mind. That enquiry is memorable too because *Gallipoli* was given to Maud Lamont, the widow of Charles Robert Lamont who died at the Battle of Lone Pine in August 1915. He was the father of eight children under 10 ...

However, with the centenary of World War I on the horizon, I thought it would be a worthwhile research project. The Ryde District Historical Society was researching the soldiers who had enlisted from the area and there had been a lot of work already done about our area's war memorials and honour boards. It also gave the story of the War a very local flavour. Having said that, doing the research is one thing but producing a finished product is quite another. The impetus to write a book came about because of Centenary of Armistice grants offered by the Australian Government.



*Gallipoli, Orchard Street, West Ryde - A. Phippen*

**Did you realise there were so many house names that had WWI themes in the City of Ryde when you first embarked on the project?**

No, I didn't. Initially I thought it would relate solely to battle names but very soon realised that ship names and personal names, such as the names of soldiers or famous generals such as Allenby were also attached to houses. The ship names are interesting: widows sometimes named their house after the ship that took their husband away; returning soldiers named their house after the ship that brought them home.

**Do you have a favourite house featured in the book, due to the particular history behind the house's name and house in itself?**

I do have a favourite because it's a story about love and life, not death. Nick Carter was blinded during the war; physically lost both eyes. He was sent to a rehabilitation

hospital for the blind in England, called *St Dunstan's*. There, out the front, was a Red Cross worker, Hilda Nancarrow. They fell in love, married and Nick returned to Australia with his new bride. They eventually bought a pre-existing house in Eastwood and re-named it *St Dunstan's*. That house name represented love and hope and a new life.

The interesting point about this house, however, is how did I know that the house *St Dunstan's* had such a strong World War I connection? The answer is I didn't, but someone came to one of my talks a number of years ago and asked whether I was interested in a house named after an English rehabilitation hospital. I said I was, but without that piece of personal information from someone who had lived in the house and been told the story, I would never have made that connection.



*St Dunstan's, Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood - A. Phippen*

### **Do some of the house names survive?**

Of course, not all the houses exist but of those that do, there are some original house nameplates and some where the original nameplate does not exist but a new one has been attached recording the original name.

### **From your research, what do you think were the primary reasons people named their houses after WWI themes?**

I think if the house was named by a widow or other family member for a soldier who did not return then it was a form of war memorial. The bodies (if they were ever located) were never repatriated back to Australia. There would not have been the expectation on the part of relatives in Australia in the 1920s that they could go and visit a gravesite in Europe or the Middle East, if indeed a grave site existed. The great war memorials such as Villers-Bretonneux, to those with no known grave in France, or the Menin Gate, to those with no known grave in Belgium, did not exist in the early 1920s. Putting a name on a house was a way of bringing your loved one home.

For those people who did return, it was a way to celebrate the safe return and to remind others of your war service. If you survived and your mates didn't, it could be a form of homage to those who didn't make it home.

In some cases, the house might have been named to show patriotic support.

### **Is there more research to be done on this topic?**

As a result of this book being published, the stories of other house names will come to light; the stories that have been passed down through families but were not obvious from the available records.

Also, sometimes I knew the house name but not which of its owners or occupiers named it so, without that information, you can't really know why it was named. Again, someone reading the book may be able to answer some of the questions I have posed.

What I am really hoping will happen is that a similar survey will be done in other areas of Australia. This story is not unique to our area. It would be interesting to know whether the mix of battle names we see here is repeated elsewhere.

**Copies of *Ryde's World War I House Names: Houses for the living and memorials to the dead* are available for purchase from all Ryde Library Service libraries. To find out more other ways the City of Ryde is commemorating our fallen heroes from World War I and their families, visit our [Ryde Remembers page](#).**

# Outcomes from Council Meeting 30 October 2018

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Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 30 October 2018. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

## **COUNCIL RESOLVES TO CLOSE COLLEGE STREET**

The City of Ryde unanimously resolved to implement the full closure of College Street in Gladesville. A large number of residents and business owners from College Street and neighbouring roads made representations to Council during the October meeting.

The decision to permanently close College Street comes after a trial closure of the street was implemented by Council from November 2016 arising from Councils consideration of the Bunnings Development traffic and parking study. Council will liaise with Roads Maritimes Services (RMS) and Bunnings as part of the process to implement the closure.

Council in liaison with Roads Maritimes Services (RMS) will also consider the installation of a 'No Through Road' sign on the western approach to Frank Street on Victoria Road.

## **FUNDING ALLOCATED UNDER COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

Council allocated more than \$215,000 to local not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations as part of the Community Grants Program. The grants are designed to support local community groups to grow, prosper and carry out special projects or events that contribute to community well-being and help build a vibrant community culture.

## **COMMUNITY GET TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON ARTWORKS PROPOSED FOR WILGA PARK**

Further community consultation will be undertaken on new artworks proposed for Wilga Park. The consultation will occur for two weeks and be completed before Christmas.

If the results of the consultation are in favour of the designs, then the artworks will be considered as endorsed by Council.

## **COUNCIL TACKLES YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

In an effort to tackle youth unemployment, the City of Ryde will partner with a local job active partner to provide up to four work experience placements each year.

The planned partnership follows a report undertaken by Council which showed the organisation currently has an active and ongoing program that facilitates

internships, traineeships, apprenticeships and work experience placements. Over the past year, 25 opportunities have been provided to students across 14 of Council's 18 departments.

### **BASEBALL CAGES FOR LOCAL PARKS**

A report will be produced by Council staff outlining the viability of installing baseball cages at Pioneer Park and Magdala Park. The parks are utilised by the Macquarie Saints Baseball Club and North Ryde RSL Baseball Club respectively.

### **MOBILE PHONE UNIT IN EAST RYDE**

The City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, will invite TPG and interested Councillors to a meeting with the residents who are concerned about a proposal by TPG to erect a mobile phone unit in Shaw Street, East Ryde.

### **PROPOSAL FOR MORE SANITARY BINS AND HAND SOAP DISPENSERS**

Council staff will investigate the most appropriate sanitary bins and hand soap dispensers to be installed in restrooms operated by the City of Ryde.

Staff will also undertake an audit of the cleanliness of public restrooms throughout the City of Ryde and present a report back to Council.

### **MEETING PROPOSED TO IMPROVE GROUNDS AT PUTNEY BOWLING CLUB**

Council staff will seek a meeting with the Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts, and the Putney Bowling Club Board of Directors to discuss funding opportunities for the beautification of the club's grounds.

### **PLAQUES TO REMEMBER LOCAL RESIDENTS**

Two plaques are to be installed in the City of Ryde to commemorate two local residents who recently passed away.

A plaque will be installed at Banjo Paterson Park in Gladesville in memory of Zane Urasli, while another plaque will be installed at Kissing Point Wharf in Putney in memory of Justin Aria.

Council will consult with the Urasli and Aria families about the specific location and inscription for both plaques.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 27 November.

# Multicultural events taking centre stage in Ryde

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## FIRST EVER DIWALI FUSION FESTIVAL OF RYDE TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER

The City of Ryde is quickly becoming a major hub for multicultural events thanks to local community groups taking advantage of Council's Community Event Grants Program.

A total of 20 events have received funding under the program this year, including the recent Moon and Korean festivals, which proved extremely popular with both the local community and residents from across Sydney.

The Community Event Grants Program will also result in the first Diwali Fusion Festival of Ryde, which will take place on Sunday 18 November at Meadowbank Park. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights that is celebrated every spring in the Southern Hemisphere.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said Council was delighted to support events that celebrated multiculturalism and help build a vibrant community culture.

"These Council grants allow not-for-profit community groups to get the support they need to stage events that are of benefit to all residents in the City of Ryde," Cllr Laxale said.

"The grants have already seen a number of terrific multicultural events run by local community groups and will now see the first ever Diwali Fusion Festival of Ryde taking place later this month.

"The Diwali Fusion Festival of Ryde will offer something for the whole community with food, fireworks, music and dancing as well as the biggest Indian fashion show occurring. I would encourage everyone to save the date for this event and head down to Meadowbank for what will be a thoroughly entertaining afternoon and evening."

The City of Ryde's Community Event Grants Program is part of Council's wider ranging Community Grants Program, which offers assistance ranging from \$2,000 up to \$10,000 across six different categories.

The program is open to not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations.

The next round of applications for Community Grants Program opens on 19 November 2018.

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# Eastwood Library closing for two weeks

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Eastwood Library will be closed to the public for two weeks between Thursday 15 November and Thursday 29 November to allow for scheduled maintenance and upgrade works to be undertaken.

During the closure, no members of the public will be able to access the library, however, online resources will still be available to all members.

The maintenance work will result in basic improvements to Eastwood library's layout and decor.

A new digital reading table will also be installed which will provide the community with access to thousands of magazines from across the world in a wide variety of languages.

Eastwood library will re-open to the public on Friday 30 November.

A community celebration will take place at Eastwood Library on Wednesday 5 December, 10-11:30am to mark the re-opening to the public. The re-opening will include a historic photo exhibition of Eastwood in the early 1900s and a community Devonshire Tea.

All other libraries in the City of Ryde will be open during the closure of the Eastwood Library.

# New flag poles at Anzac Park, West Ryde

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With the Centenary of Armistice quickly approaching, the City of Ryde has unveiled three new flag poles at Anzac Park, West Ryde, as part of the final stage of the Remembrance Walk project.

The popular Remembrance Walk is part of the Ryde Remembers initiative and features 12 commemorative plaques that highlight the history and involvement of Ryde residents during World War I.

The City of Ryde will be commemorating the Centenary of Armistice at Memorial Park in Meadowbank at a special service on Sunday 11 November 2018 at 10.30am.

All members of the community are welcome to attend this commemoration, which will also include the special unveiling of the park's New Remembrance Day memorial.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Remembrance Day Service.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Ryde Remembers initiative.