

City of Ryde first to commit to Zero Litter to River target

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The City of Ryde has become the first Council in Australia to adopt a 'Zero Litter to River' target by 2030.

The target was endorsed by Council at its meeting on Tuesday evening and will result in the implementation of a range of initiatives that will reduce litter and the flow of pollution into local waterways.

The adoption of the target means that by 2030, Council will implement initiatives to strive for zero discharge of gross pollutants into any waterway in the City of Ryde during a rainfall event.

Each year, at least eight million tonnes of plastic flow into the ocean including from rivers, which is equivalent to dumping the contents of one garbage truck into the ocean every minute. At least 80% of this plastic pollution comes from land-based sources flowing through drains and into local waterways and oceans via stormwater runoff.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said committing to a Zero Litter to River target underscored the City of Ryde's commitment to reduce waste, protect the local environment and improve the quality of local waterways.

"A Zero Litter to River target in the City of Ryde will prevent more than 1,500 tonnes of gross pollutants entering downstream waterways such as the Lane Cover River and Parramatta River," Clr Laxale said.

"It will also help us achieve our goal, with the assistance of the Parramatta River Catchment Group, to make the Parramatta River swimmable again."

Achieving the target will involve the following principal actions:

- Identify a sustainable source of funding for the appropriate implementation and management of principal and supplementary actions
- Modification of selected existing stormwater treatment assets
- Installation of new stormwater treatment assets
- Continue to appropriately manage of new and existing stormwater treatment assets.

The City of Ryde will now develop a blueprint on how to achieve the target.

"Our waterways provide many benefits, including the air we breathe, climate regulation, food, recreation, and amenities. However, the amount of plastic in our oceans and upstream waterways is at crisis point and needs immediate action," added Clr Laxale.

Wilga Park re-opens to the public with new upgrade

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The Mandala is one of two eye-catching artworks located at Wilga Park

The City of Ryde has completed an extensive upgrade to Wilga Park, transforming the venue into a dynamic outdoor space with first-class facilities and amenities.

[Wilga Park](#) is located in the heart of Macquarie Park and is a popular outdoor space for local residents and employees based in the business hub.

Included in the Wilga Park upgrade is:

- Amphitheatre terracing with concrete seating walls
- A new amenities building
- Improved path lighting and new access paths, including an accessible path from Cottonwood Crescent into the park
- A picnic area with barbecue
- Filtered water station
- A new landscaped boundary with native grass and groundcover, plus a native tree canopy
- Free Wi-Fi

A highlight of the upgrade is the installation of two eye-catching artworks named Mandala and Burst. Mandala is an elevated, circular area featuring a dynamic floor mosaic of vibrant colours, while Burst is intended to be an expression of movement and energy.

In addition, the new facilities will enable community events to be staged at Wilga Park.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said Wilga Park was now a first-class outdoor facility that provides the public with space to relax and connect with nature.

"The upgrade to Wilga Park delivers on Council's commitment to provide enhanced recreational spaces that the whole community can utilise," Cllr Laxale said.

"Importantly, the key principles of ecologically sustainable development have been integrated into the final design of the Wilga Park upgrade, which will conserve the biological diversity and ecological integrity of the Shrimptons Creek precinct."

The Wilga Park upgrade is part of the Shrimptons Creek Activation project, which connects parkland and open space along the Shrimptons Creek Corridor while also creating more recreation space for public use.

The new public open space at Wilga Park complements the improvements to the nearby Elouera Reserve, which included the installation of a new playground last year.

The Wilga Park upgrade was funded by the City of Ryde with assistance from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Precinct Support Scheme.

Scones with a smile at Eastwood's CWA tea rooms

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The CWA tea rooms' dedicated volunteers at work

We dropped by the Country Women's Association (CWA) tea rooms in Eastwood to chat with Jan, Branch Secretary, and Helene, Branch Publicity Officer, to find out about their experiences volunteering and learn more about what happens at this iconic establishment.

The CWA was established in 1922 and is Australia's largest women's organisation. The tea rooms in Eastwood are run by volunteers of the Eastwood-Epping branch and proceeds are donated to charities and community projects.



Handmade crafts and books for sale in the shop

What can people visit the tea rooms for?

Helene: The tea rooms are clean and quiet and a great place to have a break from bustling Eastwood. Some people come for meetings as it's close to public transport and the town centre. Our \$5 devonshire teas are very popular and include two scones with jam and cream and a tea or coffee.

You can also buy local honey, homemade jams, handicrafts, second-hand books for reading on the train.

What kinds of people do you have coming to the tea rooms?

Helene: We get people of all ages. We get a few men that come and say 'Am I allowed in?' But men are most welcome! Once they realise that lots of other men are regular customers they come for their scones. We have mothers groups, families, leisure learning people and a wide cross-section of the community. Every day we get different people visiting. We also get regular groups coming in and some local organisations order scones in bulk.



A group enjoying Devonshire tea

Who do you have volunteering for you?

Jan: We have a wide range of people volunteering for us. We get people from many different cultural backgrounds, interests and ages. It's a safe space to interact and we all learn from each other. Like Helene - I would never have met her otherwise!

Helene: It's amazing what skills people have. Sometimes there's an assumption that people with grey hair are boring but the stories and the history they bring can be incredible. We've had great travellers and people with amazing careers. They can then keep those skills going in their work as volunteers.



CWA Eastwood-Epping Branch Secretary Jan Eagleton

What do you love about volunteering?

Jan: The fact that it can keep your mind going. My parents both had dementia so I try to push that out of my life. I also think it makes you more interesting, instead of sitting at home on the couch. It's also about meeting different people. Everyone's different and it's great.

Helene: I do also work other jobs but I love to give back to the community and meet people I wouldn't normally meet. It's good to interact with people of different ages and just see what's happening in the community.



The Eastwood Women's Rest Centre, which is behind Eastwood Library

Do you have a favourite story from your time volunteering?

Jan: We have a lovely lady who wears a beautiful hat every time she visits. She's a real character! We learn from all our customers.

Where does the money raised from the tea rooms go?

Jan: Any money we make from the tea rooms goes towards charities, including Ryde Hospital and other local organisations. We give away some \$20,000 each year just from our Eastwood team rooms. The education of rural kids is also a big focus for us and we know how much it means to those that receive assistance. I got a lovely letter from a student who received a grant from us for a deposit for a school trip and was so grateful. It almost had me in tears!

The CWA tea rooms are located at the Women's Rest Centre, 2 West Parade, Eastwood. They're open every week day from 10am-3pm, with a tea room, baby change facility, shop and rest rooms. All welcome.

Interested in volunteering? Check out our [volunteering](#) page or [contact the CWA](#).

City of Ryde and Service NSW making it easier to do business

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Clr Bernard Purcell, Verace Pizzeria owner Stefano Cirene and Mayor Jerome Laxale

The City of Ryde has partnered with Service NSW to simplify the process for entrepreneurs to set up a café, small bar or restaurant, through the launch of the [Easy to do Business program](#).

The Easy to do Business program is a free service that makes it faster for business owners to get their business up and running through streamlining and designing simpler forms, while also removing the duplication of dealing with multiple regulations and agencies.

The program also offers specialised advice from a business concierge who helps navigate the complexities of starting or growing a business. This includes:

- Assistance with applications for licences and permits to make sure they are high quality and decision-ready before being submitted with councils and agencies
- Help with how to register a business
- Introductions to existing specialist support and advisory networks that can help and provide advice on how to start your own business
- Guidance to give you the certainty of understanding what you need to be doing to start your businesses sooner.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale said Council's involvement with the Easy to do Business program is the latest initiative it has undertaken as part of its commitment to drive business growth and job creation in the local area.

"A thriving local economy and creating more local jobs is so important to Council. As a former small business owner, I understand the difficulty, hurdles and red tape that people go through just to get a business up and running," Cllr Laxale said.

"We want more cafés, bars and restaurants in Ryde and this program will help us achieve that.

"I would encourage anyone interested in opening a café, small bar or restaurant to take advantage of the Easy to do Business program. It is free of charge and importantly is targeted at the businesses that will help invigorate our local night time economy."

Stefano Cirene, who owns Verace Pizzeria in Macquarie Park, said any initiative that helped streamline the processes needed to establish a new business was most welcome.

"This program will really benefit an area like Macquarie Park which is experiencing an increased demand from the local community for night time business that restaurants and bars provide," Mr Cirene said.

Residents have their say on The New Heart of Ryde

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Residents welcoming The New Heart of Ryde proposal include (from left) Phil Peake, Barry Smith, Beth Kosnik and Malena Cordero

As the formal consultation period for The New Heart of Ryde enters its final days, residents who live in the vicinity of the Ryde Civic Centre site have welcomed the proposal.

The New Heart of Ryde is the City of Ryde's vision for a new cultural and community hub that will provide a four-fold increase in community space while retaining public ownership of the site. It will be financially sustainable and will not result in increased rates or cuts to any services.

Speaking on behalf of some of the local residents at the site last week, Phil Peake said The New Heart of Ryde proposal was a marked improvement on previous plans for the site.

"While it is just a concept at this stage, the plans that we have seen are very encouraging and it will draw a wealth of activity to the area," Mr Peake said.

"It is welcome that there is no residential component as apartments are just not suitable for this site. The fact that it will be owned by the community and built for the community is also a big tick, while having space to allow Council staff to be located at the site makes logical sense as well.

"What has been extremely heartening is that Council has been willing to hear the residents' views and concerns. Obviously a proposal of this size and scale will have a

significant impact on the surrounding area, so I think it is a good start that Council has met with us to talk through what is planned for the site."

Formal consultation on The New Heart of Ryde begun in late June and is due to close this Sunday (25 August).

Submissions from all members of the community can be made:

- Through an online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart
- By email at cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- By post to General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670.

[Click here](#) for more information on The New Heart of Ryde.

Eastwood Shopping Centre development application approved

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The independent Sydney North Planning Panel has approved an application to redevelop the Eastwood Shopping Centre.

Under the approved proposal, the existing shopping centre will be demolished and replaced with a new mixed-use development at 152-190 Rowe Street and 3-5 Rutledge Street that will feature retail, commercial and residential components.

The development will result in the construction of seven new buildings ranging in height from six to 13 storeys.

It will contain approximately 11,449m of retail space, 3,629m of commercial space including a gym and medical centre, as well as 409 residential apartments. In addition, four levels of basement car parking for 1,035 vehicles will be included as part of the development.

As part of a voluntary planning agreement entered into with the City of Ryde, the developer will also undertake a range of public benefits for Eastwood town centre, including a \$5.06 million redevelopment of Eastwood Plaza as well as civic and urban improvements in streets surrounding the existing shopping centre to Council's specifications. The harbour will be retained and the design will also include a water feature.

For more information visit the Eastwood Shopping Centre development application page on the NSW Government Planning Panels website [available here](#).

New speed check signs to improve pedestrian safety

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Ryde Secondary College Deputy Principal Stephen Plummer, Principal Cassy Norris and City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, at one of the new speed check signs on Buffalo Road, Ryde

The City of Ryde has installed new speed check signs to encourage motorists to obey speed limits and increase pedestrian safety.

The speed check signs inform motorists the speed that they are travelling and notify them to slow down if they are over the speed limit. These traffic calming devices have proven to be highly effective at slowing motorists down particularly in school zones and neighbourhood streets.

A total of six speed check signs have been installed in locations across the City of Ryde.

The locations are:

- Buffalo Road, Ryde (near Malvina Street)
- Buffalo Road, Ryde (near Providence Road)
- Gardener Road, Ryde (north direction)
- Gardener Road, Ryde (south direction)
- Lancaster Road, Melrose Park
- Terry Road, Ryde (near Commissioners Road)

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said each location for the speed check signs were determined by speed counts, resident concerns and other data collected by Council.

"Pedestrian safety in our neighbourhood streets is a priority for the City of Ryde and these new speed check signs will go a long way in reminding motorists to keep to the speed limit, particularly in areas where there is high pedestrian activity," Cllr Laxale said.

"The speed check signs on Buffalo Road for instance were installed to slow traffic due to the large number of students crossing from Ryde Secondary College."

"Since 2014, Council and Ryde Secondary College have been trying to get approval from the State Government to extend a school zone into Buffalo Road. While this Council-installed speed check sign will help, again we see the State get in the way of common sense."

In addition to the speed check signs, four mobile speed check trailers are undergoing upgrades before being placed back in targeted locations in the community. The initial locations for the mobile speed check trailers will be:

- Kingsford Avenue, Eastwood
- Norma Avenue, Eastwood
- Ada Street, North Ryde
- Short Street, Gladesville

The City of Ryde will also run the Slow Down In Our Street bin sticker campaign in these streets while the trailers are in place. The trailers will remain for a minimum of four weeks and then moved to a new location.

City of Ryde leading advocate for change in building sector

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The City of Ryde would like to set the record straight following commentary in the media that criticised Council for not making a submission to the Regulation of Building Standards, Building Quality and Building Disputes parliamentary inquiry.

For the upcoming parliamentary inquiry, Local Government NSW has made a submission on the City of Ryde's behalf. Local Government NSW has also confirmed it will make representations for the City of Ryde as well as other local councils in the likely event it is called to attend an upcoming hearing.

The media commentary also failed to point out that the City of Ryde has been a leading advocate for change in the building sector.

Council is on the public record in 2018 making repeated calls to reform the private certification system in NSW, following several examples of poor performance by private certifiers.

This includes:

- Lobbying against private certifiers being able to approve sensitive medium density developments, and instead make it the responsibility of Council certifiers.
- Warning that allowing certain sensitive classes of development to be considered as complying development would lead to a proliferation of medium density housing in unsuitable residential zones certified by lax or conflicted private certifiers.
- Calling on the State Government to review the process of accrediting private certifiers and the sanctions that are applied to private certifiers found to have acted inappropriately.
- Criticising private certification reforms outlined in NSW Government legislation, highlighting that they did not go far enough in protecting landowners.
- Recommending landowners to be adequately compensated if they suffer from financial hardship due to unprofessional practices of private certifiers.

In relation to combustible aluminium cladding, the City of Ryde is working with Fire and Rescue NSW and assisting relevant property owners through strata corporations.

Council will continue to maintain the confidentiality around the actual properties as has been requested by Fire and Rescue NSW. This was confirmed by the Department of Planning which this week advised councils to decline informal requests for information due to the sensitivity of the cladding register information.

The City of Ryde would reiterate that the presence of combustible cladding on a building does not necessarily mean there is a high fire hazard as the amount of cladding, its configuration and fire safety provisions should all be taken into account when assessing fire safety risks.

While Council welcomes the fact that there is now a renewed focus on private certifiers and the need to reform the overall building sector in NSW, it believes the commentary in the media was unnecessarily alarmist and ignored much of the proactive work the City of Ryde has done in this space.

Rather than continuing to point the finger and apportioning blame, it is time for all levels of government to work together and deliver real change that will reform the identified problems currently impacting on the building industry.

It is what the community expects and it is what the community deserves.

The New Heart of Ryde to benefit local students

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Front row: (from left) Ryde Secondary College Head Teacher Creative – Performing Arts Alison Shaw, Ryde Secondary College Principal Cassy Norris, music teacher Christina Kinley. Second row: (from left) Anchala Marugan, Ben Tsai, Thomas Lau. Back row: Felicity Lin

A local high school has expressed its support for the additional community space that would be delivered under The New Heart of Ryde proposal.

Ryde Secondary College principal Cassy Norris said the continued growth of education in the Ryde community meant there was a greater need for a space where schools “could come together to interact, collaborate, create and celebrate”.

“The New Heart of Ryde would be great for our current and future students as it will provide them with a facility where we can celebrate their achievements in a local setting,” Ms Norris said.

“Recently we were honoured to receive gold trophies for our concert band and choir, in the Ryde Eisteddfod, a performing arts event with more than 5,000 entries each year held at various locations in the city. It would be great to be able to bring everyone together in the one location for large cultural events such as this.”

“Performance space is something the city is currently lacking. For instance, there is a Ryde Schools Spectacular where primary and high schools come from far and wide to participate, however, there is currently no space in Ryde to facilitate this. The talent in the area of performance, dance and creative arts at these types of events is amazing for all to see and experience.”

Ms Norris said The New Heart of Ryde had the potential to become a creative arts hub that could benefit primary and secondary students in the region.

“It would be great to have a continuum for creative arts and performance from primary into secondary schools and beyond. In primary schools in this district, the standard of performance is really high,” Ms Norris said.

“Primaries have the time and the opportunity to really develop capacity through student practice in extended blocks of time. In secondary school with up to eight subjects in some years, complex timetables and pressure on limited performance space, performance is more limited, and mostly an extracurricular activity, often before or after school or outside of school.

“By providing a local opportunity for larger scale performance and creative arts, there could be further collaboration between schools, and stages of learning for all students including ours, within and outside school hours.

“By having this facility it will build on Ryde’s cultural profile and enable Ryde to develop further as a centre of arts and performance.”

Ms Norris is also a member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee and believes The New Heart of Ryde could deliver economic benefits to the local community as well.

“The City of Ryde has a GDP of \$15 billion and it is totally appropriate for a cultural space that will acknowledge the creative and performance talents in the area and add to the local economy. This facility will enhance the economic diversity of Ryde, building on its reputation as a ‘silicon valley’, and wholesaling centre with a creative hub.”

The New Heart of Ryde is the new vision for the Ryde Civic Centre, delivering a four-fold increase in community facilities without the introduction of any residential development on the site.

The City of Ryde is currently undertaking formal consultation on the new vision until Sunday 25 August. Submissions can be made:

- Through an online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heart
- By email at cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- By post to General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670.

In addition to receiving submissions, the City of Ryde will also undertake a wide range of communication activities during the formal consultation period including a community roadshow and displays at local shopping centres.

The New Heart of Ryde will be financially sustainable that will not result in increased rates or cuts to any services. Council will also retain complete ownership of the site.

RALC solar project is finalist for national climate award

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The City of Ryde's work to tackle climate change has been recognised with Council's Solar PV project at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) selected as a finalist in the 2019 Cities Power Partnership Awards.

The Solar PV project was selected from a competitive field of entries from councils across Australia.

Completed this year, the solar harvesting power station at the RALC is the largest of its kind in North West Sydney and includes 846 solar panels, generating more than 300 kilowatts of power.

It is estimated to save more than 315 tonnes greenhouse gas emissions and save more than 366MWH of energy each year.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the solar harvesting power station was part of Council's commitment to reduce carbon emissions.

"In the absence of leadership from state and federal governments, I am proud to say that the City of Ryde is taking real action on climate change to protect our local rivers and environment," Clr Laxale said.

"In less than two years this Council has:

- Reduced its carbon footprint by 10 per cent over a 12 month period
- Divested from fossil-fuel aligned financial institutions

- Commenced the phasing out of single-use plastics at Council events
- Declared a 'Climate Emergency' status for the City of Ryde
- Supported renewable energy through the investigation of a Renewable Energy Target to be mandated by 2030

“The solar harvesting power station at the RALC is another component of our commitment to do more to protect the environment. It is great that it has been recognised for its contribution to reducing emissions by being nominated for a Cities Power Partnership Award.”

David Craven, Director of the Cities Power Partnership, congratulated the City of Ryde for making the final shortlist for the awards.

“The City of Ryde is an Australian local climate leader, and I’m proud to be able to recognise the important work they’re doing through the Cities Power Partnership Awards,” he said.

“Local champions such as the City of Ryde are stepping up to the climate challenge in the face of continuing Federal climate inaction. It’s time to celebrate these unsung climate heroes in local government, who are helping their communities to drive down local greenhouse gas pollution.”

The Cities Power Partnership Awards recognise outstanding achievement by local governments in the fields of renewable energy, sustainable transport, energy efficiency, community engagement and climate advocacy.

The award winners will be announced at the Cities Power Partnership's second birthday celebration on 29 August.

City of Ryde Council meeting summary - July meeting

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Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 23 July 2019. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

COUNCIL ENDORSES REFORMS TO PROTECT RYDE'S HERITAGE

The City of Ryde endorsed a raft of reforms that will offer stronger protections for places of heritage significance while also providing more funding to homeowners to help conserve and add value to their heritage-listed properties.

The reforms will amend the Ryde Local Environment Plan to create six new heritage conservation areas and 44 new heritage items across the City of Ryde.

The reforms will be submitted to the Department of Planning for Gateway Determination prior to the City of Ryde undertaking extensive community consultation on the proposed changes.

[Click here for more information.](#)

NEW COMMITTEE TO FOSTER STRONGER LINKS BETWEEN RYDE AND STEPANAKERT

A new committee will be established by Council to establish greater friendship between the City of Ryde and Stepanakert, the capital city of the Republic of Artsakh (also known as the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic).

SUPPORT FOR GANNAN PARK AND MCCAULEY PARK MASTERPLAN

The Gannan Park and McCauley Park Masterplan was adopted by Council. The masterplan will result in the creation of sportsgrounds that meet the current and future needs of multiple sports.

This includes one senior and one junior rectangular field which can be reconfigured into an oval field. Sports field lighting will also be installed.

A development application will now be prepared for sports lighting at Gannan Park.

DRAFT CHILDREN'S PLAY PLAN 2019 TO BE PLACED ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The draft Children's Play Plan 2019 will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. Under the draft plan, playgrounds in the City of Ryde will have more inclusive elements and shaded areas, as well as new safety features for playgrounds located in close proximity to roads.

The draft plan was developed with the assistance of the Mayor's Play Panel, Councillors and Council staff. If no objections to the draft plan are received during the public exhibition period, it will be adopted by Council.

NSW GOVERNMENT ASKED TO RELEASE LOCATIONS OF BUILDINGS WITH COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING

The City of Ryde requested that the NSW Government publicly release the location of buildings that contain combustible aluminium cladding as well as strategies to deal with any potential fire hazards.

Council also called on the Federal Government to provide assistance to help deal with the matter.

PLAY STREET TRIAL

Work will be undertaken to identify a street in the City of Ryde that would like to trial a Play Street.

A Play Street is an outdoor play space created by temporarily closing a street to through traffic to allow kids and parents to play outside. Play Streets have been trialled in the UK, US, Belgium and in Melbourne with evidence to suggest they encourage physical exercise and lead to friendlier neighbourhoods.

The street that would be chosen to trial a Play Street would ideally have a broad cross section of ages and abilities.

BOTTLE TOP RECYCLING PROJECT

The City of Ryde will investigate ways it can support a bottle top recycling project including the possibility of installing a collection point for plastic bottle tops. Plastic bottle tops are one of the top polluters of the oceans and environment alongside plastic bags.

PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM FOR LOCAL YOUTH

The City of Ryde will support the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee to develop a public speaking program for young people in the community. The new program follows the success of the Ryde Youth Ambassador Program which provides opportunities for youth to develop their public speaking skills by representing the City of Ryde at public events.

SKATE BOARD CLINICS NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Two inclusive skate board clinics will be held by the City of Ryde at the Meadowbank Skate Park next school holidays. One of the clinics will be just for females while the other will be all-inclusive.

COMMUNITY SPACE STRUCTURES

A report will be brought back to Council investigating the feasibility of building three wood-and-glass conservatory-type structures in each City of Ryde ward. The structures could meet the need for more community space.

NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 27 August 2019.

Council raises concerns about combustible cladding

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The City of Ryde has called on the NSW Government to publicly release the location of buildings that contain combustible aluminium cladding.

The NSW Government created the NSW Cladding Taskforce Register to identify buildings that contain the combustible aluminium cladding, but has not publicly revealed the locations of each building on the register.

At its ordinary meeting last week, Council noted its concern regarding the danger the combustible cladding posed to City of Ryde residents.

In calling for the location of the affected buildings to be released, Council also requested that the NSW Government release the strategies in place to deal with any potential fire hazards related to the combustible cladding.

Council sought leadership and financial assistance from the Federal Government as well to help deal with the issue.

The concerns and requests outlined in the Council resolution will be conveyed in writing to relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers in both the Federal and NSW parliaments.