

# Statement from the Mayor regarding the DA for Eastwood Shopping Centre

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The City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, would like to make the following statement regarding the development application for the Eastwood Shopping Centre:

*“The development application for the Eastwood Shopping Centre was determined by the State Government’s Sydney North Planning Panel, and not Ryde Council.*

*Councillors serving on Council have been unable to vote on Major Development applications since 2010. Further, we have not been able to vote on any development application in Council since March 2018.*

*The development application in question was approved by the State Government Sydney North Planning Panel on 7 August 2019. The panel’s decision was unanimous. The determination can be viewed [here](#).*

*The Sydney North Planning Panel is chaired by former NSW Liberal leader Peter Debnam.*

*The article in the Australian Financial Review appears to confuse the Development Application with a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA). A VPA is not a development application, and a VPA has no bearing on the outcome of the development application determination.*

*A VPA is a common legal agreement legislated by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*

*Under this specific Voluntary Planning Agreement, the developer will undertake a range of public benefits for the Eastwood community including a redevelopment of Eastwood Plaza as well as civic and urban improvements in streets surrounding the existing shopping centre.*

*The Sydney North Planning Panel was also a party to the Voluntary Planning Agreement.*

*The complete Voluntary Planning Agreement entered into can be viewed on Council’s Voluntary Planning register [here](#).*

*Prior to consideration on the Voluntary Planning Agreement, Cllr Simon Zhou made a Disclosure of Interest in relation to the matter, as required under Council’s Code of Meeting Practice.*

*He was not present for consideration or voting on this matter which is not unusual where interests are declared.*

*Regardless, I have asked the General Manager to review Councillors' disclosures and to remind the Councillors of their obligations under the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.*

*Again I stress that Ryde Council had no power to determine the development application, and the development application did not come before Council. These two misconceptions seem to be the basis of the article."*

# Mosquito helicopter treatment at Newington Nature Reserve Wetland

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Council wishes to advise that helicopter application of *Bti* is planned to take place at Newington Nature Reserve Wetland on Thursday 31 October 2019, to control mosquito larval populations. Spraying is scheduled to occur between 7.30am and 10.00am, 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.

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.

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

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

# City of Ryde endorses Parramatta River Masterplan

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The City of Ryde has endorsed the [Parramatta River Masterplan](#) which aims to improve the health of the Parramatta River in order to make it swimmable once again.

The masterplan was prepared by the Parramatta River Catchment Group in conjunction with the City of Ryde and the 10 other partner catchment councils, government agencies, cultural advisors and important stakeholders.

A healthier river will mean three new swimming sites can be created by 2025.

Putney Park has been earmarked as one of the new swimming sites, along with McIlwaine Park in Rhodes East and Bayview Park in Concord.

The masterplan sets out agreed actions to achieve its aims through water quality monitoring of the river, reducing stormwater run-off, improving wet weather overflows and involving the community more in maintaining the health of the river. Extensive testing and studies on potential pollutants and their impact for swimmability will also be undertaken.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said Council's endorsement of the masterplan underlined how it was supportive of efforts to open up the Parramatta River for the entire community.

"The Parramatta River is one of Australia's most iconic waterways, so it is appropriate that we join with our neighbouring councils and authorities to improve the health of the river for everyone," Clr Laxale said.

"We are committed to a clean Parramatta River. Our Zero waste to River target, along with our investment in the Putney Beach Activation project, will hopefully lead to a swimmable river by 2025."

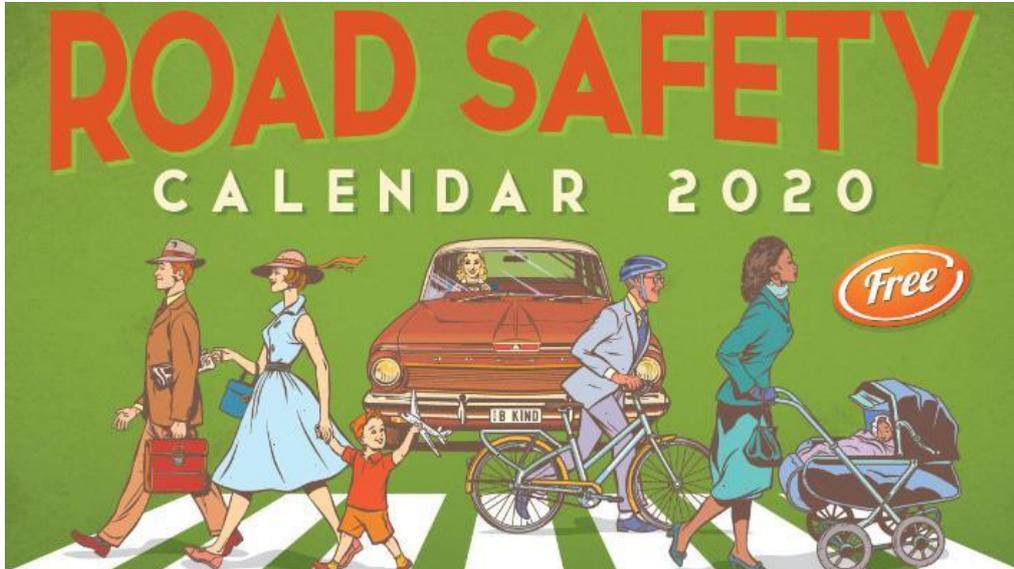
City of Ryde Councillor and Parramatta River Catchment Group Vice Chair, Clr Penny Pedersen, said the Parramatta River Masterplan aligned with the outcomes of the 2028 City of Ryde Community Strategic Plan and delivery priorities under the North District Plan 2056.

"Creating a swimming site at Putney Park will provide new recreation opportunities for our community and a motivation to make the water cleaner which will in turn protect biodiversity and enhance the Parramatta River," Clr Pedersen said.

"I look forward to the City of Ryde working with all members of the Parramatta River Catchment Group to make this a reality."

# 2020 Road Safety Calendar now available

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The City of Ryde has joined forces with five other northern Sydney Councils – Northern Beaches, Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove and North Sydney – to produce a 2020 calendar featuring vintage road safety poster art.

Chief Inspector Phillip Brooks, from the NSW Police Force Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, said despite the fun look, the calendar conveyed a serious message.

"Unfortunately, much of the poor road safety behaviour that was costing lives 60 years ago is still relevant today," Mr Brooks said.

"Research shows that many people still need the occasional reminder on road rules and correct behaviour on our roads to ensure the safety of everyone."

The retro style road safety posters featured in the calendar have turned out to be timeless.

"This calendar demonstrates that the road safety messages of the 1950s are still relevant for us today, especially with the increase in congestion and distractions on our roads," Chief Inspector Brooks added.

The calendar also includes a road safety game for children.

The annual Road Safety Calendar has been delivered to residents of Ryde and other areas of northern Sydney since 2001 with the aim of educating and encouraging positive behaviour for all road users, across all ages.

The 2020 Road Safety Calendar is now available at City of Ryde libraries, Customer Service Centre, Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Gladesville Police Station and various community organisations including North Ryde Community Aid, Christian Community Aid and the West Ryde Community Hub.

# Rowe Street Shopper Carpark Gets the Green Light

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The Sydney North Planning Panel yesterday approved Council's development application for a new shopper car park on Rowe Street East in Eastwood.

The new multi-storey shopper car park will be located at 53-71 Rowe Street and will be able to accommodate some 150 cars. Feedback received during Council's community consultation on the car park has been incorporated into the design, including sustainable features such as electric vehicle charging stations.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, highlighted the benefits the new car park will bring to Eastwood and the rest of the City of Ryde.

"With its great restaurants, cafes, shopping, culture and recreational opportunities, parking is in high demand in Eastwood. This new car park will go a long way in addressing a current shortage of parking", Cllr Laxale said.

"It will make it even easier for our community and visitors to enjoy everything Eastwood has to offer and provide a boost to our local economy.

"In line with City of Ryde's commitment to sustainability, Council will be including charging stations for electric vehicles as part of our car park design."

The development application was lodged by City of Ryde in March 2019. Local Planning Panels are independent panels that determine development applications on behalf of councils in New South Wales and are mandatory under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

After the awarding of a successful tender, construction of the car park is due to begin in 2020.

# City of Ryde Council meeting summary - September meeting

Published on 22 October 2019

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 24 September 2019. The meeting was adjourned and reconvened on 17 October 2019. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

## New Ryde civic, cultural and community hub wins the heart of the community

The City of Ryde has endorsed progressing with its plans for a new cultural and community hub, following the release of a report which identified 85 per cent community support for The New Heart of Ryde proposal.

The report also identified several key themes for Council to consider when undertaking the detailed design for the project, including availability of parking, traffic management, and the inclusion of green space and a hall or performance space.

Council will now go out to market with the proposal, with a view to report back to Council on The New Heart of Ryde in March 2020.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Anzac Park playground upgrade to proceed

An upgrade of the playground at [Anzac Park](#), West Ryde, will proceed. The upgrade will result in new playground facilities including inclusive elements as well as the relocation of the existing playground to the North East area of the park.

The upgrade was approved following strong support from the community, with 70 per cent of respondents in favour of the playground relocation and upgrade.

## Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement consultation

Following community feedback on the [draft Local Strategic Planning Statement](#), Council declared its opposition to the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Bellevue Avenue and Victoria Road, West Ryde.

Council also opposed Bellevue Avenue being declared a Movement Corridor for traffic moving in a north-south direction. A revised Local Strategic Planning Statement is due to be presented to Council on 10 December 2019.

## **Pedestrian safety to be investigated at two locations**

City of Ryde traffic staff will investigate pedestrian safety where traffic crosses the public footpath at Trim Place, Gladesville following concerns about the lack of visibility and access issues.

Staff will also investigate pedestrian safety at the crossing linking Royal Rehab to the Putney Hill parklands following concerns regarding lighting and a lack of signage.

## **Large Christmas tree could be coming to Ryde**

A report will be prepared regarding the feasibility of erecting a large Christmas tree in an easily accessible and prominent location in the City of Ryde.

## **2020 Council election**

In preparation for the 2020 Local Government Election, Council confirmed that the number of councillors will be maintained at 12.

## **Alex Wilkinson recognised**

A Certificate of Appreciation will be provided by the City of Ryde to Alex Wilkinson for his achievements in football, including his recent appointment as captain of A-League team, Sydney FC.

## **Gladesville Public School milestone**

A mature tree and a plaque will be provided to Gladesville Public School by the City of Ryde to celebrate the school's 140th anniversary.

## **Ryde Panthers celebrates 60th anniversary**

A plaque acknowledging the 60th anniversary of the Ryde Panthers Football Club will be installed at the ELS Hall canteen.

## **Next meeting**

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 22 October 2019.

[Click here for the minutes from the September Ordinary meeting.](#)

# New artwork unveiled for Eastwood pedestrian underpass

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New eye-catching artwork has been unveiled in the Eastwood pedestrian underpass as part of efforts by the City of Ryde to beautify public areas through the use of street art.

The urban artwork was designed by public art enterprise Muralisto and features a vast array of colours and imagery that are designed to brighten the underpass area and make it more welcoming to the public.

The concept design for the artwork was developed with input from the community via focus groups and site specific engagement. The Ryde Youth Council and the Arts Advisory Committee were also consulted.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the new urban artwork would be highly valued by the community.

"The vibrant colours and unique design of this artwork not only adds beauty and visual interest to an underpass that was previously dark and dull, but will also instil a sense of pride for this public space within the community," Clr Laxale said.

"It will also act as a graffiti deterrent and reduce instances of anti-social behaviour in and around the pedestrian underpass."

With the completion of the artwork at the Eastwood pedestrian underpass, the City of Ryde will now consider the feasibility of introducing additional artworks at specific locations which could benefit from street art projects.

# **Your City Spring 2019**

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# City of Ryde Mayor elected Local Government NSW Treasurer

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*(Pictured from left) Local Government NSW Vice-President Rural/Regional Clr Stephen Lawrence, President Clr Linda Scott and Treasurer and City of Ryde Mayor Clr Jerome Laxale*

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, has been elected as Treasurer of Local Government NSW, the peak industry association that represents the interests of NSW councils.

Delegates from member councils voted for the position of Treasurer and the other board members during the Local Government NSW annual conference this week.

Clr Laxale said it was an honour and privilege to be elected to the position of Treasurer.

“Local Government NSW has proven to be a very powerful voice in advocating on behalf of Local Government NSW members and I look forward to continuing that work in a leadership role,” Clr Laxale said.

“Recently, Local Government NSW has achieved positive results lobbying all tiers of government on a range of crucial issues within our community. This includes increasing funding for our local libraries, ensuring council amalgamations are not re-introduced and calling for greater investment in waste and recycling services by the NSW Government.

“For the City of Ryde I think it is extremely beneficial that the community now has a presence on the Local Government NSW Board as the interests of both bodies align

very closely. I look forward to working with President Clr Linda Scott on achieving real outcomes for all member councils.”

The election of Clr Laxale as Local Government NSW Treasurer came as a motion put forward by the City of Ryde calling on the NSW Government to declare a climate emergency was carried by member councils during the annual conference.

“The City of Ryde was one of the first in Australia to declare a climate emergency and it is extremely encouraging that the majority of delegates supported our motion and showed leadership in tackling climate change. It is clear the NSW Government urgently needs to lead a bi-partisan, clear, effective and unambiguous state wide approach to avert a climate crisis in NSW,” Clr Laxale added.

The City of Ryde put forward three additional motions, all of which were carried. They were:

- Including a 10 day domestic violence leave provision in relevant Local Government Awards as soon as possible.
- Seeking an amendment to the Companion Animals Act 1998 so that it is not an offence under the legislation if a dog rushes at or harasses a person or animal while behind a physical barrier.
- Seeking an amendment to the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 that would enable councils to issue fines in amounts equivalent to NSW Health for smoking in a smoke-free area.

# Top 5 locations for birdwatching in the City of Ryde

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*Australian King Parrot (male)*

In preparation for the upcoming National Bird Week and the Aussie Backyard Bird Count (21-27 October), avid bird watcher Andrew Patrick shares his top locations for birdwatching.

## 1. Field of Mars Reserve, East Ryde

With more than 120 species of birds recorded, the Field of Mars is one of the best areas in Sydney to start birdwatching. For starters there is the Australian Brush-turkey strutting around the grounds plus their amazing breeding mounds (the heaviest nests in the world weighing four tonnes). The area has colourful parrots like Crimson Rosellas and Australian King-Parrots and numerous small bush birds such as Yellow Thornbills, Red-browed Finches and the always delightful Superb Fairy-wrens. Brown Goshawks breed in the reserve and the flowering shrubs and trees attract ever-busy honeyeaters like the Eastern Spinebill.



*Australian Brushturkey*

## 2. Sugarloaf Point, East Ryde

Near Field of Mars Reserve is a completely different environment – mangroves. Being beside the Lane Cove River, Sugarloaf Point provides the birdwatcher with a different set of birds to look for including Little Pied Cormorant, Australian Pelican, White-faced Heron and the Striated Heron which will stealthily patrol the mudflats at low tide looking for crabs to gobble up. The area also has some beautifully coloured birds like Golden Whistler, Rose Robin and the Sacred Kingfisher which migrates here from northern Australia every spring.



*Sulphur-crested Cockatoo*

### 3. Darvall Park, Chatham Rd, Denistone

Following years of bush regeneration, Darvall Park is now home to numerous bush birds such as Laughing Kookaburra, Tawny Frogmouth, Satin Bowerbird and Eastern Whipbird whose call is easy to hear even though the bird himself is difficult to see. The undergrowth is home to some small birds like White-browed Scrubwren while the tall eucalypts provide lots of breeding hollows for the noisy Sulphur-crested Cockatoos and the ever-so-colourful Rainbow Lorikeet.



*Laughing Kookaburra*

### 4. Meadowbank Park to Putney Park

The parks and walking tracks along the Parramatta River between Meadowbank Park and Putney Park provide the birdwatcher with two very different types of habitats. Firstly there are the urban parklands with common and well known birds such as Noisy Miner, Spotted Dove, Willie Wagtail and Australian Magpie. In contrast, the mudflats along the edge of the river are the feeding areas for some less well known species. Bar-tailed Godwits breed in the Arctic tundra of Siberia and then migrate here in one enormous non-stop flight which can last for 10 days and nights. These birds use their very long bills to probe around in the mud to feed on worms. They are truly astonishing birds.



*Rainbow Lorikeet*

## 5. Lane Cove National Park

The Lane Cove National Park sits along the whole northern boundary of the City of Ryde and is home to a great many birds including many which you are unlikely to see in your backyard. The forest here contains White-headed Pigeons, White-throated Treecreepers, Spotted Pardalotes (small colourful birds which breed in tunnels in the ground) and the elegant Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike which is neither a cuckoo nor a shrike. With luck you might see the impressive Powerful Owl sitting in its daytime roost with the remains of last night's dinner, a possum, in its talons.



*Galah*

Andrew runs [Zest for Birds](#) birdwatching tours.

# Jack's homecoming at this year's Granny Smith Festival

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*Jack Rodgers*

For Jack Rodgers, the Granny Smith Festival has been a key part of growing up in Eastwood.

The 22-year-old performer first took part in the famous street festival as a five year old member of local dance group J Dance.

This year, however, Jack will get a chance to showcase his vast array of talents by performing his very own solo set on the Caravan stage.

It is an opportunity that Jack is looking forward to for a number of reasons.

“The Granny Smith Festival is something very close to me as I not only grew up performing in it with J Dance, but also have great memories attending it as a kid and joining in with all the colour and excitement that makes it such a great event,” Jack said.

“To get the chance to now perform at this year’s Granny Smith Festival in my own right is something I am really looking forward to and I hope I can put on a good show for everyone attending.”

A self-confessed lover of all things entertainment, Jack said audiences can expect an eclectic mix of songs ranging from pop, rock, soul and ballads.

“I like to get a sense of the audience I am playing to early on and tailor my set for what they will appreciate most. Essentially, I just want everyone to enjoy what they are listening to and be entertained so I hope as many festivalgoers as possible swing by the Caravan stage and get involved.”

Jack will perform his hour long set from 1pm.

He is just one of more than 2,000 performers set to entertain the crowds at this year's Granny Smith Festival. For a full list of performers and what time and stage they will be performing at [click here](#).

# On air with a local volunteer

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We dropped by local radio station 2RRR to hear from volunteering legend Tasnia Ahmad. Tasnia was our 2019 [Young Citizen of the Year](#) winner and sits on [Ryde Youth Council](#).

## *How did you get into volunteering?*

I started with lots of little activities at school. I have so many ideas and passions and it was a matter of funneling them into something worthwhile. I have found volunteering a very valuable journey and have become more interconnected and happy overall.



*On the steps of parliament*

### ***What kind of volunteering do you do?***

I've been volunteering at 2RRR radio station for more a year as a host for the Youth Jukebox program, where I come up with story ideas and music for the program. I am really passionate about the media and radio's a great platform for promoting current, youth-related stories and to highlight and advocate for things that matter to young people.

I have volunteered at the [Granny Smith Festival](#) and I also sit on [Ryde Youth Council](#), which is a representative voice for young people in the City of Ryde, and I volunteer at Youth Of Sydney, which is a photojournal project that aims to debunk myths and stereotypes about today's youth.



*Getting ready to go on air at 2RRR*

### ***What do you love about volunteering?***

I like the giving-back aspect of volunteering. I feel like I can make a tangible difference in the community through my volunteering work, and it's a great feeling to have all these people working together to do this.



At the 2019 Ryde Citizen of the Year Awards

### ***Why do you think people should nominate local heroes for the Ryde Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the Year awards?***

It's important to recognise people's accomplishments - It's about saying, 'hey, we see you and what you've achieved', and with this recognition, there is an exchange of inspiration and congratulations from the community. Such recognition inspires and furthers the value of connection and volunteering in the community. More so, in a time of global disrupt amidst our 21st century challenges, we often overlook the value of people in our micro worlds yet these are the people that change lives *everyday*; be it in a local dog shelter, connecting with elderly people, providing opportunities to young people, and more! To really celebrate these leaders and give them the recognition they deserve, consider nominating your everyday heroes for the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

Interested in volunteering in the City of Ryde? Check out our [volunteering page](#).

**Know a local volunteering hero? Nominations for the 2020 Volunteer Recognition Awards open on Monday 2 March and close on Sunday 19 April 2020.**

# Sign the Petition – Amend the Companion Animals Act

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[See Petition Details](#)

The City of Ryde has resolved to support a community petition that seeks to amend the Companion Animals Act 1998.

The petition encourages the NSW Legislative Assembly to support the proposed amendment which would result in the following wording added to Section 16 (2) of the legislation:

*It is not an offence under this section if the incident occurred:*

*(f) where a dog is behind a physical barrier such as a fence or enclosure and rushes at or harasses a person or animal*

Council, upon receipt of at least 10,000 signatories to the community petition, will present it to the NSW Legislative Assembly for discussion.

# Affordable housing delays hurting those most in need

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The City of Ryde's efforts to increase affordable housing in the local community continues to face inexplicable delays, with an affordable housing planning proposal submitted over two years ago by Council still awaiting approval from the State Government.

The City of Ryde has committed to ensuring that five per cent of all new dwellings built in the local government area by 2031 will be affordable housing for key worker households on very low to moderate incomes.

As a way to help meet the target, the City of Ryde submitted a planning proposal to the State Government in September 2017 for the inclusion of affordable housing provisions in the Ryde Local Environmental Plan.

The planning proposal would require developers to include affordable housing within residential developments either through specified floor space or a monetary contribution.

The requirement is known as inclusionary zoning and would effectively ensure developers contributed to affordable housing in a consistent manner.

But now over two years since the planning proposal was submitted, the NSW Government has still yet to grant approval to place the planning proposal on exhibition and take it to the next stage in the planning process.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the extended delay was unacceptable.

"We have an emerging crisis with housing affordability in the City of Ryde with more than 10,000 key workers expected to be living in housing stress by 2031," Cllr Laxale said.

"Given this, you have to ask why this State Government is sitting on its hands and continuing to hold up the implementation of real reforms which will help provide housing to those who need it most.

"The only winners from this delay are developers. Instead of providing a much needed community asset, they're pocketing extra profits.

"Two years is long enough. It's time to help the most vulnerable in our community. The City of Ryde is genuine about housing affordability and we are seeking urgent approval of our planning proposal so that we can help tackle housing affordability in Ryde."

The Greater Sydney Commission's Metropolis of Three Cities report states that affordable housing targets generally in the range of five to ten per cent are viable within Greater Sydney.

Under Council's planning proposal, developers would be required to contribute two per cent of the total floor area to affordable housing for developments in medium and high density zones as well as town centres.

That figure increases to seven per cent for developments that result in a change in the zoning of the land.

## Timeline

**26 August 2014** – City of Ryde resolves to organise an Affordable Housing Summit for the City of Ryde

**6 November 2014** – Affordable Housing Summit is held which determines that an Affordable Housing Policy needs to be developed for the City of Ryde

**12 May 2015** – City of Ryde endorses the findings of the Affordable Housing Summit and resolves to prepare a Ryde Affordable Housing Policy to guide and facilitate the delivery of affordable housing in the City of Ryde

**23 November 2015** – The 'Draft City of Ryde Affordable Housing Policy 2016 – 2031' is placed on public exhibition

**5 February 2016** – The public exhibition period for the 'Draft City of Ryde Affordable Housing Policy 2016 – 2031' closes

**12 April 2016** – City of Ryde adopts the 'City of Ryde Affordable Housing Policy 2016 – 2031'

**22 August 2017** – City of Ryde resolves to prepare a Planning Proposal for the inclusion of affordable housing provisions in the Ryde Local Environmental Plan and forward it to the Minister for Planning with a request for a gateway determination

**12 September 2017** – City of Ryde submits Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning with a request for a gateway determination

**9 October 2019** – State Government still yet to grant approval to place the Planning Proposal on public exhibition

# Winners of the Northern Districts Local Business Awards revealed

Published on 08 October 2019



The winners of the 2019 Northern Districts Local Business Awards have been announced during a gala presentation dinner at the Epping Club.

The Northern Districts Local Business Awards, of which the City of Ryde is a major sponsor, recognise and reward local business for all that they do for the local community and beyond.

Lane Cove Dance Academy was awarded the prestigious business of the year award as well as taking out the Performing Arts business category.

Iani Sujoni, Director and Senior Music Therapist at North Ryde's Sound Expression, was named the Business Person of the Year for her work with the music therapy organisation.

Meanwhile, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers, located in Macquarie Park, won the Inclusion Award, which is offered by the City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill Council and Lane Cove Council to celebrate local businesses that welcome people of all backgrounds and abilities.

The full list of award winners is as follows:

**Automotive Services:** Tyrepower Gladesville

**Bakery/Cake Shop:** Boronia Bakehouse

**Beauty Services:** Australian Skin Clinics - Top Ryde City Shopping Centre

**Butcher:** Springbok Delights

**Café:** Cav and Co

**Early Childhood Centre:** Midson Road Child Care Centre

**Fast Food/Takeaway:** Poseidon's Catch

**Fitness Services:** Teambros Fitness Club

**Fruit & Vegetable Shop:** Panetta Mercato - Macquarie Shopping Centre

**Hairdresser:** Paran Hair Design - Macquarie Shopping Centre

**Health Improvement Services:** KaRa MINDS - KaRa Institute of Neurological Diseases

**Hotel/Bottle Shop/Bar:** Roma Vino North Epping

**Jewellery Store:** Prouds The Jewellers - Macquarie Shopping Centre

**New Business:** Little Red Robin Restaurant & Wine Bar

**Performing Arts:** Lane Cove Dance Academy

**Pet Care:** Gladesville Vet Hospital

**Pharmacy:** Pharmacy 4 Less - Top Ryde City Shopping Centre

**Professional Services:** Sydney Law Group

**Real Estate Agency:** Tracy Yap Realty

**Restaurant:** Via Napoli Pizzeria - Lane Cove

**Service & Trade:** Handyfantastic Group

**Sole Trader:** Bee Balanced

**Specialised Business:** PosAbility Psychology and Learning Clinic

**Specialised Retail Business:** North Ryde Delicatessen

**Business Person of the Year:** Iani Sujoni, Sound Expression

**Youth Award:** Daniela Lutten Leitao, Cafe Elation

**Business of the Year:** Lane Cove Dance Academy

**Inclusion Award:** Hunt & Hunt Lawyers

More information on the Northern Districts Local Business Awards is available [here](#).

# Yellow Edge Lines: What do they mean?

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City of Ryde, like many other road authorities, is using unbroken yellow edge lines on the side of roads to indicate No Stopping zones. These painted yellow lines are more durable, easier to maintain and have less impact on the environment.

Drivers must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line. Under Road Rule 169 (No Stopping on a road with a yellow edge line) incurs an infringement of \$268 if not adhered to\*. Police and council rangers can enforce this road rule without any other road signs or indications required.

No Stopping zones need to be kept clear so that drivers and pedestrians have a clear view of each other and road safety is maintained.

*\*There are some exceptions in the case of emergencies or to comply with another rule. Further information can be found [here](#).*

# City of Ryde to continue work of White Ribbon Australia

Published on 03 October 2019

The City of Ryde is saddened to hear that White Ribbon Australia has made the difficult decision to close its doors due to its future sustainability not being viable.

White Ribbon Australia has played an extremely important role in raising awareness about domestic violence in Australia and working towards the goal of completely eliminating men's violence against women.

While White Ribbon Australia is no longer able to continue, it is vital that its work does.

It is for this reason that the City of Ryde will remain committed to the principles of White Ribbon Australia and as an organisation we will continue to stand up and speak out against domestic violence, while also raising awareness within our community about its impact.

The White Ribbon Australia media statement about its closure can be read [here](#).