

City of Ryde to raise funds for those impacted by bushfires and drought

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The City of Ryde is calling on the community to dig deep and get behind two fundraisers that will help those impacted by the recent bushfires and ongoing drought.

At its meeting this week, Council unanimously agreed to undertake a fundraising campaign for the Salvation Army Bushfire Disaster Appeal.

Money raised for the Bushfire Disaster Appeal will go towards supporting the Salvation Army's relief teams to provide food and water, as well as emotional and practical support, to emergency services personnel and people displaced due to the bushfires.

Fundraising efforts will begin straight away with money to be raised at [Sunset Sounds](#) on Friday, which will celebrate the upgrade of Wilga Park.

Collection buckets will also be placed at various Council locations including the Customer Service Centre, all five City of Ryde Library branches, the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and Council's North Ryde Office.

To kick-start the appeal, Council has pledged to donate \$5,000.

Councillors also unanimously agreed to donate \$20,000 to the Country Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid Appeal, to assist NSW residents impacted by the one of the most severe droughts on record.

In addition to the \$20,000 donation by Council, a barbecue will be held at the City of Ryde's [Community Christmas Celebration](#) in Ryde Park on Sunday 8 December to raise funds for the Country Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid Appeal, in addition to the [RALC Pool Party for a Good Cause](#) on Sunday 22 December.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, urged residents and businesses to rally together and show their support for those doing it tough due to the bushfires and drought.

"As has been seen with previous fundraising efforts, the Ryde community is extremely generous to people in need and I am sure everyone will get behind these fundraising efforts and help raise much-needed funds for those most in need," Clr Laxale said.

Changes to Development Application lodgement requirements

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For the latest information on development application lodgement requirements, please visit our [Development Applications](#) page.

The City of Ryde will introduce a new system that will allow development applications to be assessed and endorsed electronically. This will further allow for the future lodgement of development applications via the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's NSW Planning Portal.

Currently applicants are required to submit an electronic copy of all development application information as well as three complete hard copies.

The electronic copy at times can result in inconsistent naming conventions, while some documents are locked and do not contain the required information. It is essential that the information is accurate and complete, so as to enable Council's electronic assessment of development applications as well as assist in its record keeping.

To assist applicants, new development application lodgement requirements will be introduced from 1 February 2020.

This includes:

- A new Development Application Form together with a Development Application Information Package will be available.
- All development applications together with all plans and supporting documentation will be required to be lodged in digital form as PDFs on a digital data storage device (for example CD/DVD/USB) in accordance with Council's naming conventions as highlighted in Council's Development Application Information Package together with no security settings, no passwords locking and no read only restrictions. This is to assist Council in record keeping and processing.

Only one hard copy of the application, plans and supporting documentation will be required to be submitted. This will be retained at the Ryde Customer Service Centre for viewing purposes.

Council to unlock the Ryde River Walk's missing link

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The City of Ryde will complete one of the key missing links of the [Ryde River Walk](#) after Council approved construction of the link between Bill Mitchell Park in Tennyson Point and Ross Street in Gladesville.

The award winning 12 kilometre Ryde River Walk was opened to the public in 2008, providing access to the Parramatta foreshore for walkers and cyclists between Gladesville Bridge and Ryde Bridge.

However, a 150 metre section at Tennyson Point diverts from the foreshore and instead forces people up a steep stairway and into local streets. The stairway has proved to be an impediment for some people while also depriving others of accessing a major part of the foreshore.

Councillors voted in favour of building the missing link along Glades Bay, between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street, at the reconvened October Council meeting last night. It will be funded as part of Council's Passive Parks Capital Works Program.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the decision was a big win for the entire community.

"The Parramatta River belongs to everybody. By completing the missing link of the Ryde River Walk, we are opening up our jewel to everyone," Clr Laxale said.

“The Ryde River Walk is one of Sydney’s great waterfront walks and building its missing link will not only improve this fantastic outdoor space but also ensure the entire community can access this picturesque part of the Parramatta River.

The final design for the missing link is based on extensive consultation with key stakeholders and ensures none of the boardwalk will be built on private land. It will help to preserve the ecological importance of the area and has considered maintaining suitable access to the river for residents and boating enthusiasts.

Council has also resolved that a report be prepared for Council on completing an additional link of the Ryde River Walk located between Putney Park and Kissing Point Park. The City of Ryde will continue to implement the Ryde Riverwalk Master Plan, available on Council’s website, as funding becomes available.

City of Ryde recognises Alex Wilkinson

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Alex Wilkinson (centre) with City of Ryde councillors

The City of Ryde has presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sydney FC captain and Australian international representative Alex Wilkinson for his outstanding achievements in football.

Mr Wilkinson grew up playing football in the City of Ryde where he was a student at Ryde East Public School and Epping Boys High School.

He primarily played junior football for North Ryde Soccer Club, before embarking on a senior career at Northern Spirit and Ryde City Gunners.

When the A-League national football competition was formed in 2005, Mr Wilkinson was signed by the Central Coast Mariners where he played 172 games before relocating to South Korea to play for Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors.

Upon returning to Australia, Mr Wilkinson played 10 games for Melbourne United before returning home to sign for Sydney FC in 2016. After serving as Sydney FC's vice-captain for three seasons, Mr Wilkinson became the club's eighth official captain at the start of the current A-League season.

Mr Wilkinson has also made 11 appearances for the Australian national team, including all three games Australia played in the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

“Alex Wilkinson is a City of Ryde legend who started his career playing in our local competitions before going on to represent club and country. This Certificate of

Appreciation is our way of acknowledging all he has done in his professional career and for the City of Ryde,” City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said.

Cllr Roy Maggio, who moved the Certificate of Appreciation motion, said Mr Wilkinson was an inspiration to many.

“Alex has reached the highest level by representing his country playing football and his outstanding achievements have had a tremendous influence on local football players of all ages,” Cllr Maggio said.

The Certificate of Appreciation was signed by all councillors and presented to Mr Wilkinson at last night’s Council meeting.

New Wildlife Protection Areas

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New Wildlife Protection Areas are now in effect at three bushland corridors in the City of Ryde to help better protect our unique native wildlife.

Field of Mars Reserve has been declared as a Category 1 Wildlife Protection Area, meaning dogs and cats are not allowed at all times in the area.

Meanwhile, bushland reserves along Kittys Creek and Terrys Creek have been declared as Category 2 Wildlife Protection Areas. This permits dogs on-leash along established tracks in these corridors, but does not allow cats in the areas at any time.

The three Wildlife Protection Areas were identified in recent flora and fauna studies as having the largest diversity of native wildlife in the City of Ryde and are home to echidnas, swamp wallabies, bandicoots, wrens, powerful owls and more.

They are also critical wildlife corridors to Lane Cove National Park.

The decision by Council follows community consultation which found that there was overwhelming support for the declaration of Wildlife Protection Areas at the three locations.

Wildlife Protection Areas are public places set aside for the protection of native wildlife under the Companion Animals Act 1998.

The Wildlife Protection Areas come into effect on Monday, 25 November 2019.

More information on the Wildlife Protection Areas is available [here](#).

Landcom advises about upcoming road closures in North Ryde

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Landcom, the NSW Government's land and property development organisation, has advised that it will commence work installing a pedestrian and cycle bridge this weekend as part of the Lachlan's Line development in North Ryde.

The bridge will cross Delhi Road and the M2 Motorway to connect Lachlan's Line to North Ryde Station and Riverside Corporate Park.

The installation will be completed by Landcom's contractor Arengo/Daracon Joint Venture over four separate weekends and result in the temporary closure of lanes on Delhi Road and the M2 Motorway.

Landcom have advised the first weekend closure is being planned for Saturday 30 November to Monday 2 December. Closures during this period will be:

- Partial lane closure and Delhi Road will be reduced to one eastbound and one westbound traffic lane between Rennie St and Epping Rd, North Ryde
- Closure of Rennie Street at Delhi Road
- Right turn closure from Delhi Rd onto M2 Motorway on-ramp. In addition the on-ramp will be closed for a period on Saturday afternoon/evening. Motorists are advised to use Lane Cove Rd or Herring Rd ramps to access the M2 Motorway
- M2 Motorway off-ramp right-turn lanes will be closed from Midday Saturday. Motorists are advised to use Lane Cove exit ramp

Access will be maintained to homes, businesses, public spaces and North Ryde Metro Station on this weekend. There will be changes to some bus stops and routes. Traffic controls will be in place to direct pedestrians and motorists.

Landcom encourages motorists to plan ahead, follow directions from signs and traffic controllers, and avoid the area if possible during closure dates. Please take note of the traffic diversion routes and allow extra travel time on this weekend.

For more information visit www.landcom.com.au/lachlansline.

City of Ryde Library Service wins award for Join Up Join In

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City of Ryde Programs and Outreach Library Officer Phillip Jones and Senior Coordinator Library Programs Kathleen Allen with the NSW Public Libraries Association Award

The City of Ryde Library Service has won the NSW Public Libraries Association Award for Innovation in Outreach Services for its Join Up Join In campaign.

The award recognises successful library marketing projects across the state, with the City of Ryde taking out the Population over 100,000 category.

The Join Up Join In campaign raised the profile and community awareness of the variety of services, collections and programs available at the City of Ryde Library Service.

The overall objective was to create an engaging campaign with a call to action that would invite the community to Join Up Join In. This involved developing a logo that used the catchphrase - Join Up Join In, which was included on promotional flyers, posters and across our various communication channels and digital assets.

Join Up Join In reached out to current members who were under-utilising the library, dormant members who had not re-engaged for a period of time, non-members who were casual users of our spaces and non-users with the invitation to Join Up Join In.

The outcomes of the project were measured by an increase in event attendees, loans (physical and digital), visits (physical and online) and membership.

It is the second time the City of Ryde Library Service has won the NSW Public Libraries Association Award, having taken it out in 2017 for the March to a Million campaign.

Financial Statements Show Ryde is in a Strong Position

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The City of Ryde's 2018/19 audited financial statements has revealed a strong financial performance, with Council exceeding all of its financial and infrastructure key performance indicators while it embarks on an ambitious infrastructure program for the community.

The audited financial statements show Council had a \$54.3 million operating surplus for the 2018/19 period, with net assets of \$1.5 billion and a balance of \$232 million in cash and investments.

Crucially, the City of Ryde has been able to achieve its strong financial performance as it invested more than \$123 million delivering services for the community in 2018/19 and also increased investment in community facilities and the environment

Key projects delivered by the City of Ryde in recent years include:

- The Meadowbank Skate Park, which opened to extremely positive reviews. This first-class outdoor facility now provides the community with a range of components that cater to people of all ages and skill levels.
- The new Morrison Bay Seawall – known as 'Ryde's Barangaroo' – was unveiled to the public with sandstone blocks installed to preserve the natural character of the Parramatta River foreshore. Also included in the project was new seating and a shared-path for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The upgrade of West Ryde Plaza, which transformed the popular open space with the installation of shade sails, a new playground, public seating and infrastructure that will allow for activities such as pop-up events and live performances to take place.
- Installation of the largest solar harvesting power station in North West Sydney at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre. It includes 846 solar panels, generating approximately 12 per cent of the centre's electricity usage and saving more than 315 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Upgrade of Wilga Park with new amphitheatre terracing, new amenities building and new picnic area as well as improved path lighting and access paths.
- Reduced annual greenhouse gas emissions by 10 per cent and continued divestment of fossil fuel-aligned financial institutions.



The City of Ryde also invested \$52.2 million on renewing and upgrading its infrastructure portfolio during the 2018/19 financial year. This included upgrading seven playgrounds and planting more than 400 trees in local parks and streets across the local government area in 2018/19.

The City of Ryde's strong financial performance in 2018/19 puts Council in a favourable position to continue with its ambitious infrastructure and environmental programs, including the Ryde Central project, while also allowing management to appropriately plan and invest in future infrastructure and services that will be required as the local population and economy grows.

Venue moved for Council meeting on 26 November

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The City of Ryde advises that the upcoming Council meeting scheduled for 7.00pm on Tuesday 26 November will now be held at Ryde Civic Hall to provide more capacity for the general public.

The decision to relocate the meeting from the Council Chambers to the Ryde Civic Hall was made due to increased interest from members of the public wanting to attend recent Council meetings.

The unprecedented level of interest meant it was not logistically possible to accommodate all members of the public safely at the Extraordinary Council meeting that was held on 12 November.

With similar numbers expected at the upcoming Council meeting, Council has made the necessary arrangements to relocate the meeting to the Ryde Civic Hall to ensure all members of the public who wish to attend, can do so.

The meeting on Tuesday 26 November will be webcast as is required under the City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice and by the NSW Office of Local Government.

Council staff will be located at Pope Street to assist people who may not be aware of the changes and direct them across the road to the Ryde Civic Hall.

The Ryde Civic Hall is located at 1 Devlin St, Ryde.

A new agenda has been prepared to reflect the venue change and is available [here](#). The City of Ryde is planning to hold the December Council meeting at the Ryde Civic Hall as well.

The adjourned October Council meeting is still scheduled for 5pm on Tuesday 26 November at the Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde.

Council to submit designs for pedestrian traffic lights in Eastwood

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(From left) Eastwood Chamber of Commerce Secretary Steve Colquhoun, City of Ryde Mayor Jerome Laxale, Eastwood Chamber of Commerce President Vic Tagg and Clr Penny Pedersen

New pedestrian traffic lights in Eastwood town centre are one step closer with the City of Ryde set to submit new Traffic Signal Control designs to the Road and Maritime Services (RMS) for consideration.

The designs propose converting the zebra crossing at The Avenue near Eastwood Plaza and two zebra crossings at West Parade to pedestrian traffic lights.

The installation of pedestrian traffic lights is one of the recommendations from the independent Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study, which found they would assist in reducing chronic traffic congestion in the town centre.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the development of the Traffic Signal Control designs provided Eastwood with its strongest chance to have the pedestrian traffic lights installed.

“The Eastwood community has waited nearly a decade for these pedestrian traffic lights, but to date the RMS has not agreed with Council to have the lights installed,” Clr Laxale said.

“The Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study, based on logical and evidence-based traffic and parking solutions, confirmed what locals already knew, that pedestrian traffic lights will assist in improving traffic operation across the Eastwood Town Centre.

“Subject to the findings of the Road Safety Assessment, Council will submit the designs for the pedestrian traffic lights with the RMS for their approval. I hope the RMS will agree with the experts to install this vital piece of traffic infrastructure and help us reduce the traffic congestion in Eastwood.”

The City of Ryde’s efforts to reduce traffic congestion in Eastwood coincide with plans to improve parking issues in the area.

In October, the independent Sydney North Planning Panel approved Council’s development application for a new shopper car park on Rowe Street East. The new multi-storey shopper car park will be located at 53-71 Rowe Street and will be able to accommodate some 150 cars.

Meanwhile, a concept plan is being developed to relocate the existing Glen Street shopper car park on the western side of Eastwood to the Shaftsbury Road precinct and increasing the number of spaces from 450 to approximately 600 spaces. Under the concept plan, the Glen Street car park would be transformed into a public plaza, creating a more vibrant open space for the community.

Council resolved to develop the concept plan after the Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study found that moving the Glen Street car park to the Shaftsbury Road precinct would improve the traffic conditions in the area.

Statement from Australian Mayors: Climate change has grave costs

Published on 15 November 2019

The fires this week in Australia have placed hundreds of thousands of people in great danger.

The catastrophic conditions for these fires were, at least in part, fuelled by climate change.

13 of the 14 hottest years on record have occurred this century. Last year Queensland experienced catastrophic fire conditions for the first time. This week, Sydney experienced catastrophic fire conditions for the first time.

Climate change has grave costs for our community that can no longer be ignored. The fires on across Australia this week have caused catastrophic damage.

In the past week, people have lost their lives, their loved ones, and their homes. Many businesses have lost the ability to operate and trade.

Our air has been filled with smoke, making it hard to breathe and affecting thousands of people with respiratory issues.

Fire seasons are now starting earlier and lasting longer. Apart from the stress this takes on first responders and communities, it also results in a shrinking window to carry out hazard reduction burns.

Now, it is time to honestly and bravely address one of the major causes of these fires, climate change.

Now we need to significantly increase funding to frontline services.

Now we need to place the welfare and safety of citizens ahead of profit, and to support those companies offering real solutions

Some regional towns are already running out of water. How will they survive the next fire?

Many in the insurance industry are saying that large areas of Australia will be uninsurable.

This government has the chance to be the first to turn the years of inaction and neglect into action and focus and allow our communities to reap the rewards

When we have a crisis, it makes sense for us to listen to emergency service professionals

Now, it makes sense for our federal government to listen to the warnings of those on the frontline.

We need the government to acknowledge the link between climate change and bushfire, we need more funding for all emergency services, and we need the government to take the action required to prevent megafires.

Now is not the time for blame. Now is the time for leadership, and keeping all Australians safe.

This joint statement is signed by:

Jerome Laxale Mayor City of Ryde

Tony Wellington Mayor Noosa Shire Council

Simon Richardson Mayor Byron Shire

Claire Pontin Deputy Mayor MidCoast Council

Dominic King Mayor Bellingen Shire Council

Katie Milne Mayor Tweed Shire

Amanda Findlay Mayor Shoalhaven City Council

Elly Bird Deputy Mayor Lismore City Council

Barry Calvert Mayor Hawkesbury City Council

Emma Heyde Councillor Hornsby Shire Council

Mark Greenhill Mayor Blue Mountains City Council

Nuatali Nelmes Lord Mayor Newcastle City Council

Young stroke survivor models social inclusion

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Asha (R) and her mother

With [Social Inclusion Week](#) (23 November - 1 December) almost upon us, we hear from one of our models, Asha Prasad, who will be participating in our [Inclusive Fashion Parade](#) event at Top Ryde City shopping centre.

Asha Prasad was left paralysed following a free neck and shoulder massage at her Sydney workplace resulted in blood clot and stroke. Diagnosed with locked-in syndrome, Asha was only able to move her eyes. Following a period of extensive rehabilitation and sheer determination, she wowed her doctors by regaining increased movement and is now able to use a wheelchair.

We got in touch with Asha to learn a bit more about her and her involvement in the fashion parade.

What are your main interests and passions?

Asha: I absolutely enjoy painting and being creative artistically. I love how when you are painting, your mind can escape and be free and forget about things for awhile. It's very therapeutic and relaxing. Painting has helped a lot in my mental well-being, also from a social aspect. It's a great way of meeting like-minded people. Since being disabled, I have found a new interest that I never knew I had, and that is writing. Again, I love the freedom your mind has when writing and being expressive with words. I have not produced any published works yet, but this will happen one day.

My mother passed away from metastatic breast cancer and I painstakingly saw her suffering and deteriorating fast in health from this horrible disease. So I am very passionate about supporting and fundraising for research about metastatic breast cancer. I recently held a Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Lunch to raise funds. It is my second such lunch and I have started to do fundraising lunches every year.

How did you hear about the inclusive fashion parade and why did you want to be a part of it?

Asha: I joined an under-40s stroke group a few months ago and one of the group coordinators, Julie, asked me if I wanted to be one of the models in a fashion parade for Social Inclusion Week. My first thoughts were mixed - "No! But I'm curious, so, maybe?". It then became, "No! I'm scared, but I'd like to." So I googled Social Inclusion Week to find out more as I have been in Sydney for only a year and moved from New Zealand, so I had never heard about it before. A few emails later to Julie back and forth and I said "YES!"

I love how the fashion parade is including disabled people. Disability is rarely seen in the fashion world so the parade is an event of great significance and is inspirational. It breaks down stereotypes, stigmas, the need to have that perfect body image and embraces everything that we are. It proudly voices the idea that every body is beautiful, and that is what I wanted to be part of.

Have you had any previous experience modeling or working in creative industries?

Asha: I have not had previous modelling experience, and I never ever thought I would have been asked to model in a fashion parade! I have always had an interest in being creative and I have a degree in Advertising and International Business.

I worked in an advertising agency in Neutral Bay 13 years ago where I coordinated a brochure for car dealerships across Australia.

As the fashion parade is being held as part of Social Inclusion Week, why do you think social inclusion is important to you?

Asha: I have body imperfections and insecurities, so to say yes to being a model for the fashion parade was a massive decision for me and means getting out of my comfort zone!

Doing a public event and being on show is daunting just for anyone, but add in being disabled and putting yourself out there is a HUGE challenge. So I congratulate all the disabled models participating in the fashion parade.

We all want to be accepted without judgement and included in communities, that's just who we are. By being included we make friendships, networks, we feel valued and important. In turn, our feelings of self improvement grows, so does our well being and our self esteem.

What are you most looking forward to at the fashion parade?

Asha: Planning for the fashion parade has taken a few months and I'm looking forward to seeing everything come into fruition!

The [Inclusive Fashion Parade](#) will be held at 12.00pm on Sunday 24 November at Top Ryde City Shopping Centre. This is a free event as part of Council's [Social Inclusion Week activities](#).

Statement regarding inaccurate reporting in the Australian Financial Review

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At its Extraordinary Council meeting held last night, the City of Ryde noted multiple factual errors in recent media reporting on the Sydney North Planning Panel's approval of the Eastwood Shopping Centre development application on 7 August 2019. The majority of the errors were published in the Australian Financial Review (AFR).

The manner of reporting suggests that Council determined the development application for the Eastwood Shopping Centre development. However, the proposed development was a matter considered and [determined by the Sydney North Planning Panel](#). Council is not the consent authority with regard to that development application.

Councillors serving on Council have been unable to vote on major development applications (including this development) since 2009. Further, Councillors in Council have not been able to vote on any development application in the Ryde Local Government Area since March 2018.

Despite repeated attempts by Council to have the records corrected, certain media outlets have continued to print known factual errors. As such, Council last night voted to delegate the General Manager authority to undertake any action, including legal measures, to correct false reports.

The General Manager will also report organisations that fail to correct and retract fundamental errors to the Australian Press Council (APC). The APC handles complaints regarding alleged breaches of its Standards of Practice by Australian publishers.

The Council strongly supports open and fair media. However, it will not stand for repeated and known inaccuracies, which impact the reputation of the Council and its staff, to remain uncorrected.

Interim Heritage Order No.7 and No.8 - 68 and 70 Chatham Road, Denistone

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The City of Ryde on 26 February 2019 resolved to apply Interim Heritage Orders to the properties known as 68 and 70 Chatham Road, Denistone, as they are subject of a Local Development Application that seeks multi-dwelling housing comprising four Dwellings and Strata Sub-division.

The LDA was available for community comment between 16 January 2019 and 6 February 2019. Council received submissions during the notification period, raising concerns over the potential heritage significance of the property.

On consideration of a preliminary heritage assessment of the subject land by a person with appropriate heritage knowledge, skills and experience and who was retained by the Council, it was concluded that the subject houses make a strong contribution to the character and potential significance of the area. As a result their demolition has been prevented pending further heritage assessment.

Given that the properties may have local heritage significance and are under imminent threat of harm through demolition, it was prudent that Council resolved to follow the necessary process to impose Interim Heritage Orders over the properties.

Interim Heritage Orders

[View the Interim Heritage Orders.](#)

The Interim Heritage Orders are also available for public inspection at the City of Ryde Customer Service Centre, 1 Pope Street, Ryde, and North Ryde Office, Level 1, Building 0, Binary Centre, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde, during normal office hours (8.30am - 4.30pm).

What is an Interim Heritage Order?

An Interim Heritage Order is a temporary heritage protection measure against the demolition of a potential heritage item. It also provides Council with the time to further assess the heritage significance of a potential item and take the appropriate steps to list the item if warranted.

The legal effect of an Interim Heritage Order made by a local Council is that approval is required for any development for the life of the order and demolition is prohibited during that period.

One of the key requirements for imposing an Interim Heritage Order over a property is that Council must consider that the subject property is being or is likely to be

harm. In this case, the lodgement of the Development Application foreshadowing the demolition of the property, constitutes a threat of harm.

Next steps

Council will commission a qualified heritage specialist to undertake an independent assessment to establish the cultural heritage significance of 68 and 70 Chatham Road, Denistone.

If the assessment confirms that the properties have local heritage significance, Council will then commence the preparation of a Planning Proposal to include 68 and 70 Chatham Road, Denistone, within Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014. The Planning Proposal will be prepared under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, and will include community consultation.

At that stage, members of the community will have opportunity to review and comment on the Planning Proposal and the proposed heritage listing.

Ryde and Jongno-gu sign friendship agreement

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The City of Ryde has signed a friendship agreement with the City of Jongno-gu, from the Republic of Korea.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale signed the agreement with Jongno-gu Mayor, Kim Young-Jong during a civic reception last week. It was the first ever friendship agreement the City of Ryde has signed with a Korean city.

The friendship agreement will allow the two councils to foster greater economic and educational development by sharing resources and exchanging information.

In addition to signing the friendship agreement, representatives from the City of Jongno-gu toured the City of Ryde over two days, visiting Macquarie Park and meeting with local businesses. They also visited the Riding for Disabled Australia facilities in Marsfield and were taken on a tour of Brush Farm House and other City of Ryde facilities.

Clr Laxale said the City of Ryde shared a number of similarities with the City of Jongno-gu that would be of benefit to both communities.

“Just like the City of Ryde and Macquarie Park, the city of Jongno-gu is the tech, innovation and research hub of Seoul. The friendship agreement we have signed will allow both cities to forge closer ties and grow together,” Clr Laxale said.

Clr Peter Kim, who put forward the initial motion to establish the friendship agreement with the City of Jongno-gu, said the agreement was a momentous occasion.

“It was pleasure to host representatives from the City of Jongno-gu and show them a snapshot of what the City of Ryde has to offer. The friendship agreement signed will have a range of benefits for both cities as it will allow each of us to develop a greater understanding of one another, including characteristics, cultures, perspectives and priorities,” Clr Kim said.

Celebrate summer approaching in West Ryde

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With summer just around the corner, the City of Ryde has launched a new series of events which will prove the perfect way to kick off everyone's weekend.

The West Ryde Summer Series will take place at West Ryde Plaza on the third Friday afternoon of every month between November and January, with the series beginning on Friday 15 November.

Each event will showcase four local musicians and feature a licensed bar as well as tasty bites.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the West Ryde Summer Series will activate the new West Ryde Plaza and help stimulate the local night time economy.

"The community has asked Council to provide more fun and exciting entertainment options for everyone to enjoy and the West Ryde Summer Series fits that bill perfectly," Cllr Laxale said.

"Not only will it breathe life into West Ryde town centre, but will also give a new platform for budding local musicians to showcase their enormous talents.

"Each event that will make up the West Ryde Summer Series will be held between 4pm and 8pm, so people can pop down, enjoy some fantastic entertainment and then at the end head to one of the fantastic local restaurants located in the area."

The West Ryde Summer Series is being held as a three-month trial to help gauge whether there is interest within the community to continue staging similar events at West Ryde Plaza in the future.

There will be an opportunity for the public to provide their feedback on the series during the trial.

Earlier this year, the City of Ryde completed the upgrade of the West Ryde Plaza which included the installation of a new shade structure, a new play area for children, public seating and free public Wi-Fi.

The upgrades also retained an open paved area to allow for activities such as the West Ryde Summer Series to take place.