

# Advice regarding weather conditions and fire danger

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## Fire danger ratings

The Rural Fire Service issues information about fire danger ratings and fire bans. You can view ratings for today and tomorrow on the [RFS website](#). During a total fire ban, no fires can be lit in the open and no fire permits are issued.

## Impact of bushfire smoke on health

Smoke can cause a range of health problems, particularly for people with asthma or lung conditions. To minimise the impact of bushfire smoke, NSW Health recommends people stay indoors and avoid rigorous exercise if possible. For more information, visit the [Bushfire Smoke page](#) on the NSW Health website. To view the current and forecast air quality readings, visit the [Air Quality Index page](#) on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.

## Parks closures

- For more information about NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service parks closures, please visit the [NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service website](#).

# Emergency information

To report a fire emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. If you are deaf or have a hearing impairment, you can call 106.

## Further information

For more information:

- Check the RFS [Fires Near Me page](#) for incidents
- Listen to local media, including ABC 702 AM
- Check social media such as [NSW RFS Facebook](#) and [NSW RFS Twitter](#)
- Call the Bush Fire Information Line - [1800 679 737](#)
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, contact the RFS through the National Relay Service
  - TTY users phone [1800 555 677](#) then ask for [1800 679 737](#)
  - Speak and Listen users phone [1800 555 727](#) then ask for [1800 679 737](#)
  - Internet relay users connect to the NRS then ask for [1800 679 737](#)
  - To report a fire or emergency (TTY users only), access TTY 106.

You can also visit our [Sun and Heat page](#) for tips on how to prepare for heat.

# City of Ryde Council meeting summary - November meeting

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Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 26 November 2019. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

## Council reveals strong financial performance for 2018/19

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 endorsed by Council show 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.

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.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Digging deep to help those impacted by bushfires and drought

The City of Ryde will support two fundraisers to help those impacted by the recent bushfires and ongoing drought.

Council will undertake a fundraising campaign for the Salvation Army Bushfire Disaster Appeal and pledged to donate \$5,000 to kick-start the appeal.

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.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Alex Wilkinson recognised

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by the City of Ryde 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 has made 11 appearances for Australia and became the captain of Sydney FC at the start of the current A-League season.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## **Meadowbank and Memorial Park Masterplan adopted**

The Meadowbank and Memorial Park Masterplan has been adopted by Council. The masterplan seeks to increase the sporting capacity within Meadowbank Park while also implementing a range of environmental and active recreation improvements across both parks.

## **West Ryde Revitalisation Strategy**

The City of Ryde will organise a question and answer session about the [West Ryde Revitalisation Strategy](#) with West Ryde shop owners. The strategy aims to create a plan that will reinvigorate the area.

## **No smoking trial in Rowe Street East**

A six-month no-smoking trial will take place in Rowe Street East, Eastwood. The trial will be in effect between the corner of East Parade and the Rowe Street East car park.

## **Marsden High School congratulated**

Marsden High School in West Ryde was congratulated by the City of Ryde in celebrating 60 years of education.

## **Lighting for Charity Creek Cascades Playground**

The City of Ryde will investigate the feasibility of installing suitable lighting at [Charity Creek Cascades playground](#) in Ryde. Any lighting solution for the playground would be discussed with nearby residents.

## **Electric vehicle charging stations**

An information sheet regarding the installation of electric vehicle charging stations will be produced by the City of Ryde and distributed to residents, local businesses and future development applicants.

## **Council to seek government funding for playgrounds**

Council will apply for funding under the NSW Government's Everyone Can Play program, which provides funding to create inclusive playgrounds.

## **Projects to be identified for government climate change grants program**

Council will work with local community groups to identify projects that would be suitable to apply for the NSW Government's Increasing Resilience to Climate Change grants program. The program allows communities to apply for grants between \$10,000 and \$30,000 to adapt to climate change.

## **Next meeting**

The next Ordinary Council meeting took place on Thursday 12 December 2019.

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

# Heritage reforms endorsed by the City of Ryde

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The City of Ryde has endorsed reforms that will provide stronger protections for items and areas of heritage significance across the local community.

Under the reforms, more than 300 items will have various forms of heritage protection. This includes three new heritage conservation areas, individual Federation buildings and Inter-War bungalows, public parks and street tree boulevards.

The three heritage conservation areas are located at Chatham Road, Denistone, Darvall Estate, Denistone and Tyrell Street, Gladesville. This means, the City of Ryde will now have eight heritage conservation areas in total.

Meanwhile, the former Squire's Brewery and Halvorsen's Boat Yard in Putney and the Glades Bay Baths in Gladesville will be listed as archaeological sites.

The items that are to be heritage listed were identified by a heritage review of the Ryde local government area that was undertaken earlier this year.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said Council had an obligation to identify and protect heritage items in the community.

"This Council has saved Ryde's history," Clr Laxale said.

"These reforms – the most wide-ranging in generations – have corrected poor heritage policies of the past and have placed strong protections on our most treasured items which will now stand for generations to come.

"Crucially, the reforms endorsed by Council strike a balance between the views of owners of significant heritage residences and those held by the wider community. Ryde is NSW's third oldest settlement and our citizens have wanted heritage protections for years. We have delivered that."

In addition to the new items being heritage listed, Council also endorsed a funding increase for the Heritage Assistance Fund, which is designed to assist owners with the cost involved of repairing, restoring or conserving their residential heritage item.

A one-off budget allocation of \$500,000 will be made to the fund. Individual grants have also increased from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

A Planning Proposal will now be forwarded to the NSW Minister for Planning, recommending that the Ryde Local Environmental Plan be amended to incorporate the heritage reforms.

# Planning Proposal - Heritage Review 2019

Published on 11 December 2019

At the City of Ryde's extraordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 10 December, Council resolved:

(a) That Council endorse the Ryde Planning Proposal Heritage Review 2019 (Planning Proposal) as amended in part (b).

(b) That Council recommend to the Minister for Planning immediately that an amendment to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage and Heritage Maps be finalised and published in accordance with the Planning Proposal as exhibited, with the following amendments arising from submissions made to the exhibition:

- i. Not proceed with 99 Western Crescent, Gladesville as a Heritage Item
- ii. Not proceed with 21 Douglas Street, Putney as a Heritage Item
- iii. Not proceed with 14 Mitchell Street, Putney as a Heritage Item
- iv. Not proceed with the proposed Wharf Road Heritage Conservation Area
- v. Not proceed with the proposed Summerhayes Heritage Conservation Area
- vi. Not proceed with the proposed Lunds Estate Heritage Conservation Area
- vii. Amend the boundary of the proposed Darvall Estate Heritage Conservation Area to exclude:
  - 78A to 90 West Parade, Denistone
  - 1 to 21 Miriam Road, Denistone

(c) That subsequent to the publication of the amendment to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage and Heritage Maps, Council receives a report that details the changes required to the Ryde Development Control Plan 2014 (Ryde DCP2014) based on the outcomes of the Heritage Review.

(d) That Council support the preparation of a Heritage Development Control Plan and that the draft DCP be reported to Council for approval to exhibit.

(e) That submissions relating to the proposed Heritage Items be utilized to update the Heritage Data Forms prior to the amending LEP coming into effect.

(f) That Council endorses a one-off budget allocation of \$500,000 and explores a subsequent annual allocation of \$500,000 for Heritage Assistance Fund grants of up to \$15,000. The eligibility criteria for Heritage Assistance grants are:

- i. All works must involve the conservation or restoration of a residential heritage item, listed on Schedule 5 of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 and/or identified as a Contributory Item in a Heritage Conservation Area.
  - ii. All works must demonstrate compliance with the provisions of Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014, specifically, clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation.
  - iii. The works are undertaken in accordance with a development consent or heritage exemption; or involve minor maintenance works or repairs that do not require any formal approval or exemption from Council.
  - iv. All works must be completed (and paid) and tax invoices submitted with the grant application.
  - v. The works must have been completed within the past 12 months by qualified tradesmen who have demonstrated skills / experience in dealing with heritage fabric.
  - vi. The invoices for the completed works must be submitted. Grants will be paid to the owner of the heritage item – not to the contractor.
  - vii. All works must be undertaken in accordance with good heritage conservation practices and methodology (refer to the guidelines and publications available from the Heritage Division – Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) [[www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au)])
  - viii. The Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund can also contribute to the preparation of:
    - A Conservation Management Plan (CMP) prepared prior to lodging a Development Application (DA) in accordance with NSW Heritage Council guidelines.
    - A Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared prior to lodging a Development Application (DA) in accordance with NSW Heritage Council guidelines.
- (g) That Council write to all who made a submission advising of their recommendation to the Minister for Planning in respect of the Planning Proposal Heritage Review.

The resolution is now subject to a rescission motion, which will be considered at the ordinary Council meeting on Thursday 12 December.



# Christmas cheer for the community and beyond

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Ryde Park will soon host the City of Ryde's largest family-friendly Christmas party, with Council's summer-themed [Community Christmas Celebration](#) set to take place on Sunday 8 December 2019.

Entry is free and the event will feature kids craft activities, a giant sandpit, bubble fun and Hula hooping, with a special visit from Santa who will bring gifts for the little ones.

Stage entertainment will include a special Christmas show from Nick Jnr's Sam Moran, local dance groups and carols. The evening will end with a performance by the Christmas Groove Band, which fuses traditional carols with contemporary hits, featuring classics by Mariah Carey, Babyface and more.

In light of the current drought conditions and catastrophic bushfires in Australia, a barbecue will be held, with all funds raised going to the Country Women's Association of NSW Drought Aid Appeal. Donations will be provided to Australians affected by drought.

Due to water restrictions, the usual water rides will be replaced with inflatable fun to keep the kids entertained all afternoon long. Unlimited ride wristbands will be on sale for \$15 and includes a free ice block.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said this year's Community Christmas Celebration will be a particularly special one.

"The Community Christmas Celebration is a true celebration of summer and the holiday season, and is a chance for the community to come together and enjoy entertainment and food with the whole family in beautiful Ryde Park", Clr Laxale said.

"This year I am so pleased there will be an opportunity to give back to those in need, by running a sausage sizzle on behalf of the Country Women's Association of NSW to help those affected by drought. 100 per cent of the proceeds from the BBQ will go directly to those affected.

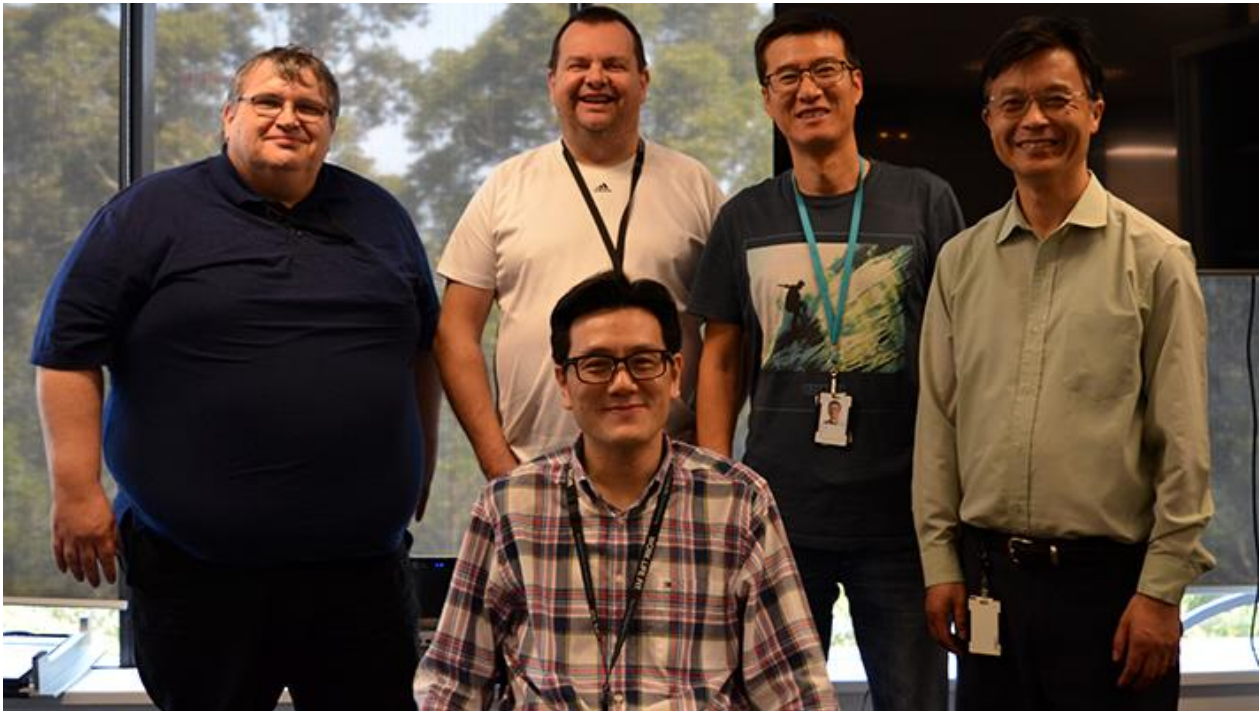
"I encourage everyone to come along and grab a seat under the shade of an umbrella or jacaranda tree and enjoy a Christmas-themed afternoon with us", he said.

Festivities will take place from 3.00pm-7.00pm, with limited parking available at Ryde Park.

Further information about this and other Christmas events can be found on our [Christmas in the City of Ryde page](#).

# Celebrating one of our trainees

Published on 02 December 2019



*Eddie (middle) with other members of the City of Ryde IT team*

With [International Day of People with Disability](#) (IDPwD) taking place on Tuesday 3 December, we sat down to chat with City of Ryde staff member Eddie Tsang. Eddie came to Council through one of our business administration traineeships for someone living with disability. The traineeships provide on-the-ground experience, offering exposure to different departments and roles within Council to equip TAFE students with the knowledge and experience to progress their career.

IDPwD aims to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate their achievements and contributions.

## ***How did you hear about City of Ryde's business administration traineeship program and what made you want to apply?***

I went on Council's website to lodge feedback about an issue on my street. While I was on the website, I stumbled on the Careers page and saw an advertisement for the Business Administration Traineeship Program there. I have always wanted to work for government and I was also looking for an opportunity close to home, so I decided to apply.

## ***What do you like about working for City of Ryde?***

The main reason I like working for Council is that it's all about focusing on the customer. I have experience in customer service and I take a customer-centric approach when dealing with internal and external customers.

### ***What kind of work have you been undertaking as part of the program?***

I began in the IT department, which was a good fit for my background, experience and education, as I also have a Bachelor's degree in Computing. It took me no time settling into the great team, and I found everyone always willing to teach and share their ideas with me.

I then went to the Waste team, which was a very different experience. I learnt that while something might look and sound simple, it can be much more complex than it seems.

Thirdly, I have spent time in the Finance team. As I also have a Master's degree in Accounting, it was great to gain on-the-job experience, including rotating between different sections within the team.

I have also spent time in the Community Services Department, where I work with My Aged Care clients through Council's [Home Modification and Maintenance Service](#), which helps elderly people who live on their own to make their life easier and safer.

### ***What's been the best moment so far of your experience?***

Every person I have met so far at Council is so friendly, which makes me feel happy and willing to go to work every day. I really enjoy working in the IT department, because I get to meet different levels of people in the organisation. Also, I get to be one of the first people to meet new employees when I set up their network access, which is a bonus!

Interested in learning more about what it means to work for City of Ryde? Check out our [Careers page](#) for job vacancies and information on Council's values, benefits, a job application guide, how to apply for work experience and more. Council's traineeships also include a placement for a student from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background. You can find out more about our Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity strategies and programs on our [Why Work for Council?](#) page.

# City of Ryde Council meeting summary - October meeting

Published on 02 December 2019

Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 22 October 2019. The meeting was adjourned and reconvened on 26 November 2019. Here is a summary of the outcomes from the meeting:

## Ryde River Walk's missing link to be unlocked

The 150 metre missing link of the Ryde River Walk will be built after Council approved construction of the link between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street at Glades Bay in Tennyson Point.

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.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Parramatta River Masterplan endorsed

The City of Ryde adopted the Parramatta River Masterplan which aims to improve the health of the Parramatta River in order to make it swimmable once again.

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.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Council receives funding to build shared-user path

Council was successful in applying for more than \$1.1 million from the Road and Maritime Services (RMS) to help fund the construction of a shared-user path along the eastern and western sides of Pittwater Road, from Epping Road in North Ryde to Victoria Road in Gladesville.

The funding was provided from the RMS's Active Transport Program (2019-20). The total cost of the shared-user path is expected to total more than \$2.3 million.

## **Proposed community centre within new shopper car park development**

The [new shopper car park](#) on Rowe Street East in Eastwood will include provisions for essential built-in building services to potentially accommodate a community centre in the future subject to planning approvals.

The resolution by Council allows for a community centre to potentially be built above the car park development, while ensuring the car park will still be able to accommodate 150 shopper car spaces.

## **Local organisations to benefit from Community Grants**

More than \$277,000 has been allocated to 49 community organisations as part of round two of the 2019 City of Ryde Community Grants program. The program is aimed at building community capacity and supporting innovation to address community need in line with the Ryde 2028 Community Strategic Plan.

## **New basketball competition for Morrison Bay Park**

Local basketball organisations, the Ryde Bulls and YMCA, will be engaged to facilitate a three-on-three basketball competition to mark the opening of the newly constructed half-court at [Morrison Bay Park](#) in Putney.

In addition, Council will investigate the feasibility of installing extra spectator seating and a water bubbler at Morrison Bay's sporting fields.

## **TG Millner to be considered for heritage listing**

Having regard to the need to protect existing green spaces in the City of Ryde, the City of Ryde will investigate the possibility of having TG Millner fields in Marsfield heritage listed. A report on the investigation will be presented to Council in 2020.

## **Plan of action for Putney Hill development**

A plan of action will be implemented to address the water quality in the pond at the Putney Hill development. Signage will be installed at the pond notifying residents of the action being taken.

## **Council to join Australian Local Government Women's Association**

The City of Ryde resolved to become a member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association to help promote and elevate local women in Council.

# Talks to establish repair room and tool library at Macquarie University

A meeting will take place between the City of Ryde and Macquarie University Engineering staff to discuss the establishment of a repair room and tool library at the Engineering Faculty.

## Next meeting

The next Ordinary Council meeting took place on Tuesday 26 November 2019.

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