City of Ryde

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COUNCIL INTRODUCES NEW FIXED CAR SHARE SPACES

The City of Ryde has just launched 25 new dedicated car share spaces that provide residents with new transport options, while also helping reduce traffic congestion, parking demand and lowering the city's greenhouse gas emissions.

The car share spaces are located at key locations across the City of Ryde and are available to all motorists.

The dedicated car share spaces have been allocated to two car share operators under this first launch – GoGet and POPCAR.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said car sharing was rapidly gaining in popularity.

"We know that the biggest barrier to communities switching to a share car model is convenience. We hope that by installing 25 across the city, more locals can give this car ownership model a go, and ditch that second car where it suits," Clr Laxale said.

"The introduction of these new car share spaces will deliver a range of benefits for residents and motorists alike. This includes:

- Reducing traffic congestion and the number of vehicle trips undertaken
- Reducing on-street parking demand created by underused private vehicles
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by lowering the number of vehicles on the road
- Increasing health by reducing dependency on private cars and encouraging active lifestyles.

"Each of these benefits align with Council's objectives to reduce our environmental footprint and promote sustainable transport options that can increase health."

Motorists can join a membership plan and book a car share vehicle via the GoGet and POPCAR websites.

For more information, including the locations for each car share space and an online interactive map, visit <u>www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/carshare</u>

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