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MORE STREET LIBRARIES ROLLING OUT ACROSS THE CITY OF RYDE

Ten new street libraries are rolling out across the City of Ryde, providing the local community with a new resource to access a range of different literature.

Street Libraries are available to all community members to take or leave a book at no cost. The 10 new street libraries join five existing street libraries that Council has installed (located at Boronia Park, Quarry Road, Trim Place, Putney and Watts Road) each of which have been instrumental in activating what were previously bare public spaces.

A number of the new street libraries have already been installed and feature eye-catching designs and creative features that have been put together by the successful applicants. They are located at:

- Bauhinia Library – 29 Welby Street, Eastwood
- Street Library on Simla – 12 Simla Road, Denistone
- Under the Imagination Tree – Imaginations Pre-School, 33 Agincourt Road, Marsfield

The seven remaining street libraries will be located at:

- Mia Mia Child and Family Study Centre – 18 Wally's Walk, Macquarie Park
- Tree of Compassion – 17a Haig Ave, Denistone East
- Meadowbank Multipurpose Learning Centre – Corner of Belmore and Thistle Street, Ryde
- Ryde Swim School – 21 Price Street, Ryde
- 62 Bellevue Ave, Denistone
- Imaginations Pre-School – 33 Agincourt Rd, Marsfield
- Explore and Develop – 65 Epping Road, North Ryde
- Fiveways Small Centre – corner of Balaclava Road and North Road, Eastwood

The City of Ryde, in conjunction with Street Library Australia, offered the new street libraries to the local community residents and organisations to install on their property.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the street libraries were a great public resource that ensured a good read was never far away for local residents.

“Street libraries have proved a terrific way to enliven and activate public spaces, while also encourage people to read more and recycle their old books for the benefit of everyone,” Cllr Laxale said.

“I commend all the owners of the new street libraries who have gone to great lengths to create dynamic public spaces with some terrific designs. It is no doubt these new street libraries will be treasured community assets for years to come.

“For those that missed out this time, watch this space. Council is currently working on more ways to assist community members to install a street library.”

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