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SCORES ON DOORS

A new food hygiene rating system

Keep an eye out for the purple posters on display at some of our local restaurants – it's a sign of their participation in the *Scores on Doors* trial, a voluntary star-rating system that recognises premises with a good food safety record.

The Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, welcomed the City of Ryde's participation in the Food Authority's trial adding: "We're lucky here in the City of Ryde to enjoy such a fantastic range of quality restaurants and cafes.

"I encourage local food operators – both large and small - to sign up for the *Scores on Doors* trial.

"It not only provides quick and useful information to customers, it also gives well deserved recognition to those businesses with a good food safety record and encourages others to maintain and improve their hygiene standards."

The *Excellent*, *Very Good* and *Good* grading alerts customers to the standard of food safety on the premises and signals at-a-glance how their favourite restaurant performed during the routine (and unannounced) inspection carried out by Council Environmental Health Officers.

Head to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/scoresondoors or www.scoresondoors.nsw.gov.au for further information about the trial and what the grades mean.

Note: The City of Ryde also organises food safety supervisor training courses to help local food business to comply with food safety laws. The training is provided by an accredited TAFE teacher and is nationally recognised. Further courses are planned in the coming months. For further enquiries contact City of Ryde Customer Service on 9952 8222. Further information about the food safety supervisor requirements is available from the NSW Food Authority at www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au.

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