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RESTORATION WORKS COMPLETED ON HISTORIC MONUMENTS IN RYDE

The City of Ryde has continued its efforts to protect and celebrate the area's local history having recently completed restoration works to the historic Gladesville Clock Tower and the Ryde Tramway Monument.

The Gladesville Clock Tower, located at the intersection of Wharf Road and Meriton Street, has been restored to its former glory by City of Ryde staff after its brickwork had deteriorated over the years due to environmental conditions and ground vibrations.

Also known as the Sheridan Memorial Clock, the Gladesville Clock Tower is of historical significance as an important piece of civic infrastructure from the mid-20th century.

The clock tower was designed in 1940 by Council Engineer J C Sutherland in what is known in architectural terms as the inter-war functionalist style and is considered a good example of a locally designed public clock tower.

The Ryde Tramway Monument, meanwhile, has undergone a makeover and been relocated to its original home at the intersection of Church Street and Blaxland Road in Ryde.

The monument, which had been situated at Ryde Civic Centre, was first unveiled in 1907 and commemorates the introduction of the original tram service to Ryde.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the restoration works to the significant monuments paid testament to two important phases in the City's history and the development of its town centres.

"As the City of Ryde undergoes immense change to its landscape it is important that Council does what it can to preserve monuments such as the Gladesville Clock Tower and the Ryde Tramway Monument that are of historical and architectural significance to the area," Clr Laxale said.

To coincide with the completion of the two restoration works, a launch of the new Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail booklet will take place at the Gladesville Clock Tower at 10am on Wednesday 18 April.

More information on the launch can be found at

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Gladesville-Heritage-Walking-Trail-Launch-Event>

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