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## **PROPOSED NEW MARKETS FOR CITY OF RYDE**

New markets are proposed for the City of Ryde and Council is seeking feedback from the community on two proposed sites that meet criteria for holding markets.

Council resolved to look into the feasibility of regular markets. Criteria included site availability, amenities, access to power, traffic considerations, parking, onsite safety and impacts on local residents and businesses. Following this investigation, West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park in Meadowbank (including Ryde Wharf Reserve) were identified as the two best possible locations to proceed to community consultation.

With Council set to begin renovation works in West Ryde Plaza in late 2018, a market would help reactivate the newly-embellished space and provide a boost to the local economy once complete. There is also easy access to amenities and power, and the ability to support either a daytime or night-time market.

In addition to West Ryde Plaza and with a stunning waterfront location beside the Parramatta River, a shared cycle and walking path and a surrounding population that could walk to the markets, Anderson Park and Ryde Wharf Reserve were also considered ideal locations for a market. Both West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park are also within easy reach of public transport.

Residents, nearby businesses and visitors to West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park are encouraged to have their say by taking a short survey on the proposed market locations and types of stalls and activities they would like to see at these markets.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said "I'm a huge fan of markets because they draw communities together and markets in West Ryde and Anderson Park have the potential to offer a new injection of life into our neighbourhoods. I encourage everyone to have their say by telling us what you would like to see, eat and experience there"

The consultation closes on 29 July 2018. For more information and to provide feedback, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/markets.

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