

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## **CONSULTATION BEGINS ON SHORT STAY CAR PARK IN EASTWOOD**

Members of the community are being encouraged to take part in the City of Ryde's consultation for the new short stay car park in Eastwood, which will address chronic parking shortages for shoppers in the area and help boost the local economy.

The consultation process begins today with residents, visitors and businesses in Eastwood invited to provide feedback by completing an online survey, which is available in English, Chinese and Korean.

The survey asks visitors and residents to detail their purposes for visiting Eastwood town centre, their accessibility needs and how they normally travel to Eastwood, while businesses are asked about the needs of their business and customers. Respondents will also be asked to provide comment on the proposed design concepts for the new short stay car park.

The City of Ryde has committed to build a new multi-storey short stay car park on the current car park site at 53-71 Rowe Street, Eastwood.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, urged everyone in the local community to take part in the consultation process.

"The feedback we receive during this consultation process will ensure that its implementation is designed to benefit everyone in Eastwood, and to ensure Council delivers on its promise to bring shoppers back to Eastwood and revitalise the local economy," CIr Laxale said.

"This new short stay car park will be the biggest increase in public parking spaces in Eastwood in nearly 50 years. As a local resident, I know that providing parking in Eastwood is essential as the lack of short stay parking is hurting local businesses and the town centre."

In addition to the online survey, the City of Ryde will also engage with Eastwood business groups as part of the consultation process on the short stay car park.

All feedback on the new short stay car park must be received by Sunday 23 September 2018.

The online survey is available at <a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ecp">www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ecp</a>

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