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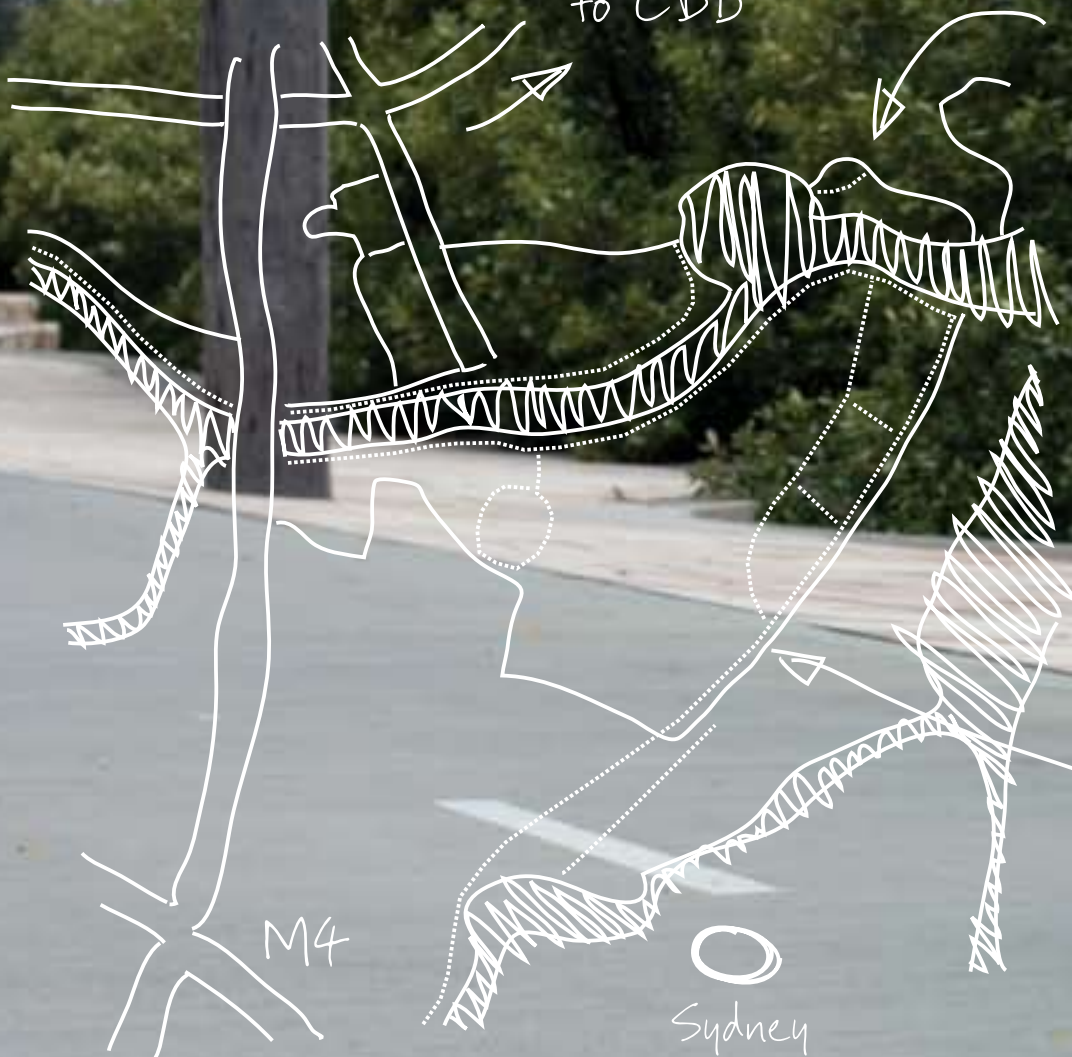
30 mins  
to CBD

nice view here  
good spot for  
a coffee

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# PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE FUTURE

As our population increases and Council is called upon to provide both core infrastructure and adequate community services, we must not only have the vision to take the community forward, we must also constantly forge new relationships and strengthen existing partnerships to make these visions a reality.

The City of Ryde is committed to working in partnership with the community and other key stakeholders to provide quality, cost-effective services that are of real community value. Scattered throughout the report are examples of how partnerships have created improvements for the community. Look out for the logo. ‡

## Partnership Highlights

### 2007/2008

#### Ryde Riverside Reserve

In the late 1990s, the City of Ryde engaged consultants to complete a Shepherds Bay Foreshore Improvement Plan, which was in effect a landscape masterplan for the area, incorporating improvements to the foreshore trail and parks in the area as well as residential developments. The development of the masterplan involved an extensive stakeholder and public consultation process.

Improvements and changes to Helene Park, Faraday Park and the old Ryde Wharf area have now been completed and officially opened. Council provided the design, planning and consultation for the projects with funding from grants and planning agreements. The works were carried out by the City of Ryde, Holdmark Investments and Waterpoint Shepherds Bay Pty Ltd.

The outcome has been a quantum improvement in waterfront infrastructure that is freely available for water access and recreation for the community.



#### Community Bus

The development of the new Top Ryde City shopping centre, which is part of the renewal of Ryde Town Centre, will continue until 2010.

The recently launched Top Ryde bus service is a free service, assisting local residents to access alternative shopping centres while the new shopping centre is under construction.

The two colourful buses run from West Ryde to Gladesville via Ryde Town Centre and operate six days a week during off-peak hours.

The City of Ryde has been able to provide this service in partnership with The Beville Group, owners of the new Top Ryde City development, who sponsored the purchase of the two buses.

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### Country Council Partnership

The City of Ryde has formed a partnership with the Central Darling Shire Council.

The Partnership aims to strengthen ties between the Councils by identifying and developing a program of strategic initiatives for staff, Councillors and members of the community to exchange ideas, expertise, opportunities and experiences.

Located in the far west of NSW, the Central Darling Shire takes in an area of over 53,000 square kilometres (about the size of Tasmania), making it the largest Local Government Area in NSW, but with one of the smallest residential populations of less than 2,000 people.

By contrast, the City of Ryde is home to 110,000 residents as well as the fourth largest CBD in Australia (Macquarie Park), and its 16 suburbs are spread over a 44 square kilometre area.

Both Councils see a number of opportunities that will support and benefit both communities in working closely together. The partnership will seek to explore and develop opportunities that provide benefits for our respective communities in areas such as work experience, employment, education, economic development and community harmony.



**Central Darling Shire Council Chambers**