



OUR ACTIVE AND HEALTHY CITY

The City of Ryde is an active and healthy community, with diverse recreational spaces and opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. People can easily gather in public spaces or at community events that bring residents together, helping everyone to feel part of the Ryde community.



Wilga Park upgrade

PRIORITIES FOR THIS OUTCOME:

PRIORITY 1

ENHANCED RECREATIONAL SPACES

Providing opportunities and choice for recreation and active learning and living

- Planning for expanded sport, recreation, leisure and library facilities to provide a range of choices for our community to achieve active and healthy lifestyles.
- Maintaining and promoting Ryde's great public spaces, parks, community venues, libraries, sporting facilities and clubs and ensuring they are easy to access and safe, and provide diverse opportunities for everyone to meet, play, learn and connect.

PRIORITY 2

WELL TARGETED SERVICES

Strengthening community life, connectedness and wellbeing

- Actively connecting with the community to promote activities and services that are available throughout the City of Ryde.
- Continuing to build and enhance services, including those supporting our residents at different stages of their lives.
- Working with our partners to encourage healthy, active lifestyles and social connections.



Meadowbank
Skate Park opening



Knitting group in our libraries

QUARTER 4 RESULT FOR THIS OUTCOME:

('000)	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	-11,270	-11,258
Expenditure	36,278	35,215

People visited City of Ryde sportsgrounds, facilities and libraries on more than 2,237,000 occasions during the year.



Basketball court

Key statistics

AGE PROFILE	2016 CENSUS	PROJECTION FOR 2031	PROJECTED CHANGE
0-9	13,559	19,500	44%
10-19	11,547	16,700	45%
20-29	20,132	23,200	15%
30-49	35,084	48,350	38%
50-64	19,383	25,700	33%
65-79	11,264	18,400	63%
80+	5,329	8,950	68%
	116,298	160,800	38%

Family profile

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE	2016 CENSUS	PROJECTION FOR 2031	PROJECTED CHANGE
Couples with children	14,824	21,350	44%
Couples without children	10,156	13,750	35%
One-parent families	3,674	5,450	48%
Other families	741	800	8%
Group household	2,303	3,050	32%
Lone person	9,576	16,050	68%
Other not classifiable household	1,355	1,500	11%
Visitor only households	391		
	43,020	62,000	44%



Have your say on the Meadowbank Park Masterplan

5,347 people with disability (4.6% of the population) need assistance with core activities.

Building an Active and Healthy City

Our residents have built a strong sense of community, actively participating in community life and in the workforce.

The City of Ryde operates an extensive range of recreational facilities and sports amenities throughout our City, and residents can readily access specialised health and support services provided through government, not-for-profit, charity and volunteer organisations.

People in our community love our green spaces and parks, and value the range of services, programs and recreational facilities available to them. In the last year people visited the City's playing fields, libraries and the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre on more than 2.3 million occasions, while approximately 19 percent of Ryde's population volunteered across diverse sports, community and environmental areas.

Our community has said they want better access to facilities, programs and services so that they can spend time outside and socialise with others, whether for a casual walk or as part of an organised event. As the population ages, we recognise that opportunities for recreation, learning and remaining active and connected must be available for all generations. As the City grows and changes, we need to plan to meet increased demand on the facilities and services that support the entire community and give people the opportunity to participate and get involved. This includes a specific focus on spaces for both informal and organised sports and support for community-run events and opportunities to participate and engage with others in lifelong learning and development opportunities.

Council programs that support this outcome

- Community and Cultural program
- Foreshore program
- Governance and Civic program
- Library program
- Open Space, Sport and Recreation program
- Regulatory program

Who is guiding our progress?

- Works and Community Committee
- Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Service Advisory Committee
- Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee

How we monitor progress

- Patronage at venues, events and sporting fixtures
- Participation in recreation and community activities
- Utilisation of community services and facilities
- Community sentiment

In 2018/19, we asked you about:

- Wilga Park public art
- Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park Masterplan and Plan of Management
- Lease of Cleves Park, Putney
- Lease of part of Darvall Park, West Ryde
- Tuckwell Park sportsfield lighting
- Kotara Park playground upgrade
- Morrison Bay Park improvements



Sportsground upgrades – Peel Field

Services

HIGHLIGHTS

Planning for the future of our sportsgrounds, parks and open spaces

- Plans of Management were completed for Gannan Park and McCauley Park, including reconfiguring playing fields, flood lighting, and synthetic playing surfaces to increase the hours of use available.
- The Olympic Park Strategic Plan and long-term Master Plan for the Olympic Park precinct were substantially completed.
- We adopted the Parramatta River Parkland Generic Plan of Management with the City of Ryde confirmed as Council Crown Land Manager for devolved lands.

- Our review of our Children’s Play Implementation Plan was completed.

Upgrading our parks and sportsfields

- Construction of the Meadowbank Skate Park was completed, opening to rave reviews from the local community and nomination as a finalist for the Parks and Leisure Association excellence award.
- The Wilga Park upgrade was completed, creating a vibrant new outdoor space for the local community to enjoy.
- New lighting and pathways were added at ELS Hall and Morrison Bay parks, making it easier for the community to access and enjoy these spaces more often.
- Marsfield Park and Gladesville’s Monash Park received floodlighting upgrades to bring them up to the standards required for their relevant sporting codes.
- Our new park booking system (LINKS) was implemented, streamlining the park booking and asset management processes.

Delivering comprehensive library services

- *Great Libraries Great Communities: Ryde Library Service Strategic Plan 2019 – 2024* was completed and placed on public display in May 2019.
- A Voluntary Planning Agreement was executed between the City of Ryde and AMP Capital to provide 5,000m² of space for a new library and creative hub for Macquarie Park. This facility will be built as part of the planned Macquarie Centre development.

- The Hive Digital Media Lab (DML) opened at West Ryde Library.
- All of our libraries received new public PCs and multi-function printing devices with direct scanning capabilities.
- Eastwood Library was refurbished in November 2018 as part of our ongoing library renewals program.



The Hive Digital Media Lab, West Ryde Library



Meadowbank Skate Park opening



CITY SPORTSGROUNDS AND FACILITIES

Managing, maintaining and operating the City of Ryde's sportsgrounds and recreation facilities (sportsgrounds, community buildings and recreation facilities) so that residents continue to enjoy reasonable access to leisure, lifestyle and recreation opportunities into the foreseeable future. Council also directly supports sports and leisure sector development within the City of Ryde. These include the Ryde Community and Sports Centre (ELS Hall Park) facility, open space amenity buildings and facilities (including change rooms, toilets, canteens, and grandstands) and the Ryde, Putney and Denistone East Bowling Club buildings.

56

individual sportsfields

519,885

participants

in organised sport using Council's active open space areas

42

buildings and other structures

in parks and sportsgrounds

54

clubs and associations

utilising our open spaces, sportsgrounds and parks

83%

of sportsfields have lighting capacity that is at or higher than the Australian Standard

39%

capacity for parks and sportsfields bookings

63%

of sportsfields booked for 30 hours or less

64%

satisfaction with our sportsfields and parks booking service

\$13,500

given in Sports and Recreation Community Grants



PROJECTS

- **Shrimptons Creek Corridor embellishment**
Enhancing and activating the Open Space area along Shrimpton's Creek Corridor between Waterloo and Epping Roads.
- ⓘ **Sportsfield renewal and upgrade**
Ensuring the ongoing provision of safe and sustainable playing surfaces within the City of Ryde, including catering for increased future utilisation and sporting opportunities.

Seven of the eight projects within the program completed; ELS Hall Park Baseball Works scheduled to be completed in Q1 2019/20.
- **Sportsground amenities upgrades renewal**
Upgrading and renewing aged, non-functional sporting amenities to meet the needs of current and future users.
- **Synthetic playing surfaces expansion**
Constructing synthetic playing surfaces throughout the City of Ryde.
- **Sportsfield floodlighting renewal**
Upgrading existing lighting on sportsgrounds to meet the required lighting levels for relevant sporting codes.
- **Sportsfield floodlighting expansion**
Provision of new floodlighting for sporting fields across the City of Ryde.

Sportsground upgrades – Meadowbank 10 Field and Lights



Sportsground upgrades – Morrison Bay Park Field 3



CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Managing, maintaining and operating the City of Ryde's parks, reserves and other open spaces (parks, park and open space amenity buildings and facilities including playgrounds, community buildings, toilets, canteens, grandstands) so that residents continue to enjoy reasonable access to leisure, lifestyle and recreation opportunities into the foreseeable future. We're also responsible for the completion of master plans and plans of management for the City of Ryde's parks and ensuring that trees across the City are managed as effectively as possible within the available budget.

217
parks

97
playgrounds

We gained grant funds of in excess of

\$5 million

to support the delivery of capital works projects and improving facilities in parks

We planted over 400 trees in parks and along streets across our City.

Seven playgrounds were upgraded this year - 36 playgrounds upgraded since 2012.

PROJECTS

① Playground renewal and upgra

Replacing playground equipment available in City parks to maintain the recreational opportunities available throughout the City.

Eight of nine playground projects within the annual program completed. Additional consultation for Anzac Park is complete as per Council Resolution.

① Passive parks expansion and improvement

Ongoing improvements to our passive parks, providing for a greater range of uses and making them better and more appealing for our community. Four of six projects in the annual program completed. ELS Hall Park upgrade and Morrison Bay Park projects scheduled to be completed in Q1 2019/20.

● Construction of skate facilities within the City of Ryde

Delivering skate parks to address the current lack of facilities for youth within the City of Ryde.

● Development of parks plans of management

The development of Council's plans of management to guide the way in which we will manage and operate our parks into the future.

✓ Macquarie Park, Waterloo Road

Purchase of land and embellishment to provide a passive open space area for office workers and nearby residents of the Macquarie Park Precinct.

Negotiations are ongoing in relation to delivery of the park. Concept design completed and to be reported to Council in Q1 2019/20.

⊗ Plans of management for parks

Budget consolidated into development of parks plans of management.



ELS Hall Park Playground upgrade



RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE

Management and operation of the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) (including pools, water features, sports facilities, activities, and recreational and sporting programs).

Number of visitors to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

14/15	728,481
15/16	731,471
16/17	788,748
17/18	737,957
18/19	731,342

176,144

visitors from hire groups and direct programs

58.3%

stadium occupancy



Staff at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

PERFORMANCE

	2018/19	2017/18
✓ % Compliance with pool water bacteriological criteria for swimming pools and spas (Target = 100%)	100%	100%

PROJECTS

- **RALC asset renewal**
Ongoing replacement and renewal of RALC assets as required.
- ✓ **Development of the Olympic Park Strategic Plan and Master Plan**
Developing a long-term (20-year) masterplan for the Olympic Park precinct that incorporates the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Next Generation, the tennis courts, and open space to ensure facilities in the precinct will meet the future needs of the community. Continuing in 2019/20.



Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Cogeneration Facility



LIBRARIES

Provision of high quality, contemporary library services and accessible public spaces for the City of Ryde. As well as being spaces for people to access information and ideas, the City of Ryde's libraries support social inclusion, help bridge the digital divide, encourage lifelong learning and act as meeting places for a range of activities for our wider community. There are five libraries providing access to significant physical and online collections, and delivering targeted services, programs and events to the community including children's and youth services, literacy programs, home library services, multicultural services, community information, local studies and family history.

Total number of visitors at all libraries

14/15	981,794
15/16	939,246
16/17	1,017,085
17/18	1,025,597
18/19	985,860

The temporary closure of Eastwood Library for refurbishment and of North Ryde Library due to flooding led to lower than expected library visits during 2018/19.



Launch of the Eastwood Library upgrade



Clr Dr Kim and Clr Laxale at Eastwood Library

In 2018/19, there were:

71,759
active library members

172,022 items
in the physical library collection across all libraries

25,411 items
in the online library collection

171,739 visits
to the library website

973,052
library loans

183,302
electronic items borrowed

57,039 hours
of public PC use at all libraries

233,109
WiFi logins at all libraries

1,961 events
held at libraries

59,353 attendees
at library events

19,751 children
attending storytime and baby rhymetime

PROJECTS

- **Library books**
Ongoing renewal of library collections to maintain their currency and interest to a broad cross-section of the community.
- **Library Strategic Plan**
Updating the Library Strategic Plan to guide future library development in an environment of rapidly changing service needs and community expectations.
- **Macquarie Library and Creativity Hub Design**
Architectural design for construction of the Macquarie Library and Creativity Hub.
- **Digital enhancement for libraries**
Providing our libraries with the capacity to add multimedia items and services in emergent formats to respond to rapidly evolving expectations for library services.
- **Community buildings renewals – libraries**
Completing a schedule of works for the renewal of our library buildings.
- **Library public multimedia lab**
Establish a hub for creative and industry standard software for design, 3D modelling, web and app development and image, audio and video editing.
- **Libraries public PC renewal**
Ongoing program of replacing obsolete public access computers, booking stations and catalogue computers as part of a four-year upgrade cycle.

Toy Library at North Ryde Library



The year in review

Demand for our parks, sportsgrounds, recreation and community facilities remains stronger than ever, with more than 2.24 million visits recorded throughout the year by people participating in active sports, and utilising our libraries, parks and recreation facilities. This ongoing demand underpins our continuing emphasis on upgrades and maintenance of our community assets.

OUR LIBRARIES

Planning for the future with *Great Libraries Great Communities*

Great Libraries Great Communities: Ryde Library Service Strategic Plan 2019 – 2024 provides direction for the development of our libraries, their services and the programs we offer.

The strategic plan identifies goals for the development of library services and provides short- and long-term strategies to implement those goals. It also provides a Library Service Delivery Model that outlines the expected future capacity requirements of City of Ryde's libraries, both in terms of the size of the populations they serve, and the services that will be required of them in the future.

Supporting our diverse community

There were loans of 59,000 items from our library community language collections this year. The Chinese and Korean collections include books, newspapers and magazines. The Ryde Library Service also hosted regular bi-lingual story times and activities for the multicultural community and partnered with Telstra to deliver Tech Savvy Seniors programs in Mandarin and Korean. Our community has access to books in 42 languages through the Multicultural Bulk Loan Service from the State Library of NSW. The Home Library Service, which is a free home delivery service for residents of City of Ryde and Hunter's Hill Council, provided 13,000 loans to residents unable to attend a library due to illness or disability.

Hosting vibrant community programs and events

Our five libraries offer diverse programs and activities that appeal to a broad sector of our community. Staff hosted 1,900 programs and events for almost 60,000 event attendees at events including Storytime, author's talks, musical morning teas and our annual knit-in. Highlights of the event program included the Northern Sydney Science Hub Science and Tech Expo, Comic Culture Festival Day, Sydney Writers' Festival and National Simultaneous Storytime pantomime.

Total attendance at events at all libraries

14/15	52,136
15/16	57,306
16/17	63,388
17/18	64,585
18/19	59,353

The temporary closure of Eastwood Library for refurbishment and of North Ryde Library due to flooding led to lower than expected library visits during 2018/19.

Making science fun

More than 1,800 people attended Science and Tech Expo Day, a National Science Week event hosted at Ryde Library in partnership with the Northern Sydney Science Hub. The expo included electric cars, VR experiences, a green screen, robotics workshops, the Big Science Fun show, and talks by innovators. Stallholders on the day included the CSIRO, National Measurement Institute and Macquarie University.

Promoting STEM skills with robotics

Our community's passion for STEM learning was given a boost with two new robotics programs developed and delivered by Ryde Library Service: Cubetto coding workshops cater for four-to-seven-year-olds, and the Edison Robotics club for seven-to-12-year-olds.

Boosting early literacy

We are leading efforts to encourage children to read 1000 Books Before School. The project, undertaken in partnership with Hornsby, Northern Beaches, Ku-ring-Gai, Mosman, Lane Cove and North Sydney Councils promotes reading to parents and children to help prepare them for a lifetime of learning and a love of reading.

Reducing the digital divide with public technology

To reduce the digital divide, all of our libraries received new public PCs and multi-function printing devices with direct scanning capabilities. The public technology services at our libraries – including free WiFi – improve digital inclusion for our community and provide opportunities for community members to improve IT skills and access government and employment services.



Science and Tech Expo Day

Hours of computer use at our libraries

14/15	47,726
15/16	49,371
16/17	51,255
17/18	64,346
18/19	57,039

WiFi logins at the libraries

14/15	294,865
15/16	273,359
16/17	297,544
17/18	274,877
18/19	233,109



Knit-4-Possums — an event that knitted pouches for orphaned possums

Serving our creative community with The Hive Digital Media Lab (DML) at West Ryde Library

Students, hobbyists, small businesses, job seekers and creative enthusiasts welcomed the launch of The Hive Digital Media Lab, which gives the community access to creative software to bring their projects to life. Free to library members, The Hive offers creative and industry standard software for design, 3D modelling, web and app development and image, audio and video editing software.

Thanking our community volunteers

Our 30 regular volunteers enrich and enhance the delivery of programs in our five libraries. They serve the community at rhyme time and storytimes, the Musical Morning Tea program or as one of the Justices of the Peace assisting people with the verification of documents.

Success of the *Renew our Libraries* campaign

In response to the Local Government NSW and NSW Public Libraries Association *Renew Our Libraries* campaign, the NSW Government committed an additional \$60 million in funding for public libraries over four years from 2019/20. For 2019/20, the City of Ryde will receive an additional \$77,459 in State Government subsidy funding to a total of \$369,454. Further annual per capita increases to the library subsidy are committed up to 2022/23.



Author's Platform as part of the Sydney Writers' Festival



Musical Morning Tea

OUR PARKS AND SPORTSFIELDS

Masterplanning Gannan Park and McCauley Park

As our population continues to grow in coming decades, there will be increasing pressure of our passive parks and sportsfields as they try to accommodate the recreational needs of different sectors of our community.

Preparation of a Masterplan for Gannan Park (including McCauley Park) was prioritised in our Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016 – 2026, with three rounds of community consultation held between 2017 and 2019.

The masterplans identify the facilities needed over the short and long term to ensure sustainable and efficient use and, importantly, that the parks meet the needs of the community and sporting and user groups. In response to concerns raised by residents around traffic, noise and access to the park for informal use, the Masterplan was amended to include one senior and one junior-sized rectangular sports fields, a reduced number of lights, additional fencing and native garden beds.

Committing to making Christie Park a leading facility

We reaffirmed our commitment to making Christie Park one of the leading sporting facilities in Sydney. Stage 1 upgrades are complete and feature two new FIFA-accredited synthetic fields and a new tiered seating section for 500 spectators. Stage 2 of the Christie Park expansion will include a new amenities building, as well as additional futsal courts. Stage 3 will see a third synthetic field being installed with a new car park underneath.

Making children’s play fun for everyone

Our Children’s Play Implementation Plan (the Plan) has been guiding the provision of safe, accessible and sustainable high-quality playgrounds across our City since 2013. In mid-2018, we undertook a five-year review of the Plan, which coincided with the release of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment *Everyone Can Play Guideline* (ECPG).

The ECPG aims to ensure that as many people as possible, irrespective of age, ability or cultural background, feel invited and challenged by playgrounds in their community. It is based on three principles: Can I get there? Can I play? and Can I stay?, which help ensure that all new play spaces are inclusive to all members of the community.

Following our review, we made a number of adjustments to the Plan: making inclusion a priority and revising the design framework to ensure that all regional playgrounds are fully inclusive and district playgrounds have inclusive elements; ensuring that all new playgrounds have 50 percent shade over the playground area; and fencing for playgrounds that are in close proximity to roads.

In 2019, the City had 97 playgrounds. The updated plan will add two new playgrounds, totalling 99 playgrounds, although eight of these will not be upgraded or replaced once they have reached the end of their functional life.

Council also resolved to investigate the feasibility of a new water play park within the City of Ryde. Putney Park has been identified for a future major refurbishment, with water play components being considered as part of the detailed design. Water play elements will also be investigated at Meadowbank Park Regional playground.

The proposed upgrade of Anzac Park was delayed as we were asked to undertake further community consultation on its location. At the time of this report, consultation has concluded and the upgrade is scheduled for 2020.



Consultation on Gannan Park Masterplan



Kissing Point, Putney



Meadowbank Skate Park

Adopting the Parramatta River Parkland Plan of Management

During the year, the City of Ryde was confirmed as Council Crown Land Manager for devolved lands along the Parramatta River. We exhibited our Parramatta River Parkland Plan of Management (PRPPoM), which applies to 17 parks and seven road reserves along the Parramatta River foreshore. It will guide the future development and management of these parks in response to the needs and values of the local community and the users of these parks.

During the consultation period, our community indicated their support for recent improvements to facilities provided in many of these foreshore parks, improved access and pathways to and along the foreshore for recreational activities and connections between these parks along the foreshore. Concerns raised included recognition of the biodiversity values and emphasised the importance of the fauna and flora corridor linkages provided by these parks and improving boardwalk and other pathway connections between parks along the foreshore.

Winning accolades for Meadowbank skate and scooter park

The Meadowbank Park Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space opened to rave reviews from the local community. The new facility features a range of components that cater for people of all ages and skill levels.

Key features of the new scooter and skate park include a three-metre deep Olympic-standard competition bowl and a dual spine flow bowl as well as obstacles such as a euro gap, kickers, rails, kerb banks, and a streetscape skate park area. The skate bowls are surrounded by a beginners' asphalt track as well as barbecues, a climbing wall, water refill station, landscaping and controlled lighting, playground equipment, a climbing net tunnel, a parkour and bouldering area and a table-tennis court. The area is monitored by CCTV and is lit until 8.00pm from Monday to Saturday, and until 7.00pm on Sunday.

The completion of the new skate and scooter park has significantly increased the outdoor recreational spaces available to the community.

The facility was also a finalist at the Parks and Leisure Australia NSW/ACT Awards of Excellence. The award recognises playspaces that involve a range of stakeholders, create a 'sense of place' for their local communities and aid childhood development.

Unveiling new amenities at Pidding Park

We are upgrading and replacing sporting amenities that are ageing and not functional to ensure facilities are safe and meet the needs of current and future users. This year, we completed a new amenities building at Pidding Park that will cater to the needs of current and future user groups. Works included two multipurpose change rooms, new male and female public toilets, a new canteen facility, storage space for user groups and landscaping.

Planting trees

Guided by our Street Tree Master Plan, progress towards increasing the amenity and liveability of our City continued with over 400 trees planted on nature strips or in road reserves across our City.

Planning for a seamless Ryde River Walk

The acclaimed Ryde River Walk will become more accessible with plans to complete one of the final missing links moving ahead.

A section at Tennyson Point diverts from the foreshore and instead forces people up a steep stairway and into local streets. The stairway has proved to be an impediment for some people while also depriving others of accessing a major part of the foreshore. Council supports the completion of the section between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street at Tennyson Point and will work with the community to bridge the gap in the popular walk.

Supporting fire-ravaged sports clubs

In the wake of a fire that caused extensive damage to the canteen and storage sheds at ELS Hall Park, we made donations to the three sporting organisations most impacted – the North Ryde AFL Dockers Club, the North Ryde Hawks Junior Rugby League Club and the Northern District Cricket Association.

Transforming Wilga Park

Wilga Park has been transformed into a dynamic outdoor space with recently completed upgrades providing a place for people to relax and connect with nature.

The upgrades were made as part of the Shrimptons Creek Activation project, which is connecting parkland and open space along the Shrimptons Creek Corridor and creating diverse public recreation spaces.

The upgrades include amphitheatre terracing, a new amenities building, improved path lighting and new access paths, entries to the park that provide a direct connection to Quandong Reserve, a picnic area and landscaped boundary and public artworks.

The amphitheatre terracing and new lighting will enable the venue to host night-time events, which will play a part in boosting the area's night-time economy and provide the community with more 'after 5' activities to enjoy.



Parramatta River

Challenges

Creating libraries that meet our changing community's needs

The current configuration of libraries best serves the southern part of the City of Ryde.

Strategically, and as opportunities arise, libraries will need to be built or redeveloped in the northern part of the City, especially around Macquarie Park, North Ryde and Eastwood, due to increasing population growth.

The number of older people, young adults and children is predicted to sharply increase in the City of Ryde over the next 20 years. To meet their growing needs, our libraries are exploring innovative service delivery, marketing and programs to remain relevant and continue to meaningfully engage with them.

Higher density living will place extra demand on our libraries as residents seek quiet study spaces and places to gather to engage in creative pursuits.

We also anticipate increasing demands for assistance with public technology services as government services and employment opportunities increasingly require online access and we will need to ensure our public technology keeps pace with our community's needs.

The year ahead

The City of Ryde is a highly desirable place to live and work. Our green spaces and parks, and the extensive range of recreational facilities, sports amenities, services and programs that are available across our City are highly valued by our community.

In coming years, Council will be continuing our work to plan and build the facilities and services that support the entire community and give people the opportunity to participate and get involved as the city grows and changes.

In 2019/20, we have the following projects planned:

Community and Cultural program

- Community buildings renewal
- Heritage buildings renewal

Library program

- Digital enhancement our libraries
- Community buildings renewal – libraries

Open Space, Sport and Recreation program

- Parks plans of management
- Passive parks expansion and improvement
- Playground renewal and upgrade
- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre asset renewal
- Sportsfield floodlighting renewal and expansion
- Sportsfield renewal and upgrade
- Sportsground amenities renewal and upgrade
- Synthetic playing surfaces expansion
- Toilet blocks renewal – excluding sportsfields

\$142 million investment is planned for this outcome over the next four years.

Learn to Swim class at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

