

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### MY FAREWELL AS MAYOR

While the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 19 March marked my final City of Ryde Council meeting as Mayor I will remain as a Councillor until the Local Government Election in September 2024 which I will not be contesting.

There have been numerous highlights during my 20 years serving the community as a City of Ryde Councillor and Mayor including:

- Being first elected as an independent Councillor in 2004
- Joining the Liberal Party team in May 2010
- Becoming Mayor in December 2022 and being re-elected Mayor the following year
- Re-elected at each local government election since 2004 and holding the title of longest serving Councillor at the City of Ryde
- Serving as Deputy Mayor from September 2007 to August 2009 and from September 2021 to September 2022
- Being a member and Chair of numerous committees and advisory groups
- Being instrumental in gaining major initiatives such as the Shop Ryde bus service and the development of the Top Ryde Shopping Centre
- One of my first initiatives as a Councillor was to provide free entry to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre for Ryde pensioners, which is still operational today
- I was the first elected Councillor in Australia of Armenian heritage
- In 2009 I was honoured to be awarded the OAM for service to local government and multicultural communities
- I've been active in the local SES since 2005.

I want to thank my fellow Councillors and the staff at City of Ryde for the

support I have received during my term as both a Councillor and Mayor and will continue to take a keen interest in the local area. I wish my successor as Mayor all the best.

*\*At the time of printing, the successor to Cllr Yedelian OAM – Mayor was yet to be determined.*

### SOCIAL AND CREATIVITY FEEDBACK

Council staff are reviewing the City of Ryde Social Plan and Creativity Strategy 2025 – 2030 to help guide Council's work through to the year 2030 and capture insights on the current and future social and cultural environment in the City of Ryde. Make sure to register your interest if you would like to participate in an in-person session giving you the opportunity to provide feedback. Register at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HYS/SocialCreativityWorkshops](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HYS/SocialCreativityWorkshops)

### FUN FOR ALL AGES

This weekend we have some great events happening and we're inviting the whole community to join us. It kicks off with a series of fantastic multicultural dance workshops celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 22 March. Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HarmonyDay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HarmonyDay) Then we have our West Ryde Easter Celebrations on Saturday 23 March, a family friendly event sure to excite all ages with a range of community performances, animal farm and pony rides, a variety of food trucks, amusement rides and a visit from the Easter bunny. Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/easter](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/easter)

Sincerely,

*Sarkis Yedelian*

**Cllr Sarkis Yedelian OAM**  
– Mayor

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

### OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- Restoration of Glades Bay Road Reserve at Ross Street (Closing 2 April 2024)
- 2022-2023 Financial Statements (Closing 2 April 2024)

### Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay) or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Ryde  
**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS**  
Something for everyone  
**2024 NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**  
**NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 7 APRIL 2024**  
[ryde.events/volunteerawards](http://ryde.events/volunteerawards)

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED & DETERMINED

For full details of the development applications received and determined visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eServices](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eServices)

### Received between 7 March to 13 March 2024

LDA2024/0039	28 Olive St RYDE
MOD2024/0029	81 Terry Rd DENISTONE
MOD2024/0032	127-131 Bowden St MEADOWBANK
APL2024/0001	50 Morrison Rd GLADESVILLE
MOD2024/0043	25 Regent St PUTNEY
LDA2024/0041	19 Longview St EASTWOOD
MOD2024/0047	Shop 2/7 Glen St EASTWOOD

### Determined between 7 March to 13 March 2024

LDA2023/0144	63 Mons Ave WEST RYDE
LDA2024/0035	1/52 David Ave NORTH RYDE
LDA2023/0156	159 Princes St PUTNEY
LDA2023/0289	570-572 Blaxland Rd EASTWOOD
LDA2023/0295	147 Wharf Rd MELROSE PARK

## LIBRARY NEWS

### INFOCUS: GAMBLEAWARE WEBINAR

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**WHEN:** Thursday 4 April  
**TIME:** 6.30 – 7.30pm  
**WHERE:** Online via Zoom



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To find out more and to book visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Infocus](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Infocus)

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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### 2024 LOCAL PLANNING PANEL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Local Planning Panel makes decisions about sensitive, complex, or contentious Development Applications and provides advice in respect to Planning Proposals. City of Ryde is seeking expressions of interest from interested representatives from the local community.

While it would be an advantage for a local community representative to have a demonstrated understanding and experience in similar or related fields to the experts, this is not essential. The local community representatives will ensure that local insights and knowledge are provided to the Panel.

Members will be remunerated for attending panel meetings and panel meetings will typically be convened on a monthly basis.

The term of the engagement will be for a 3-year period with the option to extend this term by a further 3 years.

For more information and to submit your expression of interest visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LPPEOI](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LPPEOI) or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.