

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

RYDE CIVIC CENTRE

One of the questions I'm most often asked surrounds the status of Ryde's so-called 'hole in the ground' at the building site on 1 Devlin Street, otherwise known as Ryde Central.

I'm going to be transparent with our community about the processes that have led us to our current situation and the solutions moving forward so that Ryde can eventually have the state-of-the-art civic centre it deserves.

At the April Council Meeting, it was resolved that we will develop a Communications Plan to explain the circumstances of the Ryde Civic Centre to the community, including the referral to the Office of Local Government and the NSW ICAC of the discovery of improper fund transfers from External Reserves to the Ryde Central account.

I want the community to understand the financial ramifications that come from decisions made between 2018 and 2021 about the Ryde Civic Centre site.

The plan will outline the financial ramifications to Council of the Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) entered into by the previous Council and the ongoing impact on our long-term financial plan.

It will also include the number of institutions/agencies that have agreed and supported Council's decision to return the 'illegally' transferred Ryde Central funds to their rightful accounts.

HALL DEMOLITION

I was disappointed to discover that a proposal by School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) to demolish the old Meadowbank School Hall is still being pursued, despite community consultation favouring the retention and refurbishment of the hall for multipurpose indoor sports.

At its April Meeting, Council resolved to request further information and justification for this decision by SINSW.

At a time when the State Government is considering radical housing policies that could exponentially increase the population of this City over coming years, the provision of recreational areas for our growing community has never been more important.

I would hope that common sense prevails, and we can make proper use of the existing hall when the former school land is rezoned to RE1 (Public Recreation).

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Appeal is currently underway, raising vital funds for the essential work the Salvos undertake in communities across Australia, including our own.

On Friday 10 May, a Red Shield Appeal Trivia Night Fundraiser is being held at North Ryde School of Arts from 6.30 - 10.00pm.

It's a great chance to enjoy a fun night out while contributing to a truly worthy cause.

For more details, go to: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RSATrivia

The Red Shield Appeal doorknock will occur on Saturday 25th and Sunday 25th May. Please support this valuable charity when the Salvo's knock on your door.

Sincerely,

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LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME - OUTDOOR STORIES & SONGS (ALL AGES)

WED
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MAY

WHEN: Wednesday 22 May
TIME: 10.30 – 11.00am
WHERE: The Piazza Top Ryde Shopping Centre



Join us for National Simultaneous Storytime, outdoors in The Piazza of Top Ryde City Shopping Centre.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event where all libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, book shops and more - all come together to read the same book at the same time! It's a great way for children to explore new books and develop their literacy skills in a fun and interesting way. This year we will be reading *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. Join us for a vibrant morning of stories, songs and dance! Suitable for all ages. In the case of bad weather, this event will be relocated to Ryde Library.

Find out more: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NS-storytime



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.

- Licence of Part of Kotara Park, Marsfield to Amplitel Pty Ltd (Closing 12 May 2024)
- 2022-2026 Four-Year Delivery Program, Draft 2024-2025 One-Year Operational Plan, Draft 2024-2025 Fees and Charges, and Draft 2024-2034 Long Term Financial Plan (Closes 26 May 2024)
- Draft Councillor Discretionary Funds Policy (Closes 28 May 2024)
- Proposed Classification of Land - Part of 59 Chatham Road, Denistone (Closes 30 May 2024)
- Integrated Open Space Plan Update (Closes 5 June 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 or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

EVENTS IN OUR CITY

CELEBRATING FAMILY DIVERSITY & CONNECTIONS



National Families Week

13-19 MAY
www.nfw.org.au

National Families Week is a time to celebrate with family, connect with extended family and friends, and share in family activities within the community.

To find out more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NationalFamiliesWeek



The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, 'Now more than ever' is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will – and must – continue. To find out more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NFW

GARAGE SALES

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Where: 17 Holt Street, North Ryde

When: 10.00am

List your garage sale for free at: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/