

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### ROCKEND COTTAGE

I am aware that there has been a lot of community interest in the progress of work on a proposed new restaurant at Rockend Cottage, an important heritage-listed property situated at Banjo Paterson Park, Gladesville.

Following an expression of interest process, the current lessee of Rockend Cottage took occupation of the much-loved 1850s era stone cottage in late 2023 with the intention of opening a new restaurant. Rockend Cottage was previously the site of the popular Banjo Paterson Cottage Restaurant, which closed in May 2022.

Council has been attempting to work collaboratively with the lessee in order for the new business to open as soon as possible.

However, building work on this historic property, which was home to the famous Australian writer and poet Andrew Barton

(‘Banjo’) Paterson in the 1870s, has proceeded without the required authorisations or approvals.

Accordingly, Council has issued stop-work orders on the lessee.

Council and the lessee are currently in the process of considering their options with respect to ensuring that the structural integrity and the heritage fabric of the building has not been compromised and this may take some time.

### MAYOR FOR A DAY

I’m pleased to announce that I’ve instigated, via a Mayoral Minute passed unanimously at the 25 June Council Meeting, a new initiative for younger members of our community to see first-hand how democracy works at the local government level.

The ‘Mayor for a Day’ event will be held during Public Education Week on Monday 5 August 2024 at Council Chambers.

I’ll be inviting the Principals and School Captains of all Primary

Schools (Public and Catholic) located in the City of Ryde to attend and participate in the event, as well as all City of Ryde Councillors.

I’m hoping that this initiative may inspire some future Councillors or even a Mayor.

### SPRING GARDENS

The City of Ryde’s Spring Garden Competition is back again, with entries open now until 31 August 2024 and I’m encouraging all our local green thumbs to show off their wonderful outdoor spaces. This very popular community event has a unique hands-on quality and an active nature to it. It provides the community with a chance to better our gardens and to keep active, creative, and establish an essential space of relaxation. This competition aims to showcase some amazing spaces that have brought encouragement and joy to many. For more information, go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GardenComp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GardenComp)



Sincerely, **Clr Trenton Brown** – Mayor

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### AUTHOR'S PLATFORM: IN CONVERSATION WITH JULIE BENNETT

**TUE  
30  
JULY**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 30 July  
**TIME:** 6.00 – 7.30pm  
**WHERE:** Ryde Library



Join us at Ryde Library for a captivating tale of love, glamour and betrayal inspired by the life of an Australian icon. Ryde Library’s Local Studies Librarian, Angela Phippen, will be chatting with Australian author Julie Bennett about her latest Australian historical fiction book, *The Lost Letters of Rose Carey*, based on the larger-than-life ‘million-dollar mermaid’ Annette Kellerman – an Australian professional swimmer, vaudeville star, film actress, writer and feminist, who was a star in the early 20th century. Book now:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/authorsplatform](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/authorsplatform)



## EVENTS IN OUR CITY



**FRI  
12  
JULY**

**WHEN:** Friday 12 July  
**TIME:** 6.00 – 8.30pm (Doors open 5.30pm)  
**WHERE:** North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre

Come join us for a special evening of storytelling during NAIDOC Week at the North Ryde School of Arts Hall. Featuring cultural performances by Eric Brown and Kiris An Tharan, music from the KARI Singers and a free bush tucker tasting.

Register now [ryde.events/NAIDOC-storytelling](http://ryde.events/NAIDOC-storytelling)

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**Property:** 9 Lincoln Street, EASTWOOD

**Local Development Application Number/Section 4.55 Modification No:** MOD2024/0131

**Applicant:** Laurie Liskowski

**Description:** Modification to LDA2022/0361, seeking for reconfiguration of the architectural design of the approved childcare centre development. Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than **19 July 2024**. For full details of the development applications received and determined visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eServices](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eServices).

## GARAGE SALES

**SAT  
13  
JULY**

**Where:** 39 Susan Schardt Way, Ryde  
**When:** 8.00am - 4.00pm

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### Youth Creative Competition 2024

The City of Ryde Youth Creative Competition is back for 2024! The competition is held across three age groups 12-15, 16-19, 20-24 and there is a total prize pool of \$6,000 across all categories. With two categories Art and Writing, there will be something for every young creative. Entries close 31 October 2024.

To enter or find out more: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/creativecomp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/creativecomp)