

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MACQUARIE PARK

I'm encouraging members of our community to provide submissions to the State Government's Macquarie Park Transport Oriented Development (TOD) rezoning proposal, which is on public exhibition until 9 August.

This proposal – which fails to provide a clear strategy for sustaining and enhancing employment opportunities within our community – threatens to reshape the state-significant Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) for generations to come.

The proposed rezoning will turn the MPID, which contributes \$13.6 billion to the NSW economy and is home to 63,000 highly skilled workers and 44,000 higher education students, into a housing dormitory and data centre hub.

And it comes with no commitments or plans for the serious infrastructure upgrades and open space that will be required for a significantly increased residential population. In fact, the

government has withdrawn any funding for open space at the former Peter Board High School site and now has plans for a 58-storey residential tower there.

I'm urging the NSW Government to engage in thorough consultation with the City of Ryde and broader MPID business community so a plan can be created for the MPID that supports employment, guarantees infrastructure provision, provides for social and affordable housing, and fosters an innovation precinct that benefits all.

You can help by visiting the Macquarie Park TOD rezoning proposal site and adding your voice to this vital issue:

myryde.info/MacParkTOD

ARGYLE CENTRE

I'm aware of continuing community interest in the future of Ryde's vacant Argyle Centre, with calls for it to be repurposed as a youth arts recreational facility.

At Council's 23 July Ordinary Meeting it was noted that refurbishment would cost at least \$5 million, whilst recent investment in youth performing arts programs including the new facility at Lachlan's Line and upgraded facilities at North Ryde School of Arts already provide good community space and enhance opportunities for a range of activities for young people.

It was also noted that since 2011 an Aboriginal Land Claim has impacted plans to redevelop the Argyle Centre and neighbouring bowling club. Council's long-term plan is to develop the site for a mix of retail, commercial and residential uses.

Council will write to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs NSW requesting a determination of this matter without further delay.

We will also investigate and pursue funding opportunities from State Government grants, private sector partnerships, and other relevant sources to proceed with the redevelopment of the Argyle Centre



Sincerely, *Clr Trenton Brown – Mayor*

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LIBRARY NEWS

RYDE TO THE STARS | SCIENCE WEEK AT CITY OF RYDE LIBRARIES

MON - SAT
12 - 17
AUG **WHEN:** Monday 12 August - Saturday 17 August



City of Ryde Libraries presents 'Ryde to the Stars' – our inclusive National Science Week program for all ages and abilities, to inspire the next generation to learn about our universe and beyond! From a talk with astrophysicist Dr. Kirsten Banks, to Virtual Reality space exploration for seniors to drop-in craft activities and more – there's something for space cadets of all ages!

Learn more: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/scienceweek



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Property: 306 Pittwater Rd EAST RYDE NSW 2113

Local Development Application Number: LDA2024/0146

Applicant: Alice Chen

Description: Proposed Torren's Title subdivision of existing land into 2 lots with associated works.

The proposal is integrated development under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as the subject site is within 40m of bushfire prone land. The relevant approval body is Rural Fire Service.

Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than **26 August 2024**.

For full details of the development applications received and determined visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eServices.

Anyone may make submissions to Council. Submissions are required to be in writing. They should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and sent by post, email or delivered in person to the Customer Service Centre. A submission by way of objection should specify the grounds of objection. The City of Ryde has resolved that all submissions received in relation to rezoning and development applications will be publicly accessible on request. The supply of personal information is voluntary. However if you choose to make an anonymous submission it may be given less weight (or no weight) in the overall consideration of the application. Development Applications are available for inspection electronically and without charge at the Customer Service Centre, 1 Pope Street, Ryde (within the Top Ryde Shopping Centre) between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday (2nd Thursday of each month – 10.00am to 5.00pm). To make an appointment go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness or call 9952 8222.

EVENTS IN OUR CITY

TOP RYDE CITY OUTDOOR PIAZZA - from 5pm each night

Olympics Saturday 3 and 10 August

Paralympics Saturday 31 August and 7 September

- Dining options
- Free facepainting
- Kids activities

Find out more ryde.events/OlympicsParalympicsLive



GARAGE SALES

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Where: 62 Greene Ave, Ryde

When: 9.00am - 4.00pm