

## COMMUNITY MESSAGE

### LUNAR NEW YEAR

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Eastwood Oval on Saturday 8 February from 4.00 – 9.00pm for City of Ryde's annual and much-loved Lunar New Year Festival.

It promises to be a great day of fun, with amusement rides, market stalls, food trucks, cultural performances, fireworks, and an incredible lion high pole performance to enjoy.

The City of Ryde prides itself of being a welcoming and inclusive place for people of all cultures – and joining with you, our community, for significant events like this gives me great delight.

This year we're welcoming the Year of the Snake and I wish everyone good fortune and happiness for the next 12 months.

For full details, visit: [ryde.events/LNY](https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryde.events/LNY)

### LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

February is Library Lovers Month at the City of Ryde and it's a great time to visit our five library branches and take part in some fantastic promotions and events.

Drop into your local branch until Friday 28 February and pick up a Library Lovers Loyalty Card, participate in some fun activities and collect stamps to win limited edition Library Lover prizes, including fans, tote bags and entry into a \$200 gift voucher draw.

Blind Date with a Book will match you with a mystery book aligned to your reading preferences and on 14 February – Valentine's Day – you can celebrate your library love with an afternoon of craft matched with a delicious selection of literary mocktails.

For full details, go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LibraryLovers](https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LibraryLovers)

### AUSTRALIA DAY

I want to thank our community for joining me at Council's brilliant Australia Day celebration at Meadowbank Park on 26 January.

Whether you were born in this wonderful country, or have settled here from other lands, you will know that the traditional way to celebrate this special day is at a backyard gathering with good food, great activities, and the people who are closest to you.

So, we created such a gathering on a large scale for our families, friends, and neighbours to enjoy. Topped off with a spectacular firework finale, it was a terrific reminder of how lucky we all are to live in such a prosperous, safe, and unified nation.

I was also very proud to have presided over a special Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony in the morning with more than 120 Grantees from 29 nations taking the pledge to become new citizens.



Sincerely,  
**Trenton Brown – Mayor**  
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Phone (via Customer Service): 9952 8222

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Your views and suggestions are important in shaping the City of Ryde's future. We invite you to have your say on initiatives, plans and proposals that are open for community feedback, including:

- 24/7 Library – Afterhours Access (Closes 9 February 2025)
- Waste, Recycling and the Circular Economy (Closes 23 February 2025)
- Eastwood Town Centre – High Pedestrian Activity Area (Closes 26 February 2025)
- City of Ryde Libraries | Collections Survey 2025 (Closes 28 February 2025)
- Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025 (Closes 2 March 2025)
- Constitution Road Infrastructure Upgrade (Closes 5 March 2025)
- Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2025 (Closes 12 March 2025)
- Urban Heat Survey 2024 – 2025 (Closes 16 March 2025)

### Want to find out more?

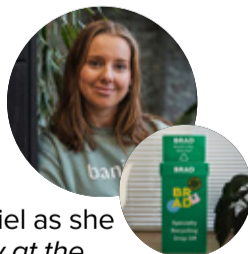
Please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay](https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay) or call Customer Service on 9952 8222 to learn more about the above project(s) and for information on how to have your say.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### AUTHOR'S PLATFORM: AN EVENING WITH LOTTIE DALZIEL

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**WHEN:** Tuesday 11 February  
**TIME:** 6.15pm – 8.00pm  
**WHERE:** Ryde Library  
**COST:** Free



Join sustainability expert and Banish founder Lottie Dalziel as she presents *365+ Ways to Save the Planet and Your Money at the Same Time*. There will be a special BRAD recycling box at the event so you can dispose your hard to recycle rubbish.

Attendees on the night also have a chance to WIN a signed copy of the book!

Learn more and book your FREE ticket: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/authorsplatform](https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/authorsplatform)



## EVENTS IN OUR CITY

# LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

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**SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY**

4PM – 9PM | EASTWOOD OVAL

- AMUSEMENT RIDES
- SNAKE AND LION DANCE
- MARKET STALLS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- 9PM FIREWORKS

For more information scan the QR code or visit [ryde.events/LNY](https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryde.events/LNY)

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