

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

WEED WATCH

I'm urging all residents to keep an eye on any local bodies of freshwater following the discovery of Frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*) in the North Ryde area for the first time recently.

Frogbit is a floating freshwater plant that spreads quickly from a tiny piece into a thick floating mat covering the whole water surface, and can clog waterways and make the water colder, darker and harder to reach for native plants and animals as well as reducing the number of native flora and fauna that can live in or near a waterway.

The prohibited, invasive weed can also make it hard to use a waterway for fishing, swimming or boating and can create danger by making the water surface look like firm ground.

Residents should contact us on 9952 8222 as quickly as possible if they fear they have Frogbit on their property, as early treatment can help

the cause immensely. Alternatively, they can call the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Biosecurity Helpline on 1800 680 244.

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

BOOK DONATION

I was delighted to receive, on behalf of City of Ryde, a donation of 60 Chinese-language books by the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, David Cheng-Wei Wu, at an official ceremony held in Council Chambers last week.

This generous contribution, featuring finalists and prize-winning titles from the 2023 and 2024 Taiwan Literature Awards, furthers the growing cultural ties between City of Ryde and the Republic of China, fostering a deeper appreciation of Taiwan's rich literary heritage within the local community.

The donated books will tour City of Ryde Libraries and will be available for the public to read. After the tour, a curated selection of the books will permanently join West Ryde Library's collection while the remaining books will be donated to our local community.

UNSUNG HEROES

Nominations are now open for City of Ryde's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards, which is our chance to acknowledge and reward the many unsung heroes in our community.

Every year a committed and largely unseen army of volunteers give their time and skills to enhance and uplift the life of the community within the City of Ryde and we're seeking nominations for individual volunteer, young volunteer and group volunteer. Nominations close on 6 April 2025.

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



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:

- Fixed Car Share Spaces 2025 (Extended – Closes 16 March)
- Urban Heat Survey 2024 – 2025 (Closes 16 March)
- Boronia Lane, Denistone East – Proposed One-Way for Part of Laneway (Closes 19 March)
- Waste, Recycling and the Circular Economy (Extended – Closes 23 March)
- Seniors Survey (Closes 30 March)
- Draft Macquarie Park Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2025 (Closes 30 March)
- Men's Health and Wellbeing Survey (Closes 30 March)

Want to find out more?

Please visit 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

SUPPORTED STORYTIME COMMUNICATION MILESTONES

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When: Friday 28 March
Time: 10.00 – 10.45am
Where: North Ryde Library



Supported Storytime is an inclusive and engaging storytime session for children with additional needs aged 3+ years and their families. These sessions foster early literacy skills through interactive story, songs and activities and are also designed to provide parental support, focusing on a key developmental theme. The theme for this session is 'Communication Milestones', presented by local speech pathologist Denise Chan.

Book now: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SupportedStorytime



EVENTS IN OUR CITY



 **FREE EVENT**

HARMONY DAY

Wednesday 19 March 3.30 – 6.30pm Lachlan's Line Auditorium

For more information call 9952 8222 or visit RYDE.EVENTS/HARMONYDAY



NSW **Seniors Festival**
3-16 March 2025
Time to shine

The City of Ryde has put together another exciting Seniors Festival Program for 2025 to celebrate the valuable contribution seniors make to our community. This month long program will consist of a wide variety of events and workshops designed specifically for seniors, most of which are free.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival