

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

### OUR CIVIC CENTRE

Today, I'd like to talk about how the City of Ryde envisions the long-awaited redevelopment of the Council-owned sites at 1 Devlin Street and 150 – 156 Blaxland Road.

1 Devlin Street site was the site of Ryde's former Civic Centre, which was demolished in September 2021 before a financially viable plan for its replacement had been put into place. There exists today only the infamous 'hole in the ground' which remains a blight on the former Council bodies that so badly mismanaged what was meant to be 'the new Heart of Ryde'. Council is preparing an Expression of Interest (EOI) campaign that will shortly go to market offering a long-term leasehold over the 1 Devlin Street site to deliver housing and optimal financial return to the City of Ryde, for reinvestment into community facilities and infrastructure. That reinvestment will focus on the adjoining 150 – 156 Blaxland Road site, where a new multi-storey Cultural

and Community Hub and Civic Centre will be constructed, including an element of affordable housing. Those plans will be open to extensive community consultation.

I'm looking forward with great anticipation to the market response to our EOI and to the developing plans that will finally give this City the Civic Centre it deserves.

### PUTNEY PARK

Council is holding a drop-in session near the playground at Putney Park on Sunday 4 May from 10.00am – 12.00pm where people can meet with our Project Team to discuss the draft concept design for the Putney Park regional playground upgrade.

This exciting plan includes new custom play units, new swings including toddler seats, a new flying fox, new sand play items, new inclusive play items, additional seating and new accessible picnic shelters.

Along with the stunning Putney Beach, which was opened in January

2025, this upgrade will further enhance Putney Park as a go-to destination for both locals and visitors. You can view the draft concept design and provide feedback here:

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

### ARTISANS RYDE

Artisans Ryde, a celebration of diverse artists collaborating to create original and innovative art in a nurturing environment, is holding its Fusion Exhibition & Markets on Friday 2 May at Into-Arts Gallery West Ryde between 10.30am and 8.00pm

The group, which became incorporated in 2015 with the assistance of a City of Ryde grant, has a strong community focus, providing opportunities to grow and develop artistic skills in an encouraging and supportive environment.

For full details about the exhibition, go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/FusionExhibitionMarkets](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/FusionExhibitionMarkets)



Sincerely,

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### MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTERNOON AND MOCKTAILS

**TUE  
6  
MAY**

**When:** Tuesday 6 May 2025  
**Time:** 2.00 – 4.00pm  
**Where:** Ryde Library

Join us at Ryde Library for a crafty and mindful afternoon of card or collage making in celebration of your Mother or mother figures, while sipping on a literary mocktail. The wonderful artists from Artisans Ryde will also be available to lend inspiration or showcase some crafty techniques to elevate your creations.

Book now: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CreativeCorner](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CreativeCorner)



## 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:

- Putney Park – Regional Playground Upgrade (Closes 18 May)
- Meadowbank Park – Draft Plan of Management (Closes 1 June)
- Draft Social Strategy and Creativity Strategy 2025 – 2030 (Closes 8 June)

### Want to find out more?

Please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay](http://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.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

**Property:** 276 – 278 Victoria Road GLADESVILLE

**Local Development Application Number:** LDA2025/0064

**Applicant:** Benson McCormack Pty Ltd

**Description:** Consolidation of 2 lots, demolition of all existing structures and construction of a part 2/part 6 storey mixed use development comprising 1 commercial unit and a 28 room Co-living Housing development, with part 1/part 2 levels of basement for car parking and amenities with associated site, civil and landscaping works. This DA is lodged under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*.

Submissions regarding the above application must be lodged no later than **Monday 12 May 2025**

Documents will be accessible directly from Council's DA Tracker:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DATracker](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DATracker). Click "Search our online DA Tracking System" and enter the Application ID as referenced above.

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](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness) or call 9952 8222.



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