

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

At the Extraordinary Meeting on 30 April 2025, City of Ryde adopted the Draft Macquarie Park Corridor Section 712 Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan (Draft 712 Plan), which will be Council's primary mechanism to fund essential new local infrastructure in the area as it carries the burden of the State Government's local housing uplift. The Draft 712 plan – which will require the developers of residential and mixed-use structures valued at \$250,000 or more to pay a fixed 4 percent levy to Council based on the cost of works – came into effect on 2 May 2025.

The City of Ryde has been a passionate advocate for 'striking the right balance' with the State Government between the need for more housing and the provision of accompanying infrastructure, including community facilities, open space and recreation, public domain, and transport.

The Draft 712 plan will help, but it won't fund the cost of all the vital new infrastructure the growing Macquarie Park Innovation District population will require, and I will continue to engage with the Minns Government about further commitments.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

I am proud to be representing the City of Ryde at our annual Armenian Genocide Memorial, which is being held at Meadowbank's Memorial Park on Saturday 10 May 2025 from 2.30pm.

This Council – which serves the largest Armenian community of any Local Government Area in Australia – pioneered formal recognition of the genocide in this country, thanks to the tireless advocacy of former Ryde Mayor Sarkis Yedelian OAM.

This ceremony, which acknowledges the horrific elimination of 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 - 1923, will be followed on 28 May 2025 by a flag raising ceremony at Kissing Point

Wharf to commemorate Armenian Republic Day. Both are important occasions for our wonderful Armenian community.

NETBALL WIN

I am pleased to see that construction has finally commenced on the much-needed West Ryde Multi-Sports Centre on the site of the former Marsden High School.

It will deliver a new 5,000sqm indoor facility including four multipurpose courts and other indoor spaces, as well as outdoor facilities including 29 netball courts with amenities, communal space with open lawns, picnic tables and seating, and new car and bicycle parking spaces.

The new courts, scheduled to be completed in 2026, will replace the rundown playing surfaces at Meadowbank Park and will provide an amazing opportunity for the many local participants in one of the state's most popular sports.



Sincerely,

Trenton Brown – Mayor

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LIBRARY NEWS

BIGGEST MUSICAL MORNING TEA

**MON
12
MAY**

When: Monday 12 May
Time: 10.30am – 12.00pm
Where: Ryde Library



Join us for a morning of a capella performances from SydneySiders Express Harmony Chorus, while enjoying a cuppa and morning tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council Australia. We accept donations of any amount and we'll also be holding a special mixed raffle (value of \$70) on the day to raise additional funds!

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



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)
- Ryde to 2035: Council's Strategic Plans (Closes 1 June)
- 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 or call Customer Service on 9952 8222 to learn more about the above project(s) and for information on how to have your say.

GARAGE SALES

**SAT
10
MAY**

When: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Where: 19 Pooley St, Ryde

List your garage sale for free at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales

EVENTS IN OUR CITY

SAFER DRIVING FOR SENIORS WORKSHOP

**MON
19
MAY**

When: Monday 19 May
Time: 10.00am – 1.30pm
Where: Marsfield Community Centre



Seniors preparing for the Aged Driving Test are encouraged to attend this free workshop. Light lunch provided. Parking available.

Book now: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SeniorDrivers or call 9952 8222.



SWAP

2025 Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize

COMPETITION OPEN

Entries close Sunday 27 July

Featured artwork: Disco Debris by Chelsy-Lee, Plastic Plumage by Jeorgia Bowden, Jewel of the Forest by Riley Caceres, Imperfect by Putney Public, Building Blocks by Marcela Ordenez



To enter visit myryde.info/SWAP

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SUNDAY 18 MAY 10AM - 4PM

KISSING POINT PARK, PUTNEY

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