

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION

This Council is fully supportive of Domestic Violence and Family Prevention Month, which is taking place throughout May.

We are proud to be accredited as a White Ribbon Australia workplace and we recognise that ending violence against families and women requires action, awareness, and a united community effort.

The City of Ryde is committed to being part of the solution by fostering respect, providing support, and working tirelessly to create a future where everyone feels safe and valued.

Unfortunately, domestic and family violence is a scourge that affects people in all walks of life, in every socio-economic group, and in every town and city – including our own.

Council has a close working relationship with the Ryde Area Police Command, and I commend its enthusiastic participation in last

week's state-wide Operation Amarok targeting domestic violence offenders.

OUR UNSUNG HEROES

I am delighted and proud to be attending Council's 2025 Volunteer Recognition Awards, being held at Curzon Hall on Thursday 22 May from 6.30 – 9.00pm.

There are 21 amazing citizens nominated in the individual volunteer category, five for young volunteer, and 12 for group volunteer. On top of that, there are 20 nominations for our Community Heroes.

The nominees come from a diverse range of backgrounds, providing the community with their free labour and resources and the City of Ryde salutes their strong work ethic and generous productivity.

These awards are a wonderful way to recognise the many unsung heroes in our community.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is held from 27 May to 3 June 2025 and

is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in this country.

This year's theme is 'Bridging Now to Next', which reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. It calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

Council has a number of terrific and informative events planned to celebrate National Reconciliation Week, including a series of Aboriginal history talks and bushfood tastings, and guided walks of Brown's Waterhole in Marsfield and the Glades Bay Riverwalk in Gladesville.

I hope that as many people as possible join these important celebrations honouring our Indigenous history and culture.

For more details, go to:

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NRW



Sincerely,

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LIBRARY NEWS

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL TALK (ENGLISH/MANDARIN)

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When: Friday 23 May
Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm
Where: Ryde Library



Join us for National Reconciliation Week for a yarning circle to explore this year's theme 'Bridging Now to Next', Aboriginal artefacts talk and a didgeridoo performance facilitated by Yarn Australia. This event will be delivered in English and Mandarin.

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



EVENTS IN OUR CITY

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:

- 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.



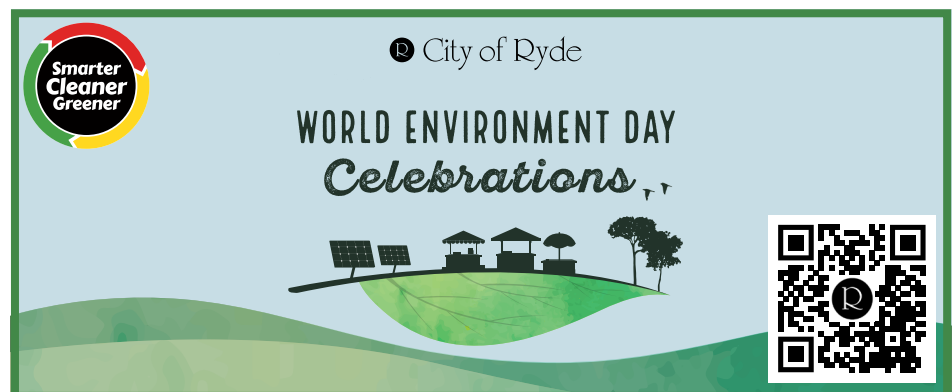
VOLUNTEER EXPO

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When: Wednesday 28 May
Time: 9.30am – 12.00pm
Where: West Ryde Community Hall

Come join us at Volunteer Expo to discover exciting opportunities to give back to your community!

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



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Check out our upcoming series of exciting environmental activities to inspire action for our planet! Enjoy hands-on workshops, expert talks, and interactive eco-activities for all ages. Whether you're passionate about reducing waste, protecting wildlife, or learning new sustainable skills, there's something for everyone.

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