

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

RALC FEES AND CHARGES

I am pleased to report there will be no change to free entry to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) for Ryde resident pensioner concession holders in the 2025/26 financial year, after my Mayoral Minute on the matter was carried at the 27 May 2025 Council Meeting.

This important decision follows feedback from residents regarding the proposed changes to fees and charges at the RALC, particularly the suggestion to remove free entry for Ryde resident pensioner concession card holders.

The community response has been clear and heartfelt.

I've spoken with residents, taken phone calls, read emails, and listened to your concerns directly. One message came through loud and clear - this concession is highly valued, and the proposed change did not align with the community's expectations.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who shared their views.

CIVIC CENTRE CONSULTATION

Over the last two months, I have been explaining Council's new plan for the civic centre site at Top Ryde, which is a financially responsible solution to the existing 'hole in the ground' that will finally give us a much-needed civic centre and community hub.

In the second half of 2025 an Expression of Interest (EOI) campaign will go to market seeking a long-term lease of the 1 Devlin Street site, which could provide significant housing for the City and help to fund construction of the new civic centre at the adjoining 150-156 Blaxland Road.

The EOI is being prepared with the site planning controls in mind. These involve a mixed-use zoning, height control of between 21m and 72m, and no set Floor Space Ratio (FSR).

I want to assure you that thorough and open community consultation will

be an essential part of the process before any decision is made on development at the two sites.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Thursday 5 June is World Environment Day, giving us all a wonderful opportunity to think about and act upon the practical things we can do to help preserve our planet.

Council is hosting a diverse program over several weeks, including a range of workshops, events, and hands-on activities designed to inspire and empower the community to live more sustainably and care for our local environment.

Whether you're passionate about reducing waste, conserving water, protecting wildlife, or learning new sustainable skills, there is something for everyone.

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



Sincerely,  
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LIBRARY NEWS

CREATIVE CORNER | RAINBOW ART JOURNALING (16-25YRS)

THUR  
12  
JUN

**When:** Thursday 12 June  
**Time:** 6.00pm – 8.00pm  
**Where:** Ryde Library



Join us this month for our Rainbow Art Journaling workshop themed Pride Within - create art to express your inner self and let it shine! Art journaling is a grounding process that provides stress relief, mindfulness and self-expression. Our workshop is an inclusive space and all are welcome. All materials provided.

Learn more: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RainbowArtJournaling](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RainbowArtJournaling)



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:

- 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.

GARAGE SALES

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07  
JUNE

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm  
**Where:** 11 Santarosa Avenue, Ryde

List your garage sale for free at:  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales)

WHAT'S ON IN OUR CITY



ROAD SAFETY SURVEY

Would you like to participate in a survey about road safety in your community?

Researchers from The George Institute for Global Health and the City of Ryde would love to hear from you.

Participation involves completing a 20-minute online survey, on two occasions, six months apart.

The survey contains questions about your demographics and attitudes to road safety issues including speeds in your community.

Upon completing both the initial and six-month follow up surveys, participants will enter a chance to win one of four \$250 e-gift vouchers.

Find out more: [myryde.info/RoadSafetySurvey](http://myryde.info/RoadSafetySurvey)

HOME ELECTRIFICATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP

WED  
11  
JUNE

**When:** Wednesday 11 June  
**Time:** 5.30 – 7.00pm  
**Where:** Ryde Library



Keen to know how you can make your home energy-efficient, comfortable, and cost-effective?

City of Ryde is hosting home energy efficiency expert Adam Corrigan of Your Energy Friend to explain to you how to 'Get off Gas' and move to an all-electric home to maximise home health, energy efficiency and cost effectiveness. Bookings essential.

Register now: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/EnergyEfficiencyWorkshop](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/EnergyEfficiencyWorkshop)