

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

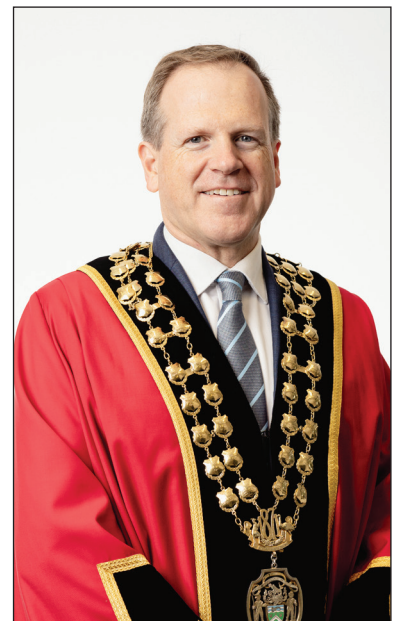
**KEY WORKER HOUSING**  
I'm pleased to report that at the 10 June 2025 Extraordinary Meeting Council endorsed City of Ryde's *Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy*, which is an ambitious plan to help our most vital workers find homes within the community they so selflessly serve. Over the next 10 years we're aiming to provide 1,000 new affordable rental dwellings for nurses, teachers and Triple Zero workers – police, firefighters and paramedics – through various existing planning mechanisms. The new target represents a significant increase in the creation of affordable housing dwellings within the City of Ryde. It is based on the housing targets to be delivered in Ryde over the same period and the affordable housing scheme included as part of the Macquarie Park Transport Orientated Development Accelerated Precinct rezoning.

We're also planning an element of affordable housing in the proposed development of a new civic centre at 150 – 156 Blaxland Road. We cannot do without these key workers – and I'm proud to be able to help make their lives a little easier.

**NEW ARRIVAL EXPO**  
The City of Ryde prides itself on being a diverse and welcoming community for the many people from around the world who choose to begin new lives in our wonderful LGA. To help with what can sometimes be a challenging transition, we're hosting a New Arrival and Refugee Services Expo on Thursday 3 July at North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre between 10.30am – 12.30pm. This event – which will feature local service providers, community speakers and cultural performances – welcomes refugees, asylum seekers, newly arrived migrants, and the wider community to come together,

celebrate cultural diversity, and build meaningful local connections. For full details, go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NewArrivalExpo](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NewArrivalExpo)

**MEET THE MAYOR**  
I'm looking forward to meeting and talking with you at my next Meet the Mayor gathering, which is being held at the Midway Shopping Centre in Denistone East on Saturday 28 June 2025 from 9.00 – 10.30am. This is a friendly way to promote community and neighbourhood harmony and provides an informal opportunity for people to connect with Council. There have been a number of issues raised at past Meet the Mayor events which are now in progress or completed, including the lighting trial at Meadowbank Skatepark and keeping entry to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre free for resident pensioners.



Sincerely,  
**Trenton Brown – Mayor**  
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Phone (via Customer Service): 9952 8222

WHATS ON IN OUR CITY

RYDE DISABILITY FORUM

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JULY

**When:** Wednesday, 2 July

**Time:** 10.00am – 12.00pm

**Where:** North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre, North Ryde



You are invited to join us for an exciting and inclusive event celebrating talent, connection and community. Catch live performances from our 2024 Ryde Shine Ability Talent Competition winners and be the first to hear about the 2025 Ryde Shine Ability Talent Competition for people with disability. Plus you can help shape the upcoming Disability Arts Competition. Experts from Service NSW, Centrelink, and the NDIS Uniting LAC Program will also be on hand to answer your questions. Book now: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeDisabilityForum](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RydeDisabilityForum)


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:

- City of Ryde Libraries – Programs Survey 2025 (Closes 29 June)
- Disability Arts Competition Survey (Closes 6 July)
- Draft Key Workers Affordable Housing Policy (Closes 3 August)
- Meadowbank Skate Park – Lighting Extension Trial (Closes 6 October)

**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.

LIBRARY NEWS





**THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**  
6-13 JULY 2025


**NAIDOC WEEK // 6 – 13 JULY**


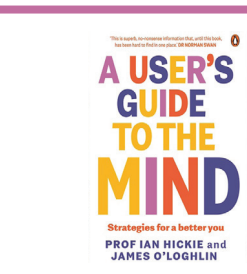

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

**Events being held include:**

- Cultural Experiences and Workshops
- Cultural Dance and Didgeridoo Performance

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOC](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOC)





AUTHOR'S PLATFORM: IN CONVERSATION WITH IAN HICKIE AND JAMES O'LOGHLIN

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JULY

**When:** Thursday 3 July

**Time:** 6.30 – 8.15pm

**Where:** Ryde Library

Join psychiatrist Professor Ian Hickie and broadcaster and author James O'Loughlin in conversation about their new book, *A User's Guide to the Mind*. Learn strategies for a better you as the hosts of the popular *Minding Your Mind* podcast. This practical guide will help put you on a path to deeper happiness, better relationships and a life of greater meaning. Book now: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/AuthorsPlatform](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/AuthorsPlatform)



GARAGE SALES

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**Time:** 8.00am – 1.00pm

**Where:** 26 Twin Road, North Ryde

**Time:** 9.00am – 2.00pm

**Where:** 40 Darwin Street, West Ryde

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