

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

### KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

At the commencement of this Council term, I made a clear commitment as Mayor to lead a Council that keeps rates low, improves financial sustainability, invests in local infrastructure, and enhances customer service and service delivery for our community. I am proud to report that Council continues to deliver on these commitments, despite operating in an increasingly challenging financial environment. Council's 2025/26 Budget has been carefully framed to ensure that the average residential rate increase is limited to less than \$1.40 per week. At the same time, we continue to invest in new infrastructure, maintain our existing assets, and improve the core services that matter most to our residents. Importantly, we have maintained all of Council's existing services, programs and projects, despite significant cost escalations across many fronts.

This outcome reflects the collective leadership of this Council and our shared focus on delivering real and lasting outcomes for the wonderful Ryde community.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Winter school holidays arrive on 7 July and, as usual, the City of Ryde has families and kids covered when it comes to some great activities designed for fun and learning. City of Ryde Libraries are theming their holiday program around 'Big Adventures, Little Heroes' with some fantastic activities aimed at the budding superhero in your home. They include Drop-in Superhero Wristband Craft Workshops, JECCA building Workshops, a Minecraft Movie Workshop, a Superhero Pot Plant Workshop, a Drawing Workshop, a CSI Forensic Science Workshop, and a Banjo Superhero Storytime. And don't forget our popular Comic-Con at Ryde Library on 17 July, when Spiderman and Wonder Woman will swing in to launch the event at

10.00am, followed by a series of super-powered activities. For full details, go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LibraryProgram](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LibraryProgram)

### NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week, which takes place from 6-13 July, is another important event on Council's calendar and we're proud to join the celebrations recognising the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through City of Ryde's Libraries, which are holding a series of NAIDOC-themed events and workshops. These include Nowey Boat Making Workshops, an Aboriginal History Talk and Bushfood Tasting, a Warurabunga Weaving Workshop, and a performance by the Walangari Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo Company. For full details, go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOCWeek](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOCWeek)



Sincerely,  
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## WHATS ON IN OUR CITY



**FIND OUT MORE [RYDE.EVENTS/GSF](http://RYDE.EVENTS/GSF)**  
**SAT 18 OCT | 9.00AM - 8.30PM | EASTWOOD**



**ENTRIES OPEN**

HOME, SCHOOL, EDIBLE, COMMUNITY GARDENS AND MORE!

**FREE ENTRY**

**ENTRIES OPEN: 1 JULY**  
**ENTRIES CLOSE: 31 AUGUST**

To enter or for more information  
[RYDE.EVENTS/GARDENCOMP](http://RYDE.EVENTS/GARDENCOMP)  
or call Customer Service on 9952 8222

## GARAGE SALES

**SUN  
7  
JULY**

**Time:** 9.00am – 2.00pm  
**Where:** 15 Morshead Street, North Ryde  
List your garage sale for free at:  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GarageSales)

## 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:

- 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

**MONDAY 7 JULY - 17 JULY**



### BIG ADVENTURES, LITTLE HEROES - JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**When:** Monday 7 July – 17 July

Calling all little adventurers in Ryde! Join us at City of Ryde Libraries for our action packed School Holiday Programs. From our NAIDOC Week celebrations, to superhero crafts, Banjo storytime, superhero decorated pot plants, JECCA brick building and our biggest event of the year with Comic-con. To book or to view full program: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SchoolHolidayProgram](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SchoolHolidayProgram)

