

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

### TG MILLNER RALLY

I know many City of Ryde residents share my shock and disappointment at the recent decision by the Sydney North Planning Panel to approve a rezoning proposal for the iconic TG Millner Fields which opens a pathway for this rare 6.2ha of open space to be redeveloped for housing. Council wants to gather as many residents as possible at a community rally on Saturday 19 July at Marsfield Park from 10.00 – 11.30am to protest this short-sighted decision and to make it clear that a critical shortage of active open space in our LGA needs to be addressed at the state and federal levels.

With a predicted shortfall of 21 sports fields by 2040 as our population grows by as much as 100,000 due to an unprecedented boom in residential high-rise construction, there is a real possibility that sports

participation may be lost for many of our future generations of kids. Already, some of our teams must drive long distances out of area to play 'home' games and we cannot allow a lack of active open space to deny any of our kids the undisputed physical, emotional and mental benefits of being involved in sport. Let's use people power to ensure that our genuine concerns are heard and addressed. For more details go to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SOS](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SOS)

### DEB BALL

I was delighted to attend the recent Lady of Grace 70th Anniversary Charity Queen Debutante Ball, which celebrated 11 remarkable young women from our LGA who not only made their formal debut but also dedicated time and effort to fundraising for the Randwick Children's Hospital.

The Lady of Grace Deb Ball wasn't

just a night of glamour — it was a celebration of culture, continuity, and faith passed down through generations. And it was a wonderful way to recognise 70 years of community service by the Lady of Grace Fraternity, which has been a spiritual and cultural anchor for the Sangiovanese community in Sydney.

### SPANISH MOSS

I'm encouraging all residents of our City to keep an eye out for Spanish Moss around their homes and local areas.

Although not listed as a priority weed under the Greater Sydney Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2023 – 2027, Spanish Moss can spread easily via birds and wind. Residents who live near bushland are encouraged to remove it by hand from their garden to help prevent further spread into natural areas.



Sincerely,

**Trenton Brown – Mayor**

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## WHATS ON IN OUR CITY



Join us at the 2025 Granny Smith Festival!

Applications are now open for parade participants, performers, stallholders and volunteers.

Apply now to be part of this exciting event. Scan the QR code or visit [ryde.events/GSF](http://ryde.events/GSF)

Applications close midnight Sunday 3 August.



## 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 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



### COMIC-CON | ALL AGES

**THUR  
17  
JULY**

**When:** Thursday 17 July  
**Time:** 10.00am – 1.00pm  
**Where:** Ryde Library

Comic-con is back with an action-packed line up! Spiderman and Wonder Woman will launch the festival day and present our Costume Competition and parade. Then the day will follow with a series of super-power activity stations such as a Virtual Reality experience, face painting, 3D colouring-in, Jekca Exhibition and meet Kumar, our on the spot cartoonist. Join us for a fun day out with the whole family this July school holidays.

Register for FREE now: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ComicCon](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ComicCon)



Entries for the Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize close soon. Around 80 artworks and design objects made from upcycled materials will be selected for exhibition at See Street Gallery to raise awareness of environmental issues.

To find out more and enter online scan the QR code or visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SWAP](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SWAP)

Applications close Sunday 27 July.

