

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Volunteer Recognition Awards

I'm pleased to announce that nominations for the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Awards are now open. These Awards honour the contribution made by that army of unsung heroes who offer their time and skills to enhance the lives of so many people in our community.

You can nominate an individual, a young person (aged 16-25) or a group for recognition.

For details go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteerawards Nominations close on Monday 10 April 2017.

Be Bold For Change Forum

The City of Ryde's Status of Women's Advisory Committee is holding a 'Be Bold For Change' forum to celebrate International Women's Day on Thursday 9 March at Eden Gardens (9.30am - 2.00pm).

This is a must attend event if you are interested in finding out how women are being 'bold for change' and tackling common and individual challenges in medicine, business and the community.

Guest speakers include Dr Brindha Shivalingham, neurosurgeon and founder of Brainstorm charity and Julia Zaetta, acclaimed Editor of Better Homes and Gardens. There will also be a Q&A panel, morning tea and lunch, a workshop, an art display and performance.

This free event will book out fast and to avoid disappointment go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/iwd

The forum highlights our City's commitment of supporting women's leadership in taking on the challenges that face women in the community.

Current Projects

Work on improving our parks, playgrounds and sportsfields continues unabated. These projects include building upgrades, resurfacing, new playground equipment, lighting and landscaping.

Here are just some of the projects currently underway:

- Meadowbank Field 7 and 8 Field renewal
- Brush Farm Park landscaping
- Pidding Park Car Park surfacing
- Meadowbank Cricket Nets renewal
- Marsfield Park Cricket Wicket and Field upgrades
- Meadowbank Fields 2, 3, 7 and 8 Sports Lighting renewal
- Ryde Park Amenities upgrade
- Tuckwell Park Playground improvements
- Banjo Patterson Park - completed



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

Phone 9952 8222 or email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

GRAFFITI REMOVAL HOTLINE

1300 311 322

(For graffiti on private property (e.g. front fences/walls of private property))

There are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of graffiti vandalism to your property. Rapid removal of graffiti significantly reduces the chance of it recurring. If you see someone writing graffiti please report it immediately:

- Police Assistance Line - 13 14 44
- Crime Stoppers - 1800 333 000 (anonymous)

For further information or to request graffiti removal on your property, contact Council's Customer Service on 9952 8222 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/graffiti

EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY



Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day encourages all Australians to take to their local park, beach, bushland or streets and help collect rubbish. For more information and to register visit www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au

Schools Clean Up Day: Friday 3 March

Clean Up Australia Day: Sunday 5 March

Outdoor Stories & Songs

Join us for a fun-filled, award winning session with songs, stories and more by Ryde Library Service.



Ages All ages welcome
When Friday 24 March
Time 10.30am - 11.00am
Where Piazza Dining area, Top Ryde City shopping centre
Cost Free



You're Invited...

Join us for light refreshments to celebrate the official launch of the new synthetic field at ELS Hall Park.

A new multi-purpose synthetic grass field using 'cool' cork technology is the latest project to be completed in a multi-million dollar upgrade of ELS Hall Park, North Ryde.

The synthetic grass product used not only delivers a year round consistent playing surface, its organic cork infill provides a surface that is up to 20°C cooler on the hottest days when compared to other infill material. It is a natural, recyclable product and ELS Hall Park is the first field in Australia to utilise this new, 'cool' cork system.

When Saturday 18 March
Time 12noon
Where ELS Hall Park, Kent Road, North Ryde
RSVP events@ryde.nsw.gov.au



International Women's Day

FORUM

BE *bold*
FOR *change*

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY 9 MARCH

Go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/iwd to register or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Seniors' Week Celebrations

Join us at our free events to celebrate Seniors' Week. Enjoy the Library, meet new people, try a new experience and access information and ideas.

Retirement Living Options

This talk is presented by Centerlink Financial Information Services. Topics covered include:

- Your choice to own or not
- How financial considerations can alter choice
- Centerlink assessment for each choice
- Financial advantages and disadvantages

Bookings are essential. call 9952 8352 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors



When Wednesday 8 March
Time 6.30 - 8.00pm
Where Ryde Library
Cost Free

Scratch Jr Coding Cross Generation Workshop

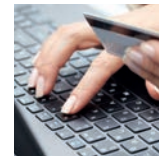
Coding is the new literacy. Learn how to program an interactive story or game alongside your Grandchild or Child. Bring your own iPad or Android for this activity. You will need to download the free software on your device from the Apple store or Google Play. Registration forms available at all City of Ryde Libraries. Limited spaces. Bookings are essential, call 9952 8352 or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors



When Saturday 11 March
Time 10.00 - 11.30am
Where Gladesville Library
Ages Child must be 6 - 8 years
Cost \$3.50 per child, Grandparent free

InFocus: Law Talk - Cyber safety and the law

This talk provides practical tips on protecting yourself online, and addresses types of common online scams and how to avoid them.



When Thursday 23 March
Time 6.30 - 7.30pm
Where West Ryde Library
Cost Gold coin contribution
Bookings Essential. Call 9952 8352

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Garage Sales

Saturday 4 March from 9.00am

- 9 Goulding Road, Ryde
- 23 Magdala Road, North Ryde
- 321 Blaxland Road, Ryde

To list your garage sale for free, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales

North Ryde, Eastwood and Gladesville Libraries One Day Closure

North Ryde, Eastwood and Gladesville libraries will be closed on Friday 10 March due to the annual picnic day and will reopen as normal on Saturday 11 March at 9.30am. After Hours chutes will be available during this time. All other libraries will be open according to their usual operating hours. We apologise for the inconvenience.