

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



**Seventh Gold Annual Report Award**

For the seventh year in a row, Ryde Council has achieved the Gold Award at the Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA) – this year for its 2015/2016 Annual Report.

The ARA is the most prestigious award in corporate reporting and Ryde's Annual Report has achieved Gold every year since 2010.

Our Annual Report proves that size does not matter when standards of excellence in accountability, openness and effective communications are the criteria.

**Skate Clinic**

The popularity of skating with primary school aged children is reflected in the speed at which Council school holiday skate clinics book out. A Skate Clinic is on Tuesday 4 July at Meadowbank Park, in the closed section of the carpark opposite the netball courts for children 6 years and over with beginner and basic skate skills. The sessions are taught by qualified and experienced instructors and aim to develop simple manoeuvres such as stopping, turning and skating confidence. For details, times and booking information, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/skateclinic](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/skateclinic)

**How liveable is your home?**

Council is helping residents improve the liveability of their homes by offering free home assessments through the Home Waste & Sustainability Advisory Service.

The service offers tailored efficiency advice and solutions that can increase comfort whilst helping you save money on utility bills.

If you would like information about practical ways to reduce your home running costs and your environmental impact whilst enjoying a healthy and comfortable lifestyle, you can book in for a free home assessment now.

Participants in this service also have a chance to win one of three \$1,500 eco-home improvement prizes. For details go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa)

**Shop Ryder Community Bus**

Council will continue operating the free Shop Ryder Community Bus after funding of up to \$145K per annum was allocated for the new financial year. This popular service transports over 46,000 passengers annually and has been operating for close to ten years. The free service offers two routes between Meadowbank and West Ryde, as well as Top Ryde City to Eastwood. You can download a timetable from [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shopryder](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/shopryder)



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RYDE ELECTION**

**Saturday 9 September 2017**

**Voting is compulsory for everyone on the electoral roll**

Voting venues will be advertised on the Electoral Commission website and in the newspapers closer to election day.

Please refer to [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info) if you are unable to attend a voting venue that day.

**For further information on the election, please call the Electoral Commission of NSW on 1300 135 736.**

**Residential roll**

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, a person is required to vote at the City of Ryde Council election if they are a resident of one of the three wards in the Ryde Local Government Area.

To enrol to vote or to update your details, visit [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info)

**Non-residential roll**

Detailed information on eligibility to be on the non-residential role is available at [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info) and on the application forms which can be found on the City of Ryde website at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/votensw2017](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/votensw2017).

Enrolment in both the **residential** and **non-residential** electoral rolls closes at 6.00pm on Monday 31 July 2017.

**Are you thinking of becoming a Councillor?**

Detailed information for prospective candidates, including eligibility criteria and financial information can be found at [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info)

Additionally, City of Ryde Council will be holding two information sessions for people interested in becoming a Councillor.

The information sessions will include:

- Understanding the role of Council, the role of a Councillor, and the importance of diverse representation
- Community expectations, speaking out on key issues and challenges of the role
- Conflicts of interest and the support available to new Councillors.

**Information Sessions**

*Information session 1:*

**When** Thursday 13 July 2017

**Time** 6.00 - 8.00pm

**Where** Council Chambers  
Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde (above Ryde Library)

*Information session 2:*

**When** Tuesday 1 August 2017

**Time** 6.00 - 8.00pm

**Where** Council Chambers  
Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, ryde (above Ryde Library)

Bookings are essential for both sessions, please call Customer Service on 9952 8222 to book.

**YOUR COUNCIL. YOUR LIFE. YOUR VOTE.**

