

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Information sessions to improve pedestrian safety around schools

Thank you to everyone who attended the first two information sessions held at Meadowbank and Denistone East public schools last week as part of the consultation currently taking place by the City of Ryde to improve pedestrian and traffic access around local schools.

I personally found it extremely beneficial to meet directly with concerned parents and residents and hear the views that were raised during the sessions.

Many expressed their frustrations, and as a parent myself, I completely understand those frustrations and can assure you that I am just as eager to see progress in this area.

I would encourage everyone who has concerns about pedestrian and traffic issues around schools to attend the information session for their school. The next school sessions are for Truscott Street Public School on Wednesday 4 April, 7.00 - 8.00pm and West Ryde Public School on Tuesday 10 April, 7.00 - 8.00pm.

If you cannot get to one of the information sessions, you can submit your views online or add your comments to the interactive online map at

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

Advocating for our local community

Outside of the discussions to improve pedestrian safety around schools, one other major takeaway from the information sessions was a desire for Council to be an advocate for the community on state and federal issues.

I want to assure you all that the City of Ryde is happy to be the community's voice on all important state and federal matters and will continue to advocate on behalf of all residents.

Recent examples of this include Councillors resolving to pressure the State Government to reinstate bus services in East Ryde, address concerns about the establishment of a mandatory IHAP for Ryde to assess development applications and to commit to funding local services that care for the disabled once the NDIS is introduced.

If you do have a concern about a State or Federal Government issue that you would like Council to raise on your behalf please feel free to contact me directly or any other Councillor, and I can assure you that we will progress the matter.

Events, events and more events

One of the great things about living in the City of Ryde is the great number of events that are put on for the community and the next fortnight is testament to that.

On Thursday this week from 9.30am there will be the Harmony Day Community Information Expo at Eastwood Plaza. The expo will allow us to celebrate our diverse community with cultural performances and more than 50 information stalls aimed at assisting residents and new migrants.

And this week we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair which will see 5,000 people witness the traditional street parade as well as family entertainment, market stalls, carnival rides and the popular Easter Bonnet and West Ryde Singing Star competitions.



Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor
Phone 9952 8222 or
email mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

WEST RYDE Easter PARADE & FAIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

9.00AM - 3.30PM SAT 24 MARCH

Easter Parade from Miriam Park from 9.15am

Easter Fair in the West Ryde Plaza, Anthony Road and Market Street

Go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/easterparade

WEST RYDE EASTER PARADE & FAIR - TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

On Saturday 24 March the following road closures will be in place from 5.00am until 6.00pm (or when safe and clear to re-open)

- Section of Market Street

Access to Coles and Woolworths carparks are still available.

- Section of Anthony Road

A detour route will be signposted to assist commuters travelling within the event area.

For further information please contact the Events Team on 9952 8222 or to keep updated visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/easterparade



"HOP IN" Story Sessions

West Ryde Easter Parade & Fair Day

Where: West Ryde Library
When: Saturday 24 March
Times: 10.30am and 11.30am
Drop-in craft activity: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Everyone welcome

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Garage Sales

Saturday 24 March from 9.00am

- 12a Myra Avenue, Ryde

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

EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY



City of Ryde Seniors Celebration occurs each year around the NSW Seniors Festival, with a month long program of events celebrating the valuable contribution seniors make to our community. There are many free events taking place in our community. This is a great opportunity to learn about the services available in the local area, to try some new experiences and to meet others!

To book and for a list of all the events happening as part of the Seniors Week Festival, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors

InFocus Talk - Walking the Camino and other spiritual journeys

Join Noel Braun, an 84 year old young adventurer and hear about his journey from grief to joy.



When Friday 6 April
Where Gladesville Library
Time 10.30am - 11.30am
Cost Free

Musical Morning Tea: The Good Life Chorus

Join us for songs and a special Seniors Festival Morning Tea. This Dementia friendly local choir presents a sing along that will entertain with old favourites from The Sound of Music to the Beach Boys.



When Monday 9 April
Where Ryde Library
Time 10.00am - 11.30am
Cost Free

Seniors Week Walk

Guided walks are a great way to explore the local area. Guides will share information on heritage, plants, birds and bugs while walkers become familiar with yet another aspect of our wonderful city. This walk will explore from Anderson Park to Meadowbank Park.

Bookings are essential.



When Tuesday 10 April
Where From Anderson Park to Meadowbank Park
Time 10.00am - 12noon
Cost Free
Bookings Essential. Book online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors or call 9952 8222

Volunteering Information Session

Volunteering is a great way to help your community. There is a role to suit you. Have your volunteering questions answered in this panel discussion session.



When Wednesday 11 April
Where Ryde Library
Time 10.30 - 11.30am
Cost Free