



MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



City of Ryde Mayor Clr Jerome Laxale and Deputy Mayor Clr Simon Zhou at the Glen Street car park in Eastwood.

Eastwood car park

Last week was another big win for Eastwood when Council supported my plan for a new shopper car park as well as new open public space and community facilities for the western side of the town centre.

Under the plan, the existing Glen Street car park would be relocated to the Shaftsbury Road precinct at the edge of Eastwood town centre. The Glen Street car park, meanwhile, would be transformed into a public plaza, creating a more vibrant open space for the community.

This plan was developed after Council was provided with the findings from the Draft Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study which found that a commuter car park in Eastwood would cause traffic grid-lock.

I would encourage everyone in the community to have their say on the finalised concept plan as well as the draft study when they go on public exhibition in early 2019.

Ryde leads the way on renewables

Today marks a significant milestone in City of Ryde's journey to reduce its emissions as we officially unveil the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre's new solar harvesting system.

The system is the largest of its kind in north-west Sydney and includes 846 solar panels which will generate more than 300 kilowatts of power and save close to 66 equivalent tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

The Ryde community has told us that they want Council to take a leading role on environmental issues and investing in renewables such as the new solar harvesting system addresses that community need.

To find out more on how the City of Ryde is leading the way with renewable energy visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/solar.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

As this is my final column for 2018, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

It has been a big year for the City of Ryde and 2019 is shaping up to be just as busy as Council continues to embark on its ambitious agenda.

I would like to thank each of my fellow councillors and Council staff for all their assistance throughout the year. A special mention must go to General Manager George Dedes and his Executive Team for their guidance over the past 12 months.

Most importantly, however, I would like to thank everyone in the community. It is each and every one of you that makes this city such a great place to live, work and play, and I look forward to interacting with you all in 2019 to ensure that as a Council, we keep delivering on the issues that matter most to all of you.



Sincerely,

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FESTIVE SEASON OPENING HOURS

Customer Service Centre and Libraries

Closed from 12 noon on Friday 21 December, reopening for business as usual on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

Waste Collection

Waste collection will operate on the usual days and will not be affected by public holidays.

Shop Ryder

The Shop Ryder Bus Service will operate as normal up to and including Friday 21 December 2018 and then cease operations from Saturday 22 December 2018 until

Tuesday, 1 January 2019. Normal operations for this service will resume on Wednesday 2 January 2019. The Shop Ryder Bus Service does not operate on Mondays.

Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

Closed from 12 noon on Friday 21 December until Wednesday 26 December inclusive, and will reopen with reduced trading hours from Thursday 27 December until Tuesday 1 January as indicated below. Normal hours resume on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

For full details go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/holidayhours

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Garage Sales

Sunday 23 December from 9.00am

• 21 Clermont Ave, Ryde

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