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A new year often brings with it new ambition and 2019 is no different.

Looking ahead over the next 12 months, here are six key areas I want Council to focus on:

- Tackling over-development. We'll continue to put pressure on the State Government to stop targeting Ryde with unfair housing targets. This includes repeating our calls for the government to abolish its priority precincts as well as continue to oppose the introduction of the Medium Density Housing Code.

- Delivering vital infrastructure and upgrades. Council has a number of projects that will bring benefits to everyone in the City of Ryde. This includes upgrades being completed on the new West Ryde Plaza as well as work beginning on Eastwood car park.

- **Promoting inclusion.** We want to build on the work Council has done in this area to ensure every member of our community has a voice. This will be achieved through staging cultural events while also undertaking policies that promote social inclusion within our community.

- **Protecting the environment.** We have made large strides to become a more environmentally responsible Council, but there is still work to do. I am particularly excited about a report Council has commissioned to investigate how we could mandate a Renewable Energy Target of up to 60% by 2030.

- Providing more recreation and open spaces. Soon we will open the new skate and scooter park in Meadowbank. Building on this I look forward to plans for the new Kings Park progressing as well as continuing to make our playgrounds the best that they can be.

Advocating for the community.

Our community has identified that some of the issues that face our City are due to State or Federal Government inaction. I'll be encouraging Council to force action from all levels of Government.

This is just a snapshot of what Council will be undertaking in 2019, but as you can see it is going to be another busy year. I look forward to interacting with everyone this year as we continue to make Ryde a great place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

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



OUTDOOR STORIES AND SONGS

10.30am - 11.00am, Top Ryde City shopping centre Ryde Library presents an outdoor session of songs, stories and more!



MAYOR'S MORNING TEA

10.30am - 12 noon, Anderson Park, Ryde Come along to a free Morning Tea and talk to the Mayor Jerome Laxale about local issues. Free face painting and jumping castle.



GARAGE SALE

From 9.00am, 27 Stanbury St, Gladesville List your garage sale for free at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales



AUSTRALIA DAY LIVE CONCERT 5.00pm - 9.00pm, North Ryde Common

Live bands including Jay Parrino & the Ozzy Iconics, JC All-Stars, Ryde Battle of the Bands plus kids rides, thong-throwing competition, food trucks and fireworks!

COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN Locally based, not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations are invited to apply for a grant. Applications close 15 February 2019 For more info: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/communitygrants

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