



City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, met with Buffalo Vale Distillery founders Cal Paterson and Ryan Parker in North Ryde to discover how they are handling the COVID-19 outbreak by producing hand sanitiser which they not only sell to the public but also donate to local nursing homes and charities.

Ryde-In: The Lounge Sessions

This Friday evening, I would encourage all of you to get your household together and tune into the latest instalment of the 'Ryde-In: The Lounge Sessions'.

The Lounge Sessions have been established by the City of Ryde Events team to provide members of the public to watch free live performances by talented local artists from the comfort of their own home.

Crucially, The Lounge Sessions have also provided a vital platform for local artists who are currently struggling due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak forcing the temporary closure of all live music venues and events.

This Friday's session will feature local singer-songwriter Jack Rodgers.

Jack recently took out several categories at the Macarthur Country Music Talent Quest and performed at The Tamworth Country Music Festival earlier this year and last year's Granny Smith Festival.

To view The Lounge Sessions simply visit the City of Ryde Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofryde at 7.00pm this Friday.

For more information you can also visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/theloungesessions.

Eastwood Threads

The City of Ryde, in partnership with the not-for-profit community organisation CASS, has launched an exciting new art initiative called Eastwood Threads.

Eastwood Threads invites all members of the community to get creative and make an artwork that tells a story about Eastwood from the comfort of their own home.

All artwork submitted as part of Eastwood Threads will then be combined by local artist Chris Yee to make collaborative flag designs that will be displayed around Eastwood Town Centre later this year.

For more information about Eastwood Threads, including a video from Chris on how to use art to portray what makes Eastwood so unique, and to make a submission visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eastwoodthreads.

Submissions are open until Monday 11 May.

COVID-19 hub

For important information on COVID-19 I would encourage everyone to visit the dedicated COVID-19 hub on the City of Ryde website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/covid19.

This has the most up-to-date information including news, frequently asked questions and status updates on Council services.

You can also follow the City of Ryde on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest announcements.

Sincerely,


Clr Jerome Laxale
 Mayor
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ONLINE EVENTS IN YOUR CITY

Ryde-In presents **THE LOUNGE SESSIONS**



Grab a drink and kick back in your favourite chair while listening to free live performances by talented local artists from the comfort of your lounge.

Ryde-In: The Lounge Sessions brings live entertainment to you while supporting artists within the Ryde community during a time when some of our live events cannot go ahead. Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/TheLoungeSessions



JACK RODGERS
7.00 - 7.30pm, Friday 1 May
 Jack is a singer/songwriter from Eastwood who has performed locally and overseas.



Over four fun-filled sessions, this hands-on program will allow children and their accompanying parent/guardian to combine everyday objects and experiences with genuine scientific enquiry methods.

Little Bang Discovery On Demand

Conduct experiments at home with your young scientist through Little Bang Discovery On Demand.

Before starting, we recommend putting together your own Discovery Box, which you will use during each session to maximise enjoyment. There will also be a list of additional items specific to each session.

Equipment lists and instructional videos are available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LittleBangDiscovery

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL



Register, Read and Be Rewarded

The 1000 Books Before School program is a free early literacy program designed to build important literacy skills prior to starting school and instil a love of reading.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/1000Books
 Our libraries may be temporarily closed but don't let that stop you and your child from reading and reaching 1000 books! View the online library at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onlinelibrary

Online Library

Read, watch and listen to a fantastic range of titles available free from the City of Ryde Online Library. It features eCollections Story Box Library, online resources for families, reading programs for children, kids' online library and more.
 Visit the Online Library at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onlinelibrary.

A new regulation was recently introduced by the NSW Government regarding the advertising of planning information. For a full list of development applications received and determined visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eServices