



Clr Christopher Gordon and Mayor Clr Jerome Laxale with a Council electric vehicle

Public electric and hydrogen chargers in the City of Ryde

The City of Ryde will help local residents make the transition from fuel-based cars to electric vehicles (EVs) and hydrogen cars after Council supported my Mayoral Minute to investigate the feasibility of installing vehicle chargers across the local government area.

Hydrogen and renewable-electric power are rapidly becoming an important part of Australia's vehicle future. However, surveys undertaken by the City of Ryde have found that the community views the lack of charging infrastructure to be one of the biggest impediments to EV and hydrogen car uptake.

In response, Council will prepare a report identifying funding options and possible locations for public electric and hydrogen vehicle chargers.

The report will consider the possibility of installing charging sites in town centres, publicly accessible Council-owned land and Council-owned car parks at sportsgrounds and parks across the City.

The installation of vehicle chargers across the City of Ryde is in line with Council's commitment to 100 percent renewable energy, support of solar power initiatives and introduction of EVs into its fleet. It also supports Council's pledge under the Cities Power Partnership Program towards encouraging sustainable transport use.

Granny Smith Festival continues

There are more fun and exciting activities taking place this week as we continue to celebrate this year's Granny Smith Festival throughout October.

The Plaza Art in Four Parts series begins tomorrow (8 October) in which an artist will craft a visual artwork dedicated to the Granny Smith Festival in Eastwood Plaza. Chris Yee will kick off the series before three other artists will take up the mantle in the following weeks with a fresh perspective and a new work in progress.

Registrations are also open for the online Big Apple Talent Quest, with great prizes on offer for a range of categories and ages.

Meanwhile, we are counting down the days until the very special Granny Smith Festival performance from Emma Wiggle takes place

live on the Granny Smith Festival Facebook page at 10.00am on Saturday 17 October.

There are also more Granny's Virtual Kitchen cooking workshops taking place and much more to celebrate the life and legacy of Granny Smith.

For more information visit ryde.rocks/gsf.

Our Common Ground returns

The City of Ryde is delighted to confirm that the popular Our Common Ground program is back.

Our Common Ground is for people who live in apartments, with successful applicants provided with the tools and know-how to establish and maintain their very own food garden.

We are inviting apartment owners and tenants to form a group with their neighbours and apply to participate in the program.

Successful applicants will receive gardening supplies to create their own food garden, as well as a free compost bin or worm farm, access to tailored gardening workshops, a free common area energy, water and waste assessment, online support and gardening expert Toni 'The Veggie Lady' Salter as horticulturist facilitator.

For more information and to apply visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ourcommonground.

Conflict in Republic of Artsakh/ Nagorno-Karabakh Republic

I along with Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM strongly condemn Azerbaijan's resumption of hostilities against the indigenous Armenians of the Republic of Artsakh/Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, including in the City of Ryde's Friendship City of Stepanakert.

The loss of life since hostilities resumed is a tragedy.

War and aggression should never be a solution and I call on the fighting to cease and for peaceful negotiations to commence immediately.

Sincerely,

Clr Jerome Laxale
Mayor

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HAVE YOUR SAY

OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- Traffic Calming Investigations - Waterview Street, Putney (Closing 18 October 2020)
- Summer Sportsground Fee Waiver Resolution (Closing 25 October 2020)
- Devlin Street Pedestrian Bridges
- Graffiti Vandalism in the City of Ryde
- Immunisation Clinic Customer Experience Survey
- Traffic & Parking Around Schools


Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

SUN 11 OCT **GARAGE SALES**
From 9.00am
16 Michael Street, North Ryde
List your garage sale for free at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales

LIBRARY EVENTS

WED 14 OCT **AUTHOR'S PLATFORM: CHRIS HAMMER**
Join internationally acclaimed writer Chris Hammer as he presents his third Martin Scarsden novel, "Trust". It is a twisting tale of intrigue and danger that takes readers to a Sydney riven with corruption and nepotism, privilege and power. This event is a collaboration between NSW Public Libraries.
When: Wednesday 14 October
Time: 6.30 – 7.30pm
Where: Online via Zoom
Bookings essential:
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library or 9952 8352.




 **GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL** **ONLINE** OCT 2020

WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?

The City of Ryde will be running an online Talent Quest called **THE BIG APPLE TALENT QUEST** to celebrate the Granny Smith Festival.

Here is your chance to show off your talents and have the opportunity to win prizes in three categories: Singing, Dancing and Open Talent.

Submissions close on **Sunday 18 October 2020**.

Winners will be awarded the following prizes for each category and age group:
1st Prize: \$250, Runners up: \$100
A total prize pool of over \$2,000 is on offer!




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