



2025
TERMS & CONDITIONS



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Selection Criteria

- ✓ Applicants must live with disability.
- ✓ Groups can include People with Disability and one support person per performer.
- ✓ Applicants must live, work or study in the Ryde Local Government Area.
- ✓ Applicants must not be professional artists represented by record labels, publishers, talent agencies, or similar.
- ✓ City of Ryde staff and Councillors are eligible to apply and be selected for competition but are not eligible to win any of the Prizes.
- ✓ Performances may include musical instruments, singing, dancing, acting and comedy.
- ✓ Performances need to be suitable for all ages.
- ✓ Finalists will be chosen from their demo links submitted with the application.
- ✓ The video must not exceed three (3) minutes.
- ✓ Video can be YouTube, social media, or cloud file link. If you can't provide a video link, please contact City of Ryde Community Services Team on 9952 8222 or email: community@ryde.nsw.gov.au.

Key Dates

- Applications OPEN on **Monday 8 September 2025**.
- Applications CLOSE on **Sunday 19 October 2025**.
- Finalists selected and contacted by **Friday 7 November 2025**.
- Finalists can visit the final event venue at North Ryde School of Arts on **Tuesday, 18 November 2025**, between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This session provides an opportunity for finalists to conduct a sound check and familiarise themselves with the stage setup and performance space. Bookings are required.
- Event will take place on **Tuesday 2 December 2025** from 6pm to 8pm at North Ryde School of Arts.



Finalists

1. Finalists are selected by a judging panel comprising of council staff and finalists will be notified by **Friday 7th November 2025**.
2. Selected finalists must be at North Ryde School of Arts by **5:00 PM on Tuesday 2 December 2025**, for briefing.
3. Performers who are late or absent must provide as much notice as possible to adjust the schedule accordingly.
4. This is an alcohol and drug-free event. Performers found with or under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be disqualified.
5. Rehearsal and sound check can be booked on **Tuesday, 18 November 2025**, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. While attendance is optional, your participation is highly encouraged to ensure a smooth and successful performance.
6. Performers must provide a stage plot (template given at registration) for the production crew.
7. Complete stage setup, audio equipment, and backline are provided. Bring your own instruments, including keyboard if needed. An audio engineer will be available on the day.
8. Performers get 5 minutes to perform and 5 minutes for setup/changeover.
9. Performances must be suitable for all ages.
10. Performers (and their parent/guardian if under 18 years) agree to allow information, photos and videos taken at the event to be used for advertising or promotional purposes.
11. Participants indemnify Ryde Council and its agents for any actions, claims or demands of any kind resulting in personal injury, property loss/damage or actions of performers. It is advised that venues are covered under council public liability insurance coverage. Performers are advised to seek their own legal advice on their personal insurance requirements.

Event Night Judging

- A panel of three (3) judges at the Ryde Shine Ability event will select winners.
- Performances will be judged on: Stage presence & personality, professionalism, and overall quality of performance.
- Decision of judges will be final.



Contact Us

If you have got any questions about the competition, please contact the Community Services Team.

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