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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## A MESSAGE FOR CITY OF RYDE



### Welcome to the Autumn edition of Live.Work.Play – City of Ryde’s community magazine.

For many people Autumn is their favourite time of year – the leaves on many of our beautiful trees are changing colours, the days are still warm but there’s an expectant chill in the morning and evening air.

It’s a wonderful time to be out and about in our amazing City where, as always, there’s no shortage of things to do for residents and visitors of all ages. Relax in one of our verdant parks, taking some exercise on a picturesque bike path or dine out at one of the vibrant, multicultural restaurants in our town centres.

One of our undisputed favourite annual autumnal treats is Cork & Fork by the Riverside, a festival of food and wine held on the banks of the Parramatta River.

This year’s event – showcasing boutique wine from the Mudgee and Hunter Valley regions, locally made spirits, craft beer, food trucks, gourmet food products, bespoke items, great music, and activities for kids – is taking place on Sunday 21 May at Kissing Point Park, Putney from 10.00am – 4.00pm.

It’s a great opportunity to socialise with friends and family in a relaxed and cheerful setting.

Another important event on the calendar is World Environment Day and City of Ryde will join in these

celebrations by holding a Sustainability Festival on Sunday 4 June 2023 from 10.00am – 2.00pm at Ryde Park.

The Sustainability Festival features information, workshops and market stalls that demonstrate how even small changes we make as individuals can greatly reduce our overall environmental impact.

With a similar theme in mind, entries are now open for the Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP), an environmental art competition for people aged 10 and over who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde.

Visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap) for more information.

SWAP aims to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage positive behaviour change using artworks and design objects made from upcycled waste materials as mediums of communication.

Finally, I’d like to offer a warm congratulations to Cllr Shweta Deshpande, who was voted City of Ryde’s new Deputy Mayor during February’s Council meeting.

Sincerely,

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# LET'S TALK

## WAYNE RYLANDS CEO, CITY OF RYDE



Even before he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of City of Ryde in late 2022, Wayne Rylands devoted himself to local government and the big picture.

Whether it be his vision for the unlimited economic potential of the City's innovation district at Macquarie Park, the need for town centre planning that adapts to ever-evolving demographic changes and cultural landscapes or a determination that Ryde becomes a "live, work, play" destination, Wayne is constantly looking ahead with practical solutions for people and places.

"Our Council vision is about having that lifestyle opportunity at your doorstep," he said. "It's about creating the right place. It's about having everything. I think we can do that."

With more than 30 years of experience in Local Government, including senior managerial roles at Lane Cove and Campbelltown Councils, Wayne came to City of Ryde in 2018 with fully formed strategies around developing a vision and then creating the action plans to make it happen.

Front and centre of the City of Ryde strategy is Macquarie Park, Sydney's original innovation district. Sitting on nearly 7km<sup>2</sup> of built and natural environments, it houses the Australian headquarters of 10 of the world's top 100 companies, as well as the highly regarded Macquarie University.

Council is proactively looking at attracting investment from south-east Asia's most tech heavy and smart City nations, including Taiwan, Japan and South Korea, which could significantly boost the City's economic and employment opportunities.

"Macquarie Park is a major CBD from a global perspective in my view. It should have been one of the major cities that the Greater Cities Commission

included in their strategy work to help drive economic growth in Sydney," Wayne said. "But we're hoping the new State Government recognises Macquarie Park and Ryde's huge potential as the engine room of the global economic corridor that stretches from Sydney through north-western Sydney to Parramatta."

"I'd like to see the number of Australian headquarters for global companies at Macquarie Park expanded to around 20 to 25 of the top international companies of the future rather than those that exist right now."

Another important consideration as the City of Ryde continues to grow is mass transit public transport and Wayne sees one piece of proposed rail infrastructure as a game changer.

"The big one for us right now is convincing the new State Government to look at planning for that missing link for the Sydney Metro between St Marys and Tallawong," he said. "If we get that to happen, we are truly a 24/7 City. We're connected to the Sydney CBD and the Western Sydney City, the two main cities."

Wayne is also progressing a new model of holistic town planning that prioritises future community needs (place) and changing demographic profiles over simple height and zoning controls.

"I've seen how you can get good planning by considering a whole lot of different functions that fit within how a City operates," he said. "This includes economic, social, cultural, resilience, open space, transport and architectural planning."

"What we build today is here for at least 50 years, but we tend to build for the present and not the future. We're not building it to be successful in that 50-year timeframe and we need to start doing that a lot more. We need to start planning more from an integrated point of view."

**"I'm grateful for this Council providing me with the opportunity to plan for this City in a different way. I love being in this job in this City. I'm really blessed. I want to make the most of it and make this the best place that it can be for the people that live and work here. That's what it's all about for me."**



# NEWS

## New Deputy Mayor for City of Ryde



Central Ward councillor Cllr Shweta Deshpande was voted City of Ryde's Deputy Mayor during an open vote at a Council meeting on 28 February.

The first Deputy Mayor of South East Asian heritage, Cllr Deshpande will serve in the role until September 2023.

As a leader and strategic marketer within the pharmaceutical industry, Cllr Deshpande has won innovation awards for lateral thinking and providing solutions to effectively manage cross-functional teams. She holds an MBA and an undergraduate degree in English Literature.

Cllr Deshpande has committed to continue to work collaboratively with the Mayor, Cllr Sarkis Yedelian OAM, fellow Councillors and staff to build a sustainable City that holds promise for this generation and beyond.

## Face-to-face development advisory appointments are back

Council's popular Development Advisory Service is now offering face-to-face appointments in addition to phone and teleconference options.

The service provides front-end planning and development information for residents and building and development professionals. The team can assist with planning and development enquiries, development application lodgement through the NSW Planning Portal, viewing of notification and exhibition material, formal pre-lodgement review services and urban design review.

For more information or to book a time, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DAS](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DAS)



## Eastwood postal services update

At a Council meeting held on 28 February 2023, Council voted to write to Australia Post objecting to their decision to close the full-service post office at 102 Rowe Street in Eastwood on 10 March 2023. Council has also written to the Federal Member for Bennelong and the Federal Communications Minister seeking their intervention to stop the removal of the Eastwood Post Office.

In the meantime, Council and Australia Post have been working together to determine an appropriate location to install 24/7 parcel lockers to improve access to postal services for the Eastwood community.

It has been confirmed that the lockers will be installed within Council's Rowe Street East carpark at 53-71 Rowe Street in Eastwood in an easily accessible location.

Further details, including a timeframe for installation of the parcel lockers, will be provided in due course.

# HOW TO USE NO PARKING ZONES AT SCHOOLS

**Do you drop off your child at school and collect them by car?  
Are you aware of the rules of using a No Parking zone as a driver?**



Most schools have a 2 minute No Parking zone at the front or nearby. They are used as Kiss & Ride zones and are designed for drivers to stop for no more than two minutes to drop-off or pick-up a passenger. No Parking zones aim to keep traffic flowing and minimise the risk to children during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Follow these rules and advice to avoid fines and keep traffic flowing and children safe.

- When stopping at these zones, drivers must remain within 3 metres of their vehicle at all times. You may not park and walk into the school to drop-off or pick-up your child.
  - Drivers cannot arrive early and wait in the No Parking zone outside the school until your child appears. Only stop there when they are ready to enter your vehicle. If they are not waiting within the zone, move away and come back later. This will free the zone up for other drivers whose passengers are waiting.
  - When picking up your child at the Kiss & Ride zone, aim to arrive after the school bell. That way you won't be waiting too long and be at risk of fines for overstaying the 2 minute No Parking rule or for queuing in a No Stopping zone. Remember, once the bell rings children still need to collect their belongings and get to the gate.
- If your school runs an organised pick-up program from the No Parking zone at the front of the school, follow their instructions.
  - Teach your child how to get in and out of the car themselves, and how to buckle their own seatbelt. This will help your child become independent and safe.
  - Remember, No Stopping zones are there for a reason – to improve sightlines at intersections and around pedestrian crossing points. Do not stop in a No Stopping zone while waiting to access the Kiss & Ride.
  - If you live close to the school, consider walking instead. You can also park slightly further away and walk to school with your child. It's important to teach your child about safety around roads and traffic.

Remember that children are unpredictable and vulnerable. Road rules are there to protect children from risks. Also, Council Rangers are there to enforce road rules to help keep our children safe, please treat them with respect.

For more information, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/schoolzones](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/schoolzones)

# WATER SAVING HABITS

Now that La Niña has ended, we're expecting drier and hotter times ahead of us. This means that we need to start getting into good water saving habits to conserve precious water.

Start with these water saving tips:

## Around your house

- 1 Every minute under a shower uses around 10 litres of water. Showering for four minutes instead of 10 can save 60 litres a day.
- 2 Turn off your tap/shower while brushing your teeth, lathering soap, shaving and shampooing.
- 3 Install a WELS 4-star rated water saving showerhead to save on water and energy costs.
- 4 Thaw frozen food in the fridge or microwave, not under a running tap.
- 5 Use the half flush. It will save up to 4.5 litres every time.
- 6 Replace leaking taps and toilets around your home. One drip every second can waste 7,000 litres of water a year!



## In the garden



- 1 Water your garden before 10.00am and after 4.00pm to reduce water loss through evaporation.
- 2 Pull out weeds as soon as they sprout so they don't take water away from your plants.
- 3 Water the soil around each plant, not the leaves, since plants absorb water through their roots.
- 4 Apply a 7 to 10-centimetre-deep layer of mulch around your plants to help prevent water from evaporating.
- 5 Use a broom to sweep leaves and debris off hard surfaces instead of a hose.
- 6 Talk to your local nursery about choosing water-wise plants for your garden and group plants that need the same amount of water together so that none of them get too much.
- 7 Add a cover to your swimming pool. This will save half the volume of your pool from evaporating each year.

For more ways to conserve water and save on your water and electricity bills, book a free home assessment with our Home Waste and Sustainability Advisory Officer. Visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa)



# 8 GREAT REASONS TO LOVE TREES

**Trees play an important role in greening our City. They are invaluable assets because of the many benefits to the community:**

- 1** More shade and relief from the summer heat
- 2** Improving air quality
- 3** Providing habitat and attracting native wildlife
- 4** Enhancing biodiversity
- 5** Cooling our City and reducing our energy bills
- 6** Improving mental health and creating a sense of calm
- 7** Increasing property value
- 8** Reducing runoff.

As part of our efforts to increase our City's tree canopy, Council has been planting trees on streets and corridors. These efforts will take us one step closer to meeting the Greater Sydney target of planting 5 million trees by 2030.

If you would like to play your part in greening our City, come along to the Tree Giveaway at our Sustainability Festival on Sunday 4 June at Ryde Park. You'll be able to pick up a free tree to plant in your garden.



# POWERING A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The City of Ryde is proud to be leading the way and powering sustainable change through a number of projects designed to reduce our reliance on non-sustainable energy sources. Programs and works are delivered as part of a suite of various outcome areas as guided by Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025.

Some of the key highlights in 2021/22 are shown below and you can view the full report online via the QR code.



City of Ryde is powered by **100 percent** renewable energy

On 1 July 2022 the City of Ryde became 100 percent powered by renewable energy for its operations. This achievement is **8 years earlier** than the 2030 target.



## Clothing bins

**119 tonnes**

of unwanted clothing diverted from landfill via the clothing bins collection.

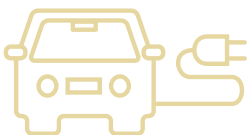


## Shop Ryder

Approximately

**17,259**

passenger trips in 2022



## Electric vehicle charging stations

**2** installed



## Household recycling



**8,299 tonnes**

of recycling from



**54,366**

households



## Solar installations

**684**



## Chipping and mulching service

**731** bookings



# Clean Up Australia Day

Last year's Clean Up Australia Day activities in the City of Ryde attracted **38 participating groups**. During February and March, these groups collected a total of **2,010 kg of litter** from our local streets, parks and reserves, waterways and foreshores. This is over double the weight collected in 2021. A massive thank you to everyone involved.



**2,010 kg**  
of litter collected

## Bushcare program

Members of our community volunteered

**2,538 hours**  
of their time

**54**  
areas of bush regeneration

Totalling over  
**104**  
hectares



## Trees and shrubs planted

**1,700**

in the City's bushland areas, parks, streets and private properties.



# Priority weed inspections



**399**

High risk site inspections

**254**

Private property inspections

**52**

Online marketplace reviews

**134.23 km**

High risk pathways including identified roadways, rail corridors, creeklines and rivers

**95 percent**

of eradication and control activities were completed

## Spring Garden Competition 2022



**251**  
participants

**10**  
categories

Last year's competition saw **251 participants** across **ten categories**, including the popular Children's Seed Growing Competition.

\*Data sourced from bitre.gov.au, Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts – Motor Vehicles, Australia, January 2022 (First Issue) publication.

# WHAT'S ON IN YOUR CITY

## SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

10.00am – 2.00pm, Sunday 4 June, Ryde Park



World Environment Day is celebrated globally every year. City of Ryde will join in these celebrations by holding a Sustainability Festival on Sunday 4 June 2023 from 10.00am – 2.00pm at Ryde Park.

The Sustainability Festival features information, workshops and market stalls that demonstrate how even small changes we make as individuals can greatly reduce our overall environmental impact.

Learn more about biodiversity, Bushcare, composting, creating habitat-friendly gardens, carbon reduction, electric vehicles, resilience in our community, recycling, solar, sustainable transport, water conservation, waste reduction, weed management and much more.

In addition, we will have entertainment, face painting, live music, and food trucks. This year is expected to be our biggest event yet.

For more information visit  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityfestival](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityfestival)



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# SUSTAINABLE WASTE 2 ART PRIZE

**Entries close Sunday 23 July 2023**

The Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) is an environmental art competition that aims to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage positive behaviour change using artworks and design objects made from upcycled waste materials as mediums of communication.

There's \$5,000 in prizes across six categories. Prizes will be awarded based on the upcycling of waste materials, environmental messaging and artistic merit.

Artworks and design objects will be selected for exhibition at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE from Friday 1 September to Thursday 14 September 2023 and virtual tour on Council's website from Friday 1 September to Saturday 30 September 2023.

Free SWAP workshops will be held to help children create their SWAP entries in July. There are five sessions for children aged 10 years and over. Sessions will include Delightful Dioramas: Tiny worlds in boxes, 3D Creatures: Fabric and newspaper creations, Colours and patterns: Mixed media designs, Make your Mark: Concept art on environmental messages and Mother Earth: The beautiful environment around us.

There will also be a SWAP workshop stall at the Sustainability Festival on Sunday 4 June at Ryde Park with a series of free workshops to help people create their entries from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

We have a range of educational resources and videos for inspiration, advice on creating your own masterpiece and tips on photographing your artwork. For more information and to enter the competition, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap)

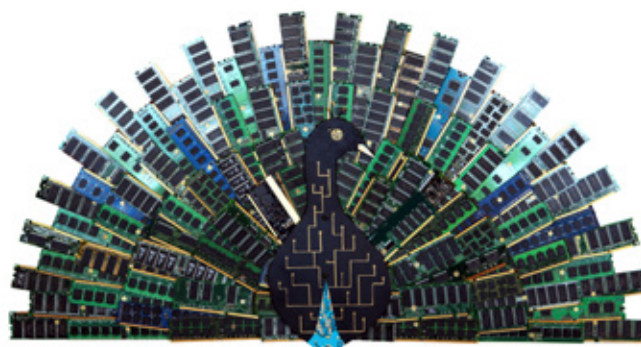
Entries are open until Sunday 23 July 2023.



*Route 66 Open by Dirk Kruithof*



*Catch of the Day by Sam Tsang*



*PC Peacock by Stephanie Powell*

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# CORK & FORK



BY THE RIVERSIDE



## 10.00am – 4.00pm, Sunday 21 May, Kissing Point Park, Putney

The City of Ryde is excited to confirm that Cork & Fork by the Riverside is returning in 2023 at Kissing Point Park in Putney.

Cork & Fork by the Riverside will showcase boutique wines and spirits, craft beer, gourmet food products and bespoke items right on the picturesque Parramatta River foreshore. There will be kids rides, craft activities and live entertainment featured throughout the day.

To taste test all of our wonderful wine, brewery, and distillery suppliers you will need to purchase your own branded Cork and Fork wine glass on the day for \$10. Glasses will be on sale at our ticket booths (cashless payment only).

Find out more at [ryde.events/corkandfork](https://ryde.events/corkandfork)



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