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Mayor's message

A MESSAGE FOR THE CITY OF RYDE

Welcome to City of Ryde's autumn Live. Work. Play. Magazine which is packed full of useful information and great stories for our community.

As always, there are plenty of activities and events to look forward to as we head into the cooler days ahead.

The Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) is an environmental art competition for people aged 10 and over who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde. 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.

Entries are open until 28 July, with the winners announced at a brilliant opening night event at Meadowbank's See Street Gallery on 5 September.

Young musicians or groups wanting to be heard, were encouraged to register for our 2024 Battle of the Bands competition. This competition is designed to support musicians aged 12 to 24 years and showcase their talent.

Bands will battle it out at Lachlan's Line Auditorium on Wednesday 17 April between 5.30 and 9.30pm and it is sure to be jam packed with excitement.

Anzac Day is one of the most solemn dates on the City of Ryde calendar, marking the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the Gallipoli campaign of WWI. On Thursday 25 April, Council will hold a commemorative service for the community at Anzac Park, West Ryde to be followed by morning tea at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Sincerely,

Sarrus Jedelian

Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM Mayor* Customer Service Centre - 9952 8222 mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au

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Denistone Sports Club

A contract has been executed for the acquisition of the Denistone Sports Club by City of Ryde in accordance with a Council resolution from May 2023.

Council's acquisition of the property will ensure that the important open space and community facility will remain available for the community to use well into the future.

Council purchased the property from the Carlingford Sports and Bowling Club, which needs to satisfy a number of conditions prior to Council taking formal ownership of the property, a process which may take several months.

Following the contract conditions being met, Council will initiate a community consultation process on the potential future use of the site.

Council has been involved in good faith negotiations with the bowlers who use the Denistone Sports Club over their continued use of the greens. At the 13 February 2024 Extraordinary Meeting, Council resolved



to mediate with the Carlingford Sports and Bowling Club to allow the Denistone bowlers to keep playing at the site until Council takes ownership, in anticipation of an ongoing arrangement with the bowlers to be finalised following the completion of the sale.

Council seeks collaboration on housing



City of Ryde Councillors endorsed a submission to the NSW Government opposing changes to planning regulations for low and medium density housing that could result in an 83 percent population increase in the Ryde Local Government Area (LGA).

At an Extraordinary Meeting on 13 February, Council resolved to oppose the government's *Implementation*

of the Explanation of Intended Effects – Changes to Create Low and Mid-Rise Housing (EIE) in its current form as it provides no evidence-based plans on how increased housing density would be serviced by existing infrastructure and other essential services.

City of Ryde modelling found the EIE could result in an increase of up to 43,090 dwellings in the Ryde LGA's low-density residential precincts resulting in 107,725 more people.

The resolution called on the NSW Government to take a genuinely collaborative approach to working with councils to resolve the current housing crisis through well-balanced planning.

That includes the delivery of balanced 'lifestyle' outcomes for communities, whereby increased housing, infrastructure, essential services, open space, and employment opportunities were provided for new and existing residents.

Home Library Service brings books to your doorstep



City of Ryde residents who may be unable to attend the library due to frailty, disability, illness or carer's duties can apply to join City of Ryde Libraries' Home Library Service which has capacity to take on additional eligible members and institutions. The free service delivers library items directly to housebound residents or local institutions such as aged care centres and retirement villages in the area. Home Library Service members are invited to discuss their preferences with our Home Library Service Officer to receive a monthly selection of library items tailored to their tastes. A large variety of formats is available including large print books, audiobooks, CDs/DVDs and magazines.

Delivery and collection occurs every four weeks, and members can discuss any changes in preferences, formats, or share their book reviews along the way.

"People living in the City of Ryde are so lucky to have the Home Library Service", says Jo, a Home Library Service member since 2018. "There's only one word to describe the service – MAGIC. The library can find books for every interest and give personal service. Monthly deliveries of a 'Bag of Books' is exciting and looked forward to. Great reading!"

The Home Library Service currently has capacity to take on additional members and institutions. Eligibility criteria and conditions apply.

For more information, please contact the Home Library Service Officer on 9952 8365, email HLS@ryde.nsw.gov.au, or visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/homelibraryservice**

RecycleSmart



An increasing number of residents have been diverting hard-to-recycle materials from landfill since City of Ryde's 12-month trial partnership with RecycleSmart started in December 2023. The impressive results include:

There has been a total of over



We have heard from the Ryde community, with fantastic feedback and enthusiastic comments about the service:

"We've registered and booked a regular pickup. It will really reduce the amount in our red bin." Sue F.

"Brilliant [service]! I had my first pickup of hoarded soft plastics just before Christmas, fantastic service. So glad this company covers such a wide range of recyclables." Lyn F. RecycleSmart collects selected items from your doorstep that can be recycled but can't go in your yellow recycling bin.

The collected items include:

- Soft plastics
- Small e-waste items (excluding items eligible for a Television and Computer Collection Service)
- Textile wearable and non-wearable
- Batteries
- Blister packs
- Polystyrene
- Coffee capsules
- Cookware
- Toys

The service is available to eligible Council areas, including City of Ryde.

Bookings are limited to a maximum of one collection of two bags per month.

For more information about this service, visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/recyclesmart**

Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize Competition Entries open

The Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) is an environmental art competition for people aged 10 and over who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde. 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.

There's \$5,000 in prizes across six categories – Junior (10-13yrs), Youth (14-17yrs), Open (18yrs+), Functional, Schools Participation and People's Choice.

Around 80 artworks and design objects will be selected for exhibition at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE from Friday 6 September to Thursday 19 September 2024 and virtual tour on Council's website from Friday 6 September to Sunday 22 September 2024.

Entries for the competition close Sunday 28 July 2024.

For more information and to enter the competition visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SWAP**

Heritage buildings of Ryde

Addington House



ADDINGTON. 813 Victoria Rd., Ryde

Addington is a colonial-style sandstone house located at 813 Victoria Road, Ryde. It was built in 1794 by James Stewart and expanded over the years by its owners, including James Shepherd, who purchased the farm in 1809.

The house was occupied by Isaac Shepherd, who became a wealthy pastoralist and member of the NSW Legislative Assembly in the 1860s. It was later occupied by Thomas Bowden, the Colony's second schoolmaster, and his family.

By the 1970s, the house had fallen into disrepair until the Addington Trust was formed and essential works were carried out. An extensive restoration project was then undertaken in 1988 by the City of Ryde, following its purchase in 1985.

Today, Addington is conserved for the community and features four pairs of shuttered French doors that open onto a stone flagged verandah. There is a stone outbuilding at the rear with remnants of former structures, such as a kitchen, ballroom and greenhouse easily visible.

Fun fact: Addington is reported to be the oldest complete settler's cottage in Australia and is the oldest surviving building in Ryde!

Willandra House



WILLANDRA. 770 Victoria Rd., Ryde

Willandra is a historical house located at 770 – 782 Victoria Road, Ryde. The property stands on part of the original grant made to John Small, a freed convict, and was later acquired by James Devlin. The property was subdivided and sold to form the village of Ryde in the 1840s, and soon after Willandra was constructed. Throughout the years, Willandra was owned by several wealthy families, however it remained unoccupied from 1895 to 1910. In the 1920s, the property was subdivided, and the lots were sold for residential housing.

Willandra House is a beautiful colonial-style building with a ground floor verandah and stone Roman Doric columns. The interior has good quality cedar joinery, and the entrance hall is separated from the geometrical staircase by double doors below a fanlight.

The building was purchased by the City of Ryde in 1974 and has since been restored and conserved for the community. Willandra House is now home to Ryde District Historical Society Inc and the City of Ryde Art Society Inc.

Brush Farm House



BRUSH FARM, 19 Lawson St., Eastwood

Brush Farm House, located at 19 Lawson Street, Eastwood is one of Australia's oldest and most substantial houses from the Macquarie period. Built around 1820 by Gregory Blaxland, the property stands on part of a grant made to Zadoc Petit in 1794.

The house contains features typical of the Victorian period, such as a two-storey cast iron verandah, and includes an Edwardian period institutional hall. The site also contains remnants of the early nineteenth-century adaptations of the landscape including cisterns, wells, and a carriage loop and drive.

Brush Farm House has a rich history that includes ownership by the Forster family, a notable theatrical entrepreneur, and Sir Norman Kater. The estate also served as a signal station and housed a boys' reformatory.

The historic nineteenth-century house was purchased by the City of Ryde in 1990 and was officially reopened on 27 April 2007, after a meticulous \$3.3 million restoration.

The restoration was funded by the Council, the Commonwealth Government, and the NSW Heritage Office. Brush Farm House offers visitors a glimpse into the past when the Ryde district played a vital role in the establishment and growth of Australia's agriculture, cattle and wine industries.

The Parsonage



The Parsonage, located at 12 Turner Street, Ryde, is a high Victorian-quality house, was built for the Minister of the Wesleyan Church in 1883. It was originally presented to Devlin Street but was later reoriented towards Turner Street due to the development of Devlin Street as a transport spine. Over time, it was poorly adapted and turned into flats before being bought by the Roads & Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) in 1990.

In 1997, the RTA sold the property, which was in poor condition and damaged by fire, vandalism and lack of maintenance. The City of Ryde purchased the property, which required urgent remedial works to stabilise and waterproof the external fabric, remove poorly constructed extensions, and restore the interior staircase.

The Parsonage underwent further restoration by Macquarie Community College that included replacing timber decks, verandah beams, installing steel brackets, upgrading the roof structure, and reconstructing internal handrails and balustrades. The building was re-rendered, with new ceilings, flooring and fireplaces. The restoration incorporated Victorian period ceiling mouldings, wood trimmings, and door furniture, while adhering to the Building Code of Australia 1996, and *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

The restoration ensured that The Parsonage can be enjoyed by the community and visitors.

Australian Heritage Festival

During April and May, The National Trust is holding an Australian Heritage Festival, supported by City of Ryde. The festival is an opportunity for the community to access events and exhibitions, gather stories and tell them, celebrate through ceremony and performances, share knowledge through talks, walks and tours, and have fun bringing heritage to life. Find out more about the festival at www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/nsw

Why not learn more about Ryde's local history during the festival by visiting the Ryde District Historical Society at Willandra House (**www.rydehistory.org.au**) and Council's Local Studies section at Ryde Library.

Anzac Day in your City



THURSDAY 25 APRIL 9.00 – 10.00AM ANZAC PARK, WEST RYDE

Council will again hold an Anzac Day commemorative service for the community at Anzac Park, West Ryde. The ceremony will be followed by morning tea at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/anzacday

Interactive honour board



The Ryde Remembers Interactive Honour Board recognises over 2,000 local service men and women who served in WWI, showing name, rank, photos, and other memorabilia, collated by the Ryde District Historical Society and Ryde Library.

The Interactive Honour Board is available for public use at Ryde Library during library opening hours or online at **www.ryderemembers.com.au**

Knitted poppies



Visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/poppies** to watch an instructional video on how to make a knitted poppy demonstrated by Angela Phippen, Council's Programs Librarian Local Studies. You can also download an instruction sheet on how to knit a poppy to wear on Anzac Day.

Cost of living support

Are you struggling to pay for everyday basics such as food, housing, electricity and transport? You're not alone. With costs rising faster than the average household income, we know that many are doing it tough at the moment.

City of Ryde offers a wide range of free and low-cost initiatives and services to support our community. We want everyone to have the chance to thrive, not just survive, in our City.

What would make life happier and healthier for you, your friends and family? Whether it's fitness and sport, events and entertainment, opportunities to learn or connect, there's something for everyone on our Cost of Living Support page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ CostofLivingSupport

Fitness and sport

The City of Ryde runs free and low-cost events and programs for all ages and abilities. Visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ActiveinRyde** to find out more and to register.

The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) offers an extensive range of water-based programs and activities. Children aged 0-4 years get free entry to the centre with a paying adult, and various discounts are available for frequent visitors and eligible seniors, families and students.

Events and entertainment

The City of Ryde is an active, vibrant City with diverse communities and lots of regular council-run events that are free or very low cost to attend.

Visit our website to find upcoming events www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eventslisting or sign up to our eNewsletter at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/events to hear about what's happening across our City.

Libraries

With five local branches, regular activities and events, and an amazing range of physical and online resources, City of Ryde Libraries offer free leisure and learning opportunities for everyone no matter what your interests or stage of life.

Library membership is free, and includes:

- Borrowing of books in a range of community languages, as well as DVDs, toys, puzzles, games and educational science kits
- Online newspapers and magazines (including community languages) available in the library and from home



- Access to thousands of popular fiction and non-fiction eBooks and eAudio, movies and TV shows
- Access to Local History and other research databases
- Children's programs
- Seed Library

Our branches offer comfortable, safe, cool and welcoming spaces including access to public computers, WiFi, daily newspapers, meeting rooms and study spaces. We even have a Digital Media Lab with Adobe Creative Suite software.

For parents and kids, we host a wide range of regular preschooler, school holiday and educational programs such as Storytime, Rhymetime, Sensory Storytime, Auslan Storytime and Stories & Play sessions. For school aged children, there's a club for all interests including Curious Kids, Kubo Robotics, Chess and Coding clubs as well as HSC Help.

City of Ryde Libraries also offer exhibitions, author talks, book clubs, Musical Mondays, creative workshops and much more.

Visit the City of Ryde Library website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/libraries and sign up to our monthly Library eNewsletter for upcoming opportunities.

Sustainability

Council may be able to help you find ways to reduce your home's energy and water costs.

Sign up for a free home energy assessment at **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa**

There are also more than 70 NSW Government rebates and savings available to help residents save on everyday costs. Visit **www.service.nsw.gov.au/ campaign/savings-finder**

Inclusive volunteering

Having opportunities to be part of the community in a meaningful way is important for everyone. Volunteering is a great way to connect with our community and to use your skills and time to help others.

The City of Ryde's Supporting Inclusive Volunteering project has been working to address barriers that might prevent people with disability accessing volunteering opportunities.

The pilot project has produced a useful resource, co-designed with members of our local community with lived experience of disability, to help volunteers understand the expectations, responsibilities and benefits of volunteering. The resource was translated into Simplified Chinese and Korean (the two most common languages spoken in the local area) and is available in Easy Read and video format. We have distributed 300 English copies, 100 Simplified Chinese copies and 100 Korean copies of the booklet so far.

We then organised opportunities for volunteers registered with the project to gain experience, confidence and skills. Between October 2023 and March 2024, 10 volunteers had the opportunity to attend 44 different activities and events.





In addition, six disability awareness training sessions were held for 45 community organisations and 86 Council staff.

The project has received positive feedback from participants who found the experience empowering and enjoyable, providing an avenue to socialise, make new friends and learn new skills.

Nalyn who has lived in the City of Ryde for 35 years described it as a "fabulous program". She found the process easy to sign up for, Council staff very helpful and friendly, and said that roles and responsibilities were clearly communicated. She said her communication skills greatly improved because of this project, something that can be used in every area of her life.

We have also been contacted by 11 other local councils wanting to learn more about the project and trial it in their own areas.

Read more about the project at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SIV

Find out more about volunteering with Council at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/VolunteerWithUs





Coordinated by Refugee Council of Australia

Refugee Week

Refugee Week is Australia's major annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

Refugee Week will be held between Sunday 16 and Saturday 22 June 2024 with the theme of 'Finding Freedom through Family'.

For upcoming events and activities for Refugee Week in the City of Ryde visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RefugeeWeek**

Citizen of the Year



Meet Lyn Mann, 2024 Citizen of the Year

The City of Ryde honoured our 10 Citizen of the Year and five Young Citizen of the Year nominees at a special ceremony on 25 January. The awards recognise people whose efforts make our City a better place.

We caught up with the 2024

Citizen of the Year, Lyn Mann, who has served the community as a Scouts NSW volunteer since 1990. Lyn said she feels humbled and was genuinely surprised when her name was called out as the winner, as all the nominees were so deserving. However, hearing her talk passionately about her work, there's no doubt she deserves this award.

What inspired Lyn to volunteer for Scouts NSW, and what has kept her there for over 30 years?

Lyn was encouraged to join the East Ryde Scouts as a volunteer in December 1990. At the time she was volunteering to run her son's school canteen and had already volunteered her time to set up the first Ryde volleyball club and tournament. She loved volleyball and had even played at State level.

With over 150 members, 1st East Ryde Scout group is now one of the largest and most successful Scout groups in NSW. Lyn said that when she joined the group, the Joey Scouts section (for 5-7 year olds) had just started in Australia. 1st East Ryde was one of the first Sydney groups to get a Joeys section up and running, and now has the longest continuously running Joeys in NSW.

Lyn said she has always loved the family feel of the local Scout group and wasn't surprised by its ongoing popularity.

Lyn quickly found that she had a passion and talent for creating resources and programs for the Joeys, as well as developing guidelines and training adult group leaders. At the time, this was unchartered territory and many of her resources ended up being shared and used widely around Australia.

She became a national trainer and a Regional Commissioner for Joeys – both volunteer roles requiring significant time, effort and commitment. Between 2006 and 2016 she found herself in the role of State Commissioner for Joeys. This gives an idea of how valued Lyn was, as the role is usually held by the same person for two 3-year terms maximum. In 2016 she returned to the East Ryde group leadership team.

Lyn said Joeys helps kids to develop valuable practical life and leadership, so essential even for today's young people who tend to be more aware and tech savvy even at this age. They have opportunities to try a wide range of activities, and progress at their own pace rather than competing against each other. "Our program is very varied, but consistent in its aims and principles", Lyn said.

Lyn also finds time to volunteer in aged care, including weekly dog therapy. She has even combined this with Scouts through intergenerational activities such as bingo and Christmas paper chain making that bring understanding, joy and laughter to young and old.

What are some of Lyn's favourite things about being part of the Ryde community?

Having lived, worked and raised children here, Lyn said she knows the Ryde area so well and loves the wonderful multicultural community. She loves the diversity as well as the unique location and physical environment.

"We are so well connected, yet so blessed with little outdoor areas on our doorstep where we can get into the bush. I don't feel like I live in a big city. Whatever your interests or circumstances, we have so many opportunities to learn from and support each other."



National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May - 3 June, is a time to explore how we can all contribute to a fair and inclusive Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024 is 'Now More Than Ever'.

To find out more about this year's theme, events and activities visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NRW

Battle of the Bands

5.30 – 9.30PM, WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL, LACHLAN'S LINE AUDITORIUM





The 2024 Battle of the Bands Ryde competition is for young people aged 12-24 years, to showcase their talent. Bands will battle it out at Lachlan's Line Auditorium. This night is sure to be jam-packed with excitement.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/BOTB

Cork & Fork by the Riverside

10.00AM – 4.00PM, SUNDAY 26 MAY, KISSING POINT PARK, PUTNEY The ever-popular Cork & Fork by the Riverside returns to Kissing Point Park in Putney this autumn.

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 & Fork wine glass on the day for \$10. Glasses will be on sale at our ticket booths (cashless payment only).

For more information visit ryde.events/corkandfork

Sustainability Festival

10.00AM – 2.00PM, SUNDAY 2 JUNE, ANZAC PARK, WEST RYDE



World Environment Day is celebrated globally every year. City of Ryde will join in these celebrations by holding a Sustainability Festival on Sunday 2 June 2024 from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Anzac Park, West Ryde.

We have a fresh new look this year. Bringing it back to nature and our roots. A chance to be part of something bigger, showing how we can individually make a difference, while we work towards restoring the world we live in together.

Join workshops, chat with experts, meet awesome people, hear inspiring stories, and leave with easy ways to be more resilient and help our planet every day.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilityfestival

Have your say

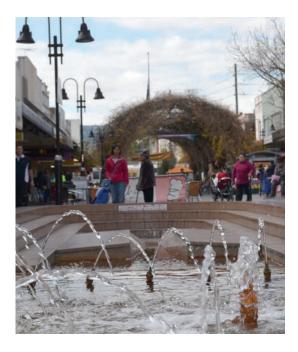
We're developing a vision for Eastwood

The City of Ryde is embarking on the development of a master plan for Eastwood, aiming to shape the area's future in partnership with the community. We want to enhance Eastwood's public spaces, encourage high-quality architectural development, preserve the area's distinct character and heritage, resolve flooding issues and ensure that future growth is supported by infrastructure. The plan also considers the potential economic opportunities as a result of the redevelopment of Ryde Hospital.

We encourage all residents, workers, and visitors of Eastwood to share their views on this important master plan to help shape your future place.

To ensure a well-rounded master plan, Council will engage with the community and stakeholders to understand the unique challenges and opportunities in Eastwood. Your feedback is essential in creating a plan that meets your needs. The City of Ryde is committed to achieving high quality and sustainable outcomes for Eastwood.

Visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay** for details on how to contribute your thoughts and stay updated on the planning progress for Eastwood.



Update of Integrated Open Space Plan

The City of Ryde will soon review and update Council's Integrated Open Space Plan, to bring it into line with our community's growing and changing sport and recreation needs, while also meeting current obligations for protecting and enhancing the biodiversity values of our natural areas. The updated plan will guide the work we do on these issues through to 2030 and beyond.

Anyone who lives, works, or plays in the City of Ryde will be able to have their say by contributing ideas and feedback which will assist us to understand our community's aspirations for open space. This includes natural areas management, current and future sport and recreation needs as well as satisfaction levels with existing natural areas and sport and recreation facilities and programs.

Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements regarding engagement opportunities to have your say on what the City of Ryde should focus on and pursue as priorities and opportunities for open spaces, parks, sports facilities, natural areas and associated programs over the next 10 years. Visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay**





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