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City of Ryde



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we embrace winter, Council remains focused on delivering initiatives that support our City's growth and liveability.

In response to resident feedback, we have introduced a new online reporting tool to address the growing issue of unattended shopping trolleys. This new tool allows community members to easily pinpoint trolley locations, helping Council's regulatory team respond more quickly and efficiently. See page 3 for full details.

We are also advancing plans for the former Ryde Civic Centre site.

This includes an Expression of Interest campaign for the long term lease of 1 Devlin Street which will help fund construction of a proposed cultural and community hub and affordable housing on the adjoining 150-156 Blaxland Road site.

This project will offer lasting value to our community, and consultation on its future direction will be open to all residents.

I am proud to see our continued fostering of a strong and diverse creative community. Our arts initiatives, including the Artist in Residence program and Youth Creative Competition, showcase local talent and provide meaningful opportunities for creative expression.

These programs not only support artists and young people but also contribute to the cultural life and identity of our City.

And as I continue my Meet the Mayor events, I look forward to hearing firsthand your ideas and suggestions for our great City.

Sincerely

*Trenton Brown*

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## NEWS

### CIVIC CENTRE UPDATE

#### 1 DEVLIN STREET AND 150-156 BLAXLAND ROAD

Council is preparing an Expression of Interest campaign that will go to market in the second half of 2025 offering a long-term leasehold over the 1 Devlin Street site to deliver housing and optimal financial return to the City of Ryde for reinvestment into community facilities and infrastructure.

The reinvestment will include the adjoining 150-156 Blaxland Road site, where a new multi-storey cultural and community hub and civic centre is planned, including an element of affordable housing.

The plans will then be open to extensive community consultation when ready.



#### SPANISH MOSS (*Tillandsia usneoides*)

Spanish Moss is a slender, blue-grey air plant often seen hanging from shrubs and trees. Lacking roots, it absorbs all its nutrients and moisture directly from the air. Although not classified as a priority weed and available to purchase, it can easily spread to nearby bushland via birds or wind. To help protect our natural environment, residents are encouraged to remove Spanish Moss by hand from their gardens where possible.

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



## **NEW ONLINE REPORTING FORM:**

# **UNATTENDED SHOPPING TROLLEYS**

In response to ongoing community concerns about the impact of unattended trolleys on pedestrian and cyclist safety, Council has developed a new online reporting tool.

Simply visit **[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Report](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Report)** and select:

1. 'Report an Issue'
2. 'Pollution and Dumping'
3. 'Unattended Shopping Trolley'.

The form allows for the easy and precise geolocation of trolleys unattended in public spaces, helping Council's Regulatory team investigate and action the matter promptly. Residents can also access trolley retail owner links via the form.

Residents are encouraged to make use of the new reporting form to help improve the safety, cleanliness and accessibility of local public spaces.

# **GRANT FINDER**

City of Ryde's Grant Finder is a free online tool that helps local businesses, community groups, and not-for-profit organisations access a wide range of grant opportunities.

The platform provides a simple way to search and filter funding options by industry, project type, and location, while offering guidance on how to strengthen grant applications.

Find out more and explore opportunities at **[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GrantFinder](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GrantFinder)**

# **CORK & FORK SUCCESS**

City of Ryde's popular annual festival, Cork & Fork by the Riverside, celebrating the best in regional wine, local produce, and live entertainment, was enjoyed by thousands of visitors in Cleves Park in Putney last month.

The family-friendly event also featured artisan stalls, interactive workshops, and a full program of live music, creating a vibrant and relaxed atmosphere.

With free entry, kids' activities, and entertainment for all ages, the event once again proved to be a standout on the City's



*Mayor Trenton Brown at Cork & Fork by the Riverside*

annual events calendar. Council thanks all sponsors, stallholders, performers, volunteers, and attendees for making this year's Cork & Fork by the Riverside such a great success.

# UPCOMING

## MARKING WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

City of Ryde continues to celebrate World Environment Day throughout June with a diverse program.

The range of workshops, events, and hands-on activities has been designed to inspire and empower the community to live more sustainably and care for our local environment by gaining new practical skills and knowledge.

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



## SUSTAINABLE WASTE 2 ART PRIZE

Entries are open for the popular annual Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) competition for those aged 10 and over who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde.

Around 80 artworks and design objects will be selected for exhibition and prizes worth a total of \$5,000 across six categories for the competition which closes on Sunday 27 July.

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



## SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Residents throughout the City of Ryde now have more ways to showcase their green thumbs and love of nature than ever before.

City of Ryde's Spring Garden Competition will take entries for an expanded 11 main categories and four mini categories, following the successful launch of new categories last year.

Entries open on 1 July and will close 31 August. For more information visit: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GardenComp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GardenComp)



## 40TH GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL

### SAVE THE DATE: 18 October

Sydney's largest street festival returns to the heart of Eastwood on Saturday 18 October, marking its 40th year. Join in the Granny Smith fun with amusement rides, market stalls, food trucks, performances, a youth zone, kids' activities and more. Mark the date in your calendar to ensure you don't miss City of Ryde's biggest event.

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



## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

### SAVE THE DATE: 1 November

Come along to a fun-filled Diwali celebration on 1 November complete with cultural performances and food stalls. Residents will also again be encouraged to light up their apartments or houses for City of Ryde's Festival of Lights competition which opens on 10 October. Competition winners will be announced at the Diwali celebration. For more information visit: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Diwali](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Diwali)



## BE IN THE KNOW

There's always plenty happening in the City of Ryde! From vibrant community festivals and live music to workshops, markets, and family-friendly events, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Stay connected, join in the fun, and discover what's on in our City. For more information visit: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events)



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



Mayor Trenton Brown with current Artist in Residence Louisa Chan showcasing some of her creations.

### LOUISA CHAN: HEALING THROUGH ART

Local artists will soon be able to apply to become City of Ryde's next Artist in Residence, with Expressions of Interest for the 2025/2026 program opening on 1 July.

The unique opportunity supports local creatives through providing a spacious studio environment, with current Artist in Residence, local painter and mixed media artist Louisa Chan, due to complete her term in August.

Louisa's unique approach blends art with neuroscience to promote mental health, healing, and community connection and, during her residency, she has led nature-inspired art sessions that help participants express emotions and reduce stress.

The Westward Cottage studio space is in the heart of Ryde, next to Top Ryde City, at 8 Turner Street, Ryde.

Visit: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/AiR](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/AiR)



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During NAIDOC Week we will be holding events to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOC](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOC)

## ARTS & CULTURE

### CREATIVE SPOTLIGHT

City of Ryde is proud to shine a light on the rich artistic talent within our community through Creative Spotlight – an ongoing series of profile interviews that celebrate local artists and creatives. From musicians and visual artists to performers and writers, Creative Spotlight highlights the diverse voices and stories that make up our thriving creative community.

Read our library of Creative Spotlight interviews at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CreativeSpotlight](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CreativeSpotlight)

Artists featured in Creative Spotlight are drawn directly from our Artist Register. If you're a creative living or working locally, we encourage you to join the register and share your story with the wider community at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ArtistRegister](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ArtistRegister)

# CREATIVITY, MUSIC AND ADRENALINE YOUTH WEEK

WINTER  
2025

City of Ryde came alive with talent, energy, and community spirit during Youth Week 2025, showcasing the creativity and passion of local young people. This year's celebrations were brought to life through a week of activities designed to showcase youth voices and offer platforms for self-expression.

## BATTLE OF THE BANDS



*Battle of the Bands  
winners Fishpox*

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, this year's Battle of the Bands rocked the house with electrifying performances from emerging local bands.

The competition gave young musicians the chance to perform live, build their fanbase, and compete for amazing prizes – including a \$2,000 professional studio recording package, and gift vouchers for runners-up.

Congratulations to this year's finalists, who wowed the crowd with original songs and impressive stage presence, including our winners: Fishpox (first place), Freak (second place) and The Norm (third place).

## SKATE COMP

Skaters from across the City descended on Meadowbank Skate Park for the annual Youth Skate Comp, held in April, pulling off flips, grinds, and high-flying tricks that had the crowd cheering. With divisions for beginner, intermediate, and sponsored skaters, the event showcased skill and sportsmanship in equal measure. The pro demos, BBQ and workshops added to the festival atmosphere, making it a highlight of the 2025 Youth Week calendar.



## YOUTH CREATIVE COMPETITION

### ENTRIES OPEN 1 JULY

Local young people aged 12 to 24 are being invited to get ready to share their original artwork, photography, poetry, and writing for the 2025 Youth Creative Competition.

Through this year's theme of 'Your Dream', entrants can inspire

others, share their purpose and turn their wildest dreams into art.

Entries close on 31 October and winners will be announced at a special presentation, with prizes awarded across both art and writing categories for ages 12 to 15 years, 16 to 19 years and 20 to 24 years. Visit:

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CreativeComp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CreativeComp)

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**Report an issue online:**  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report)

**www.ryde.nsw.gov.au**  
**Social media:** /CityofRyde

## LIBRARIES

**Ryde Library:** 9952 8352  
**Address:** 1 Pope Street, Ryde

**Eastwood Library:** 9952 8375  
**Address:** Cnr Hillview Road  
and West Parade, Eastwood

**Gladesville Library:** 9952 8378  
**Address:** 6 Pittwater Road, Gladesville

**North Ryde Library:** 9952 8377  
**Address:** 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde

**West Ryde Library:** 9952 8376  
Closed until early July for major refurbishment.

## RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE

**Phone: 8878 5111**

**Address:** 504 Victoria Road, Ryde  
Enter carpark from Karen Moras Drive, Ryde  
(between Margaret and Weaver Streets)

City of Ryde acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Wallumedegal Clan of the Darug nation. Council also pays respect to Elders both past, present and emerging and extends that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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