

Monday 20 May 2013

West Ryde Community Centre Dedication Celebration

Monday 27 May, 3 – 5 Anthony Road, 3.30 – 6.30 pm

The West Ryde Community Centre (WRCC) will be officially dedicated to the wellbeing of local children and families, at an Open Day celebration on Monday 27 May.

The \$20million, four-storey Centre is the first community hub in the City of Ryde, purpose built to offer fully integrated child and family support services from a range of service providers all under one roof. The Centre is fully accessible and also has a large hall for public use and below-ground parking.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch, said: "This one-stop-shop for essential family support services is proving to be a great success with the community and service providers alike. It is considered the model for how these services will be delivered in the future. It is a win-win for all."

The Centre provides quality, affordable space to not-for-profit community organisations and easy, convenient access for the community

Acting Commissioner for Children and Young People, Kerryn Boland, welcomed West Ryde's new community hub. "Supporting children's wellbeing involves so many community groups and government services, so it makes sense to bring them together," Ms Boland said. "I congratulate the City of Ryde Council on this important and invaluable initiative," she said.

The eight service providers operating out of West Ryde Community Centre include:

Ryde Family Support Service - practical and emotional support for families, adolescents and children experiencing stress or crisis.

Early Childhood Health Care - information and support on parenting, child health and development for parents/caregivers with children under five years.

West Ryde Neighbourhood Childcare Centre - accredited long day care centre and preschool for children from six weeks to six years of age.

Relationships Australia - workshops, information sessions and courses based on health, legal information, relationship support, and/or conversational English.

Good Beginnings - programs for families/children 0-8 years. Priority to families experiencing isolation, disability or mental health issues, cultural/language difficulties.

Korean Lifeline – a confidential, free service in Korean to resolve problems (divorce, hardship, depression, domestic violence).

The Benevolent Society - Brighter Futures is an early intervention program offering services to families referred as a result of parental vulnerabilities.

Housing NSW – a NSW Government Agency providing housing solutions to people in need.

A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by the City of Ryde and senior executive of the service providers. Guest speakers include the Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch and A/Commissioner for Children and Young People, Kerryn Boland. There will be a Welcome from the Aboriginal Heritage Office, cultural performances and free children's entertainment.

West Ryde Community Centre MOU/Open Day, Monday 27 May, 3.30 – 6.30pm, 3-5 Anthony Road, West Ryde. Attending: Kerryn Boland, A/Commissioner for Children and Young People; President Ryde Family Support Service; GM North Shore Ryde Health Service; CEO Relationships Australia; CEO Good Beginnings Australia; Director, Korean Lifeline; President West Ryde Neighbourhood Children's Centre; CEO Benevolent Society; Area Director NSW Housing
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