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PHOTOS REVEAL THE FACES AND STORIES OF WEST RYDE

Fifteen shop owners in West Ryde are the subject of a new Council photographic project recognising the importance of the local small business owner.

The photos are on exhibition in the new community art space in the foyer of the West Ryde Community Centre (Anthony Road), and reveal the stories behind the familiar and friendly faces who customers have come to recognise, trust and often call friends.

City of Ryde Community Project Officer, Dianne Turner, said: "It is widely recognised that small business operators create the atmosphere and 'glue' that keeps a local community thriving.

"They contributed to the unique character of a shopping precinct and this is certainly the case in West Ryde, making it an interesting place to shop and visit."

Participating businesses, include the local physiotherapist, optometrist, beauty therapist, music tuition school, hairdresser and barber, speciality cafes, home and decorative arts shops , the famous Lebanese loaf bakery, and a Korean grocer, to name but a few.

The photos are accompanied by stories and anecdotes of when and why they set up shop in the area. Some like Nick, from West Ryde Fruits, has run the family business for over 50 years.

The business owners said they appreciated the chance to tell their story and the one thing they all had in common was that they value and love their loyal customers.

The Faces of West Ryde Photographic Exhibition runs from November 25 to December 13
West Ryde Community Centre , Foyer Space , 3 Anthony Road , West Ryde

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