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2015 COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN

Information sessions will be held in February to help community groups prepare their submissions for the new round of City of Ryde Community Grants.

City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering said the one-off grants range from \$2,000 up to \$5,000 and are one of the ways Council provides support to not-for-profit community groups to help with special projects that contribute to community wellbeing and culture.

“A new format offers six categories, double the previous number, providing many more opportunities for applicants to identify a category that best suits their organisation’s needs,” he said.

Seniors Grant (up to \$2,000) – for local seniors groups to enhance existing programs or encourage new activities.

Capacity Building Grant – 3 sub categories (up to \$3,500) – this grant program is for all groups to help boost growth potential. There are three sub-categories for Events, Emerging Groups and a General section which includes Arts and Culture.

Sports and Recreation Grant (up to \$3,500) – for local groups and clubs to develop programs that encourage community participation in sport, recreation and physical activities.

Community Projects Grant (up to \$5,000) – for special projects to help build a cohesive and connected community, based on inclusion, enhanced community well-being and cultural growth.

Free Information Sessions will be held for applicants to help them prepare a competitive submission and to explain the new assessment criteria. Applications close Monday 16 March.

Session 1 Wednesday 4 February, 10.30am – 12.00 noon, Ryde Library, Walumetta Room

Session 2 Wednesday 11 February, 6.00 – 7.30pm, Ryde Library, Walumetta Room

Bookings are essential. Phone 9952 8222, or register at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/commgrantinfo

Last year, 53 local clubs, groups and not-for-profit organisations shared in a total Grants pool of \$164,000 to assist their special projects.