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## HEART-FUL THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

In recognition of the huge contribution our local army of volunteers undertake every day of the year, residents are invited to write a message of thanks on heart shaped cards that will be displayed on a 'thank you' wall at the City Ryde's annual Volunteer Awards to be held on Monday 11 May.

'THANKS WITH A HEART' is the City of Ryde's way of saying how much the Council and community appreciates the extraordinary effort of local volunteers.

"A hand written thank-you note is a small but memorable way of expressing gratitude to someone who has made a difference in your life," said Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering. "We cannot repay the love and comfort they bring, but THANKS WITH A HEART is a way of capturing multiple 'thank you's' for everyone to see."

Paper hearts and special THANKS WITH A HEART jars are located at over 30 local nursing homes, community service centres, schools, hospitals, libraries, clubs, selected cafes and Council buildings.

Estimated to be in the vicinity of around 16,000, Ryde volunteer groups and individuals generously give their time and effort to provide services, disability care, comfort, friendship, counselling, gardening, meals and countless other tasks for no payment, "just a thank you will do".

Nominations for the main Awards of Volunteer (Individual), Young Volunteer and Volunteer Group of the Year are also open and can be made on line at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteer](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteer)  
Nominations close Friday 17 April.

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