

Thursday 15 October 2015

RYDE HERITAGE TRAIL LAUNCH EVENT

St Anne's Church, Willandra House, Hatton's Cottage and Ryde Park Rotunda are all must-see stops on a new Ryde Heritage Walking Trail being launched by Ryde Mayor Cllr Jerome Laxale, on Friday 6 November.

The 44-page walking trail booklet features 28 locations within a 500m radius of Top Ryde, including some of the most significant and historic landmarks of post-European settlement in the area. It takes a leisurely two hours to complete the walk, or it can be done in stages.

The booklet was created by the Ryde Heritage Advisory Committee and Council's heritage staff.

"This guide will be of interest to both locals and visitors who are keen to understand our local heritage and history," Cr Laxale said.

"We're lucky in our city to be able to see the different phases of post-European settlement in the streets and buildings around us. Sometimes we just need to be reminded they're there. After all, I bet I'm not the only one who didn't realise we had so many interesting architectural styles here, from Old Colonial Georgian to Free Gothic, or that the Police Watch House on Victoria Road built in 1837 is possibly the oldest functioning police station building in NSW."

The brochure is available for download off Council's website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heritagetrail

"We live in a beautiful city and it's important we value and protect it. This includes preserving heritage sites and celebrating the role they've played in Ryde's past and present," Cr Laxale said.

To mark the launch of the Ryde Heritage Walking Trail Guide, there will be a morning tea and an exclusive glimpse inside the historic Wesley Uniting Church and Oddfellows Hall (opposite St Anne's Church) where the Heritage Walking Trail begins. An optional 1-hour walking tour will follow (walking shoes, hat and water advisable).

People interested in attending the launch can book by contacting Council by Friday 30 October.

What Ryde Heritage Walking Trail Launch

When Friday 6 November 2015, 10.00am (optional tour 11.00am)

Where Ryde Wesley Uniting Church (opp St Anne's Church) 25-27 Church Street, Ryde

RSVP Essential – by Friday 30 October cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au or call 9952 8222.