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RYDE'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY – ACTIVATING MACQUARIE PARK

Ryde Council will undertake a wide-ranging consultation and research program to develop a Night-Time Economy strategy for the City of Ryde in response to the future needs of our community.

Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said he wanted to see our town and neighbourhood centres more activated, vibrant and accessible. “If you look at Macquarie Park today, we have a world class business precinct during the day, but a ghost town at night.

“If we are to help ease congestion and provide more jobs for our city, activation of centres such as these is vital.”

“Businesses and their employees in Macquarie Park have consistently told me that they are looking for more things to do during the day and into the evening. Good planning is essential for good cities, and this study will enable us to get the framework right now, rather than when it is too late.

A night-time economy typically centres on small bars, food, and entertainment but this could include businesses staying open later for free workshops or other activities.

“A well-functioning night-time economy will not only make Ryde a better place to live, but it will create more jobs for locals. The best cities in the world are ones where you can live, work and play – this plan will help us achieve that.” Mayor Laxale added.