

Monday 18 January 2016

2016 COMMUNITY GRANT INFORMATION SESSIONS

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 Jerome Laxale said the information sessions will help community groups identify the best grant for their needs. "These grants are how Ryde provides support to not-for-profit groups to help with special projects that contribute to community wellbeing and culture.

"People tell us all the time that they love our City because of its sense of harmony and togetherness. These grants help achieve that."

There are four categories and six sub-categories, offering 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 sports 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 assessment criteria. Applications close Monday 14 March.

Session One Tuesday 2 February, 10.30 am – 12.00 noon
Eucalyptus Meeting Room (A level above Ryde Library) 1A Pope Street, Ryde (cnr Pope and Devlin Streets, within Top Ryde City Shopping Centre)

Session Two Tuesday 23 February, 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Eucalyptus Meeting Room (A level above Ryde Library) 1A Pope Street, Ryde (cnr Pope and Devlin Streets, within Top Ryde City Shopping Centre)

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

Last year, 54 local clubs, groups and not-for-profit organisations shared in a total Grants pool of \$126,542 to assist their special projects.