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## EVERYONE WELCOME AT THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXPO

The City of Ryde Council is once again joining forces with Relationships Australia's *Ryde Community Hub* to present the annual Community Information Expo on Thursday 24 March at Eastwood Plaza, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Part of Harmony Week celebrations, the Information Expo is billed as a celebration of inter-culturalism and community spirit. The multi-lingual one-stop-shop of Expo provides information on local services available to residents and new migrants, on aged/home and community care, housing, education, volunteering, as well as family and legal services. It also showcases some wonderful local talent, including community choirs, dance groups and more.

To cater to the more than 50 nationalities represented in the local community, information is available in a number of community languages including English, Korean, Cantonese, Mandarin, Farsi and Tamil.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "This Expo is a great demonstration of how welcoming a community we are. While it is primarily about information exchange and networking, the entertainment and social elements add a celebratory aspect and showcase the diversity and generosity of our community."

The morning program offers a combination of information, fun and entertainment and includes:

- Welcome to Country
- 30 information stalls
- Interactive fun
- Kids Corner
- Cultural performances
- Chai tea

Service providers at the Expo include:

Benevolent Society  
Community Migrant Resource Centre  
Christian Community Aid  
Ryde Family Services  
Ability Links NSW  
NSW Police Force  
Department of Human Services  
NSW Health  
NSW Tafe  
Local NGOs and charities

For more information on the Community Information Expo, call Relationships Australia Community Hub Ryde on 9858 3029.

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