

Friday 8 April 2016

## DESIGN OUR RYDE PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING OPENS 14 APRIL

Members of the community will be able to vote for their favourite entry in the Design Our Ryde architectural competition for the Ryde Civic Hub site, during a three-week public exhibition from 14 April - 5 May.

Design Our Ryde attracted 175 entries from 49 countries, including France, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, China, Peru, Russia, Mexico and United States. Australian entries made up 24%, with 42 submissions.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "For the first time, our community will be able to have a real say in what the future holds for this iconic site. This site has been the home of Ryde Council since 1964 and the heart of our city since 1870, when the Municipality of Ryde was proclaimed.

"It is important now, more than ever, that this site remains in public ownership for the benefit of our community."

Anyone casting a vote in the People's Choice category will go into a draw to win one of ten \$100 gift cards.

Residents can view and vote for their favourite concept at two exhibition sites - Macquarie Shopping Centre and Top Ryde City shopping centre - or online [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde)

The People's Choice winner will be shortlisted along with three other entries chosen by the Jury. The final four shortlisted entrants will be invited to submit more detailed designs for a second public exhibition and round of voting to determine the winner and naming options for the site.

### Design Our Ryde Summary

- Launch: Thursday 14 April 2016, 9.30am, Level 4 Macquarie Shopping Centre (nr Centre Court)
- 175 entries
- 49 countries
- 42 entries from Australia (24%)
- Round 1 Public Exhibition/People's Choice voting 14 April – 5 May
  - Macquarie Shopping Centre, Level 4, Macquarie Shopping Centre, (near Centre Court area)
  - Top Ryde City shopping Centre, Ground Floor (entrance from La Piazza street level)
  - View Image Gallery and Vote online [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde)
- Shortlisted entries announced 13 May
- Round 2 Public Exhibition Shortlisted designs/People's Choice Naming Option 11 July – 1 August
- Jury announces winning design 8 August

### Jury Members

- (Chair) Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect
- Shaun Carter, President NSW Chapter, Australian Institute of Architects
- Maria Atkinson AM, Sustainability Strategist

*Design our Ryde* follows the Australian Institute of Architects 'Guidelines for Architectural Competitions' and the NSW Government's 'Design Excellence Guidelines'.

For further information, design submissions and voting go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde)

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