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RYDE LIGHTS TO LIGHT UP EASTWOOD THIS SATURDAY

The next phase of the exciting 'Ryde Lights' initiative will be launched this Saturday from 4pm at Eastwood Night Markets as part of the Lunar New Year Celebrations.

The display will light up Eastwood Plaza at sunset with a special Lunar New Year installation that includes 800 illuminated red lanterns. The lights will be turned on at 8pm on Saturday 24 February.

Ryde Lights is a key component of Council's Night Time Economy Action Plan and is designed to enhance the night time economy in the City of Ryde through the installation of creative lighting displays throughout the community.

The lighting installed at Eastwood Plaza is the latest phase of the initiative with the first phase unveiled in Trim Place at Gladesville in December last year. Additional instalments are planned for ANZAC Park in West Ryde during April's Cinema in the Park series and Meadowbank Wharf by the middle of the year.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the Ryde Lights initiative was a direct response to the community's clear desire for creative lighting to be installed as a way of activating spaces at night.

"The City of Ryde is determined to do more to enhance the night time economy throughout the community. Vibrant night time activities can enhance economic growth, create jobs and build community cohesion," Clr Laxale said.

"Initiatives such as Ryde Lights are only the first stage of the Night Time Economy Action Plan, with Council keen to pursue policies that will make it easier for local businesses to become involved in the night time economy."

It is anticipated the Ryde Lights installations will remain in place until 2020.

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