

# Proposed Road Closing - Part of Gaza Lane

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Under Section 35 of the Roads Act 1993, notice is given that the Minister for Lands and Water will consider the closing of a road in connection with a road closing application proposed by Council.

Council (acting on behalf of the Minister) will receive submissions regarding the proposal. All submissions received will be referred to the Minister's delegate for a decision regarding the proposed road closing.

The road under consideration comprises 30sqm (subject to survey) of Council public road known as Gaza Lane, West Ryde. Upon closure of the road Council intends to sell the land to the adjoining landowner.

All interested persons are invited to make submissions concerning the proposal. They can be made as follows:

- **Email** [cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au)
- **Post** General Manager, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

Closing date for submissions is Wednesday 18 May 2016.

Regarding the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act, information contained in such submissions may, at the discretion of The Council of The City of Ryde and NSW Department of Primary Industries – Lands, be referred to the person(s) who initiated the proposal for appropriate consideration.

For more information call Council's Senior Property Officer, Domenic Rositano on 9952 8467.

# Meadowbank Wharf temporarily closed from Thursday 5 to Wednesday 25 May

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The NSW Government is upgrading Meadowbank Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program.

The work schedule for the upgrade is planned to minimise disruptions to F3 Parramatta River services to Meadowbank during construction. However, there are times when safe operations are not possible and the wharf will need to be closed.

Meadowbank Wharf will be temporarily closed from Thursday 5 May to remove some existing wharf structures, upgrade the waiting area and fit out the new wharf.

Some work outside of standard hours may be required during this period. If required, this work would be carried out over up to five nights between 6pm and 10pm.

The new wharf is expected to open on Thursday 26 May, weather permitting. We will notify the community prior to the opening of the new Meadowbank Wharf.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE UPGRADE

During the temporary closure, you can connect to train services at Meadowbank Station – an 8 minute walk from Meadowbank Wharf.

You can also catch the existing 513 bus service to connect to bus services on Victoria Road towards the city and Parramatta, or to train services at West Ryde Station. A detailed map showing alternative transport is included.

Plan your trip at [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info) or call 131 500. Please allow extra time for your journey.



# Interactive Honour Board Brings Local Anzac Legend to Life

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A new interactive honour board, with details of over 2,000 local men and women who served in World War I, will be unveiled at Ryde Library on Friday 22 April, as part of the Ryde Remembers Centenary of Anzac commemoration.

Ryde Mayor and Chairman of the Ryde Centenary of Anzac Committee, Jerome Laxale, said: "This is a fantastic education and research resource that brings the Anzac legend to life through the stories of our local World War 1 heroes and heroines.

'It is very much in the spirit of our Ryde Remembers commemoration and highlights the sacrifice so many of our local citizens made one hundred years ago.'

The touchscreen kiosk features an interactive 42" HD display and operates on a search-by-name database. It provides brief biographic details of individuals such as enlistment date and whether they died overseas or returned to Australia is displayed. Photos, where available, are also shown along with details of their inclusion on war memorials or other honour boards in the Ryde area.

"The great thing about this resource is that new information and photos can be added to the database. So, if you can't find your family connection or have additional information, you can contact the Ryde District Historical Society," the Mayor said.

The data was compiled by volunteer members of the Ryde District Historical Society and designed by City of Ryde Council. Purchase of the touchscreen system was made possible through an Anzac Centenary Federal Government grant. The database is also available online at [www.ryderemembers.com.au](http://www.ryderemembers.com.au).



# State Government Accused of Short Changing Eastwood Community

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City of Ryde Council has been forced to decline an offer by the State Government to lease land for a carpark in Eastwood for two cents per year for fifty years citing that it contravenes Mike Baird's own guidelines.

Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the whole affair was a joke: "Ryde Council has been in discussion for some time with Transport NSW over a proposed car park in Eastwood on the northern side of the railway line. We have bent over backwards to try and get a short-term car park built for our residents.

"The Government has offered ratepayers 2c a year for a piece of land that is valued in the millions. Even if we wanted to accept the offer, we would not be allowed to due to the Baird Government's own rules which came into force in January.

"Our stance has been confirmed by advice from the Office of Local Government, and by another letter signed by the Minister for Local Government. Furthermore, we have obtained legal advice which tells us we cannot proceed."

"I want a short term carpark. The community wants a short term carpark. We are willing to negotiate a fair commercial arrangement on behalf of our citizens, yet farcically Mike Baird's offer of 2 cents per year means that we cannot!

"It's a bit rich for the local member for Ryde, Victor Dominello, to accuse the Council of delaying tactics when clearly we are following correct procedures put in place by his own Government!

"The Baird Government's forced amalgamation fiasco is shaping up to be a real dog's breakfast."

# Design our Ryde People's Choice Voting opens 14 April

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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](#).

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.

## 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 [Design our Ryde](#).

# Mayor TV Episode 11

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The Mayor of Ryde, Cllr Jerome Laxale visits Santa Rosa Park in Ryde to profile some of the great facilities available in this area, including a community garden and dog off-leash park.