

# Gladesville Library Gets \$160K Upgrade

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Gladesville Library is having a makeover and will reopen with a fresh new look on Monday 5 December, in time for the holiday season.

The \$160,000 refurbishment includes new carpets, paint, a contemporary colour scheme and a new interior layout. Innovations include a youth collection area and a zone for public computers and printing facilities, along with new WiFi and mobile printing facilities. In addition, programmed maintenance to the exterior of the building is being done while the refurbishment is in progress.

City of Ryde Mayor said: "Gladesville Library has been offering a great service and range of popular programs for sixty years and is highly valued by the community.

"The new layout and interior reflect the transformation of libraries from traditional quiet places of reading and study into vibrant community hubs that cater for a range of people and services."

Gladesville Library has a unique place in the history of libraries in the area due to the Joint Library Agreement between City of Ryde and Hunters Hill Council. The Agreement has been in place since 1957 and was most recently renewed in 2014.

A special celebration is planned for Saturday 10 December, 9.30am – 12 noon, when the Mayor of Ryde Cllr Bill Pickering is joined by Hunters Hill Mayor Cllr Richard Quinn for a cake-cutting morning tea. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun, entertainment and refreshments, which include:

- a 'giant' storybook Storytime session
- visit from the Gladesville Fire Brigade
- free face painting and craft activities
- special performances by local groups including the Riverside Girls High String Quartet, the Villa Maria Catholic School Choir and the Joubert Singers.

## Facts and Stats about Gladesville Library

Gladesville Library opened in 1956. It has been a joint service with Hunters Hills Council since 1957.

62,000 visitors passed through its doors 2015/16 year and is tracking towards an increase in visitors of 14.3% for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Programs and services include computer access, free WiFi, DVDs, children's books, HSC material, Chinese language items, Rhymetime 0-2 yo, Storytime 3-5 yo, First Monday knitting group, book clubs, author talks.

Fiction and non-fiction collections include expanded youth collection, popular cookbooks, gardening, mysteries, romance, travel, technology. eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks are also available.

Gladesville Library is located at 6 Pittwater Road, Gladesville. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10.00am-8.00pm, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am-5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am-12 noon.

# Light Up Your House And Help Kids At Christmas

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It is a well-worn tradition in the City of Ryde for local households to decorate their homes with fantastic light displays at Christmas. The lighting extravaganza attracts thousands of sightseers to streets all over the Ryde area.

This year the City of Ryde Council is working with the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, and The Children's Hospital at Westmead, to support their Lights for Kids fundraising program for sick and injured children.

All you have to do is decorate your home with Christmas lights, register at [www.lightsforkids.org.au](http://www.lightsforkids.org.au) and complete your own fundraising page, then spread the word so people can donate to you page.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said: "This is a great way for local households, and the crowds of people who flock to see Ryde's festive lights, to spread some extra Christmas cheer to sick and injured kids in hospital."

In addition, the Council will select the 'Best Decorated House' from the Ryde LGA who has registered with Lights for Kids and donate a cash prize to the fundraising program. The winning household will also receive a prize.

With just weeks to Christmas, don't delay. Get your house lights up and let's spread some cheer for *Lights for Kids*.

# Diary Dates for the Festive and Holiday Season

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Our season of community celebrations is about to begin, so put these dates in your diary.

For full details go to our [events listing](#).

## **Community 'Beach Party' Christmas Celebration**

**Sunday 11 December, 3.00 – 7.00pm**

**Ryde Park, Blaxland Road, Ryde**

There's fun for the whole family at our Beach Party themed Christmas celebration, in beautiful Ryde Park. Make sure the kids have their list ready for Santa and their cozzies and towels for the water rides. Here's what to expect:

- Live performance by The Taylor Swift and Katy Perry Tribute Show
- Magic show by Cardistry
- Free snow-cones (limited quantities available)
- Visit from Santa
- Outdoor Christmas Photobooth
- Free Christmas and beach craft activities
- Hula Hoop workshops by Spin Joy
- Giant Sandpit – live sand sculpting artist
- \$10 for an unlimited rides ticket – rides include Mammoth Mountain Drop, Dunk Tank, Mechanical Surfboard, Giant Lawn Twister, plus lots more
- Sausage sizzle and refreshments (gold coin donation - funds raised go to Salvation Army)

Make sure you pack the sunscreen and sunhat for the whole family.

## **Amazing Christmas Lights Showcase**

Every year front yards, rooves, chimneys and verandahs all over the City of Ryde get the festive treatment with Christmas lights and scenes that attract hundreds of sightseers from all over Sydney. Some of the popular locations from last year include Chauvel Street/North Ryde, Stephens Avenue/Ryde and Blundell Street and Dacy Street/Marsfield.

This year Council will be supporting the Sydney Children's Hospital's Lights for Kids program and encourages all residents lighting up their house for Christmas to submit their house details to [www.lightsforkids.org.au](http://www.lightsforkids.org.au). Council will be awarding a "Best Decorated Home" award with prize money being donated to the Sydney Children's Hospital.

## **CAROLS and Community Events**

**Light up East Ryde, Sager Place shops, Sunday 27 November, 3.00 - 10.00pm**

Local Christmas Street Market with live entertainment, food trucks, petting zoo, face painting, craft beer and wine tastings plus the official lighting of the rooftop Christmas decorations at 8pm. All proceeds will go to local charities The Social Hub & Co and North Ryde Community Aid.

**West Ryde Marketplace Thursday 15 December, 6.00 – 8.00pm**

All are welcome for this family friendly event celebrating the festive season - enjoy traditional Christmas carols, live music and more. Free balloons for kids.

**Rotary Carols on the Common****Sunday 18 December, 5.30 – 9.30pm, North Ryde Common, cnr Twin and Wicks Roads**

Families, neighbours and friends join together at North Ryde Common to share in the Christmas spirit. There are rides, entertainment, a giant sing-along and spectacular fireworks display. This annual event raises money for ROMAC and other Rotary projects and is Sydney's second biggest carols event. Carols on the Common is organised by North Ryde and Macquarie Park Rotary Clubs and sponsored by the City of Ryde Council.

**2017 EVENTS****Australia Day Celebrations, Thursday 26 January 2017, North Ryde Common, 3.00 - 9.00pm**

- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announcement
- Australia Day Family Concert, featuring Powderfinger tribute band 'Vulture Street' and Steve Hart and the All Stars Band for classic Aussie rock covers, plus food trucks, face painting, kids' rides and ending with a fabulous Fireworks Spectacular.

**Lunar New Year 2017 Year of the Rooster, Eastwood**

Celebrate the Year of the Rooster Cooking competition Saturday 4 February, 11.00am – 1.30pm

Parade and celebration Saturday 11 February 10.00am – 5.00pm

**Cinema in the Park Festival 2017**

A season of movie hits enjoyed under the stars in March 2017.

# Advanced Manufacturing Breakfast Event

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‘Advanced Manufacturing’ is not a term many of us are familiar with, but to the more than 350 small and medium sized manufacturing businesses registered in the City of Ryde, it’s big news.

City of Ryde Council has joined forces with CSIRO, Regional Development Australia and Macquarie Park Innovation District Strategy Council to present “Innovation Driven Advanced Manufacturing”, to introduce local entrepreneurs to the new technologies and opportunities that are rapidly changing the manufacturing sector.

City of Ryde Mayor said: “This event offers a truly unique opportunity for local, independent businesses to meet and learn from some of the best minds in manufacturing.

“You’ll hear directly from industry leaders including Cochlear, AstraZeneca, Schneider-Electric and CSIRO about their new programs, and learn how emerging scientific technologies and regulatory reforms can help transform your business.”

Local manufacturing includes a diversity of niche products, from bakeries to glazed windows to packaging, and this is a ‘must attend’ opportunity to network and collaborate with industry leaders.

## **“Innovation Driven” Advanced Manufacturing Breakfast Event**

Wednesday 30 November 2016, 7.30 – 9.30am

CSIRO, 11 Julius Avenue, Building 53, Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde

Bookings are essential. Register today at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/getconnected](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/getconnected)

A North West Manufacturing Group will result from this event to meet regularly and engage in collective learning, networking and partnership building.

Presented by City of Ryde Council

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# JRPP Macquarie Centre Decision Hailed As ‘Win For The Community’

**Published on 11 November 2016**

The City of Ryde Council has welcomed the Joint Regional Planning Panel’s (JRPP) decision to approve a development application concept plan that includes provision for 5,000 square metres of dedicated community space, as part of AMP Capital’s \$1billion vision for the Macquarie Centre.

Describing the JRPP decision as ‘a win for the community’, Mayor Pickering said: “Council has been in negotiations with AMP Capital for many months over this project. We wanted to ensure the benefit to the community was substantial and that Council had a presence within the structure. We believe this is a great outcome.”

The application approved by the Panel sets out the building envelopes and maximum heights for four buildings on an expanded podium building fronting Herring Road. It includes a new Station Plaza between Macquarie Park station and the shopping centre and four new residential and commercial towers. A covered connection to the train station from inside the shopping centre and a pedestrian tunnel are also part of the project.

The development will be undertaken in stages over several years and future applications will be developed and exhibited to the community. The final construction program is still to be determined.

AMP Capital’s Real Estate Head of Asset Creation, Jeff Peers, said: “We are pleased the Stage 1 Concept Plan for Macquarie Centre has been approved. While this is the first step in a long term plan for the precinct, our vision is to transform Macquarie Centre into a world-class centre of discovery and innovation where people can shop, live and work.”

The approved development application is accompanied by a Voluntary Planning Agreement between AMP Capital and Council that will see the provision of a community space containing a new library and creative hub facility dedicated for community use on the basis of a long-term arrangement.

Details of the Voluntary Planning Application will go on public exhibition in early 2017.

# Name of Future Ryde Civic Hub Site Announced

Published on 09 November 2016

City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering tonight announced the outcome of the naming campaign for the Ryde Civic Hub Precinct (1 Devlin Street, Ryde) as the 'RYDE CENTRAL' site.

"The site is located in the heart of Ryde where civic life began and the name 'RYDE CENTRAL' reflects an enduring association as the symbol of civic, commercial and cultural life of our vibrant City.

"It is fitting that the name recognises the location's historic importance to the area and reflects the community's attachment to the geographic significance of the site.

"The name also represents an important milestone in the ongoing vision for the future development of the City of Ryde and it enables us to look with confidence to the future of this iconic site," the Mayor said.

'RYDE CENTRAL' is the result of a public naming campaign that attracted almost 300 members of the community to choose their preferred name for the Ryde Civic Hub site. It follows an eight-month world-wide architectural competition which was won by the Beijing Institute of Architectural Design entry.

The *Design our Ryde* architectural competition drew entries from 175 entries from 47 countries, including 42 from Australia.

An expert jury and members of the community selected the final four architectural concepts.

Jury Members were: Chair, Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect; Shaun Carter, President NSW Chapter, Australian Institute of Architects; Maria Atkinson AM, Greater Sydney District Commissioner and Sustainability Strategist.

To view the winning design concept go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde)



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**Go Slow! Abestos - it's a NO Go!**



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**Don't Play Renovation Roulette! Get to kNOw Asbestos this NOvember!**

