

A message from the Mayor regarding the terrorist attack in Christchurch

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Flags at half-mast at Anzac Park, West Ryde

A message from Clr Jerome Laxale, Mayor of the City of Ryde

The City of Ryde condemns the horrific terrorist attack that happened in Christchurch yesterday. To our New Zealand brothers and sisters and to the Muslim community abroad and in Ryde, we offer our utmost condolences and support.

To discover that this extreme terrorist attack was orchestrated by an Australian is nothing short of sickening. As we have in the past, we will continue to call out hate speech when we see it.

Flags are today being lowered to half-mast, and Council will observe a minute's silence at our [Harmony Day Community Expo event](#) on 21 March and our next Council meeting on 26 March.

2019 NSW State election information

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The 2019 NSW State election will take place on Saturday 23 March 2019 from 8.00am - 6.00pm. This includes the Ryde State District.

Enter your address into this [voting centres map](#) to find a polling station near you.

Early voting

Pre-polls are open and eligible voters can cast their votes at the following locations:

- Ryde Election Manager's Office, Suite 1.01 and 1.02, Cnr Trelawney and Rutledge Streets, Eastwood
- St Anne's Anglican, 42 Church Street, Ryde
- Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street, Sydney.

To view the Pre-poll centres, view this [pre-polls map](#).

Early voting is available until Friday 22 March 2019, 8.00am to 6.00pm.

Voting assistance for people with disability

The Australian Electoral Commission and NSW Electoral Commission provides information and assistance for people living with disability or limited mobility, including accessible voting options such as:

- Accessible polling places
- Assistance to vote at a polling place
- Assistance before election day
- Postal voting
- Mobile polling
- Telephone voting.

Find out more by visiting the [People with Disability page](#) on the Australian Electoral Commission website or the [Assistance for voters page](#) on the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Information in your language

The NSW Electoral Commission provides information on enrolling, elections and voting in a wide variety of community languages.

There is also a free telephone interpreter service - call 1800 13 14 50 - and a free translating and interpreting service available at voting centres and polling places.

City of Ryde Council meeting summary - February meeting

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Council held its latest Ordinary meeting on 26 February 2019. Here is a summary of the main outcomes from the meeting:

CITY OF RYDE TO INTRODUCE 10 DAYS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE FOR STAFF

The City of Ryde will take steps to implement 10 days of paid domestic violence leave for its staff members up from the current five days.

Council unanimously resolved to support the move, which would build on other initiatives recently adopted by the City of Ryde to assist victims of domestic violence.

[Click here for more information.](#)

COUNCIL URGES RETHINK ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR IVANHOE ESTATE

Council voiced its opposition to the concept design for Ivanhoe Estate, requesting an urgent meeting with the State Government to ask for a reduction in the development's size, scale and density.

Under the State Government's plans, 858 trees will be removed to make way for approximately 3,500 new dwellings – a 1250% increase on the 259 dwellings that were previously located at Ivanhoe Estate.

[Click here for more information.](#)

INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER PLACED ON CHATHAM ROAD HOUSES

An interim heritage order has been placed on two houses on Chatham Road, Denistone, which were to be demolished as part of a development application recently lodged with Council.

The development application lodged in December last year sought to demolish the existing houses at 68 and 70 Chatham Road and construct a mixture of single and two-storey multi-dwelling housing. Council received 50 submissions and one petition with 62 signatures in response to the development application, all of which objected to the proposed development.

[Click here for more information.](#)

FURTHER STEPS TAKEN TO PRESERVE HERITAGE OF DENISTONE HOUSE

A planning proposal to include 68 Denistone Road, Denistone on the heritage schedule of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 will be forwarded by Council to the NSW Planning Minister.

The move comes after an interim heritage order was placed on the property by Council last year.

COUNCIL PLEDGES TO SUPPORT LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS IMPACTED BY FIRE

Donations will be made by the City of Ryde to three sporting organisations that were impacted by the recent fire that caused extensive damage to the canteen and storage sheds at ELS Hall Park.

A \$3000 donation will be made to the North Ryde AFL Dockers Club, \$1000 to the North Ryde Hawks Junior Rugby League Club and \$500 to the Northern District Cricket Association.

SENATOR O’SULLIVAN ASKED TO APOLOGISE FOR OFFENSIVE REMARKS

The City of Ryde, on behalf of the local Chinese community, requested an apology from Senator Barry O’Sullivan over remarks he made during a Senate Estimates hearing on 19 February 2019.

COUNCIL PLEDGES TO DO MORE TO DRIVE NIGHT TIME ACTIVITY IN MACQUARIE PARK

The City of Ryde has resolved to work with local businesses in Macquarie Park as well as the live music industry to promote the area as an entertainment and recreation precinct.

Council will also review its Local Environmental Plan and recommend changes that would encourage further night time economic activity and entertainment.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOUR RECIPIENTS RECOGNISED

Four residents from the City of Ryde were recognised for receiving Australia Day Honours.

Rosemary Costar OAM, Professor Peter Schofield AO, Professor John Smolders AM and William Seung OAM were presented with certificates from City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale.

TREE ASSESSMENT PROCESS TO BE REVIEWED

A review will be undertaken by Council of the Tree Application Review Process that was adopted in 2012. The review will assess whether the current tree assessment process meets best practice and detail how dangerous trees are dealt with under the process.

Additional consultation to take place for Anzac Park playground upgrade

Additional consultation sessions will be undertaken by Council regarding the playground upgrade at Anzac Park in West Ryde.

EXPERTS TO BE CONSULTED TO HELP NAME NEW SKATE PARK

The Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee as well as the Ryde District Historical Society will be tasked with finding a suitable name for the new skate park being built in Meadowbank.

The skate park is due to officially open in April.

FEASIBILITY OF NEW WATER PLAY PARK TO BE INVESTIGATED

Council will investigate the feasibility of a new water play park playground in the City of Ryde. The investigation will be included as part of the current review of the Children's Play Implementation Plan.

NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 26 March 2019.

Understanding flammable cladding

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The peak body for residential strata owners, the Owners Corporation Network (OCN), is holding a workshop with leading experts to help owners in affected buildings understand and navigate flammable cladding. The workshop is aimed at affected strata managers, building and facilities managers across New South Wales.

The OCN is a not-for-profit organisation run by strata owners.

The workshop will be held on Saturday 16 March 2019, 10.00am - 1.30pm (Registration from 9.30am) at Maurice Blackburn offices, 201 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

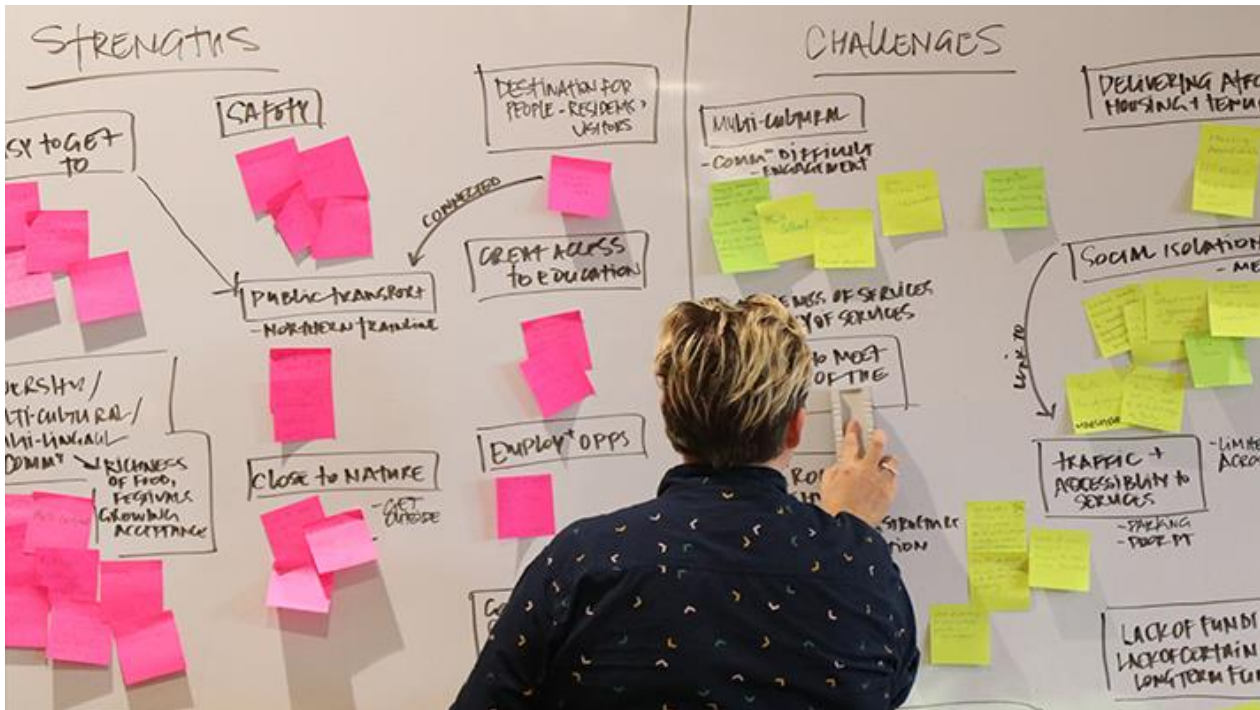
Speakers will include:

- Phillip Gall – Chairman, Owners Corporation Network
- Peter Carter – Associate Director, Core Project Consulting
- Paul Morton – CEO, Lannock Strata Finance
- Julian Schimmel, Principal Lawyer, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

[Find out more on the OCN website.](#)

Have your say on social wellbeing and creativity in our City

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We know that social wellbeing, creativity and the arts is important to many of our community, which is why City of Ryde is seeking input to help develop a Social Plan and Creativity Strategy. We want to hear what's working, what's not, and how we can improve things. These two pieces of work will help shape Council's planning for social wellbeing, culture and creativity. The goal is to plan for consistent, coordinated and effective services, infrastructure and programs that make sense for our whole community.

They will both be aligned to other Council plans and strategies, as well as to State and Federal policy. Both plans will identify the strengths of the City of Ryde, challenges we face and opportunities for the future.

Why a Social Plan?

As part of the Social Plan, we are looking at topics that will contribute to the social wellbeing of the Ryde community. These topics include (but are not limited to):

- Health and wellbeing
- Community safety
- Community connections
- Digital inclusion
- Access to community services.

The Social Plan will provide a framework to monitor and evaluate community and social wellbeing and the result of Council's efforts to improve wellbeing over time.

Why a Creativity Strategy?

This strategy will identify a range of initiatives that will help grow cultural and creative life in our City. We will first look at our existing cultural assets, which include everything from cultural industries to cultural occupations, community organisations, cultural facilities and spaces, natural heritage, cultural heritage, events and festivals, places of worship, education (including libraries) and intangible culture. This will help us to identify areas for improvement in future.

Workshops

As part of our extensive community consultation on the Social Plan and Creativity Strategy, Council is running a series of workshops. Some have been targeted at specific groups including:

- Council advisory committees
- Faith leaders
- Community and social service providers
- Independent artists and creative Industries.

We will also be running some general community workshops, a multicultural workshop and a workshop with key school staff.



A workshop participant shares her views from the floor

The workshops are all very interactive and include lots of activities. We do an exercise where, in small groups, using post it notes and big maps, participants identify what the City of Ryde's assets for social wellbeing and arts and culture are (eg facilities, services, community groups, open space, activities and events). As part of this exercise we also map what is missing or would be beneficial to the community.



Workshop participants identify existing social wellbeing, arts and cultural assets

We discuss strengths and challenges as well as an aspirational activity whereby participants develop a cover story headline for Ryde in five years' time. Workshop participants have described the experience as "enlightening" and "rather inspiring".



Social wellbeing, arts and cultural assets in focus

How to Have Your Say

There is still time to have your say and help shape how Council will contribute to social wellbeing and arts and creativity in our City. You can do so by:

Attending our future workshops

Council is running two [community workshops on Thursday 7 March](#) and a [multicultural community workshop on Wednesday 13 March](#).

Visiting our website

Visit our [Have Your Say page](#), which includes surveys (see below) and an [interactive social pinpoint mapping tool](#).

Completing the surveys

Complete one of our surveys online:

- [Social Plan & Creativity Strategy Survey](#) - provide input into how we can improve social wellbeing, culture and creativity in the City of Ryde
- [Arts & Culture Survey](#) - aimed at artists of all levels and disciplines, creative professionals and people that love arts and culture

Participating in face-to-face interviews

Come along to one of our interview sessions, held by our consultants on the following dates:

Location	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March	Friday 22 March	Saturday 23 March	Monday 25 March
Eastwood Mall		10.00am- 12.00pm			
West Ryde Plaza		12.30pm- 2.30pm			
Trim Place, Gladesville			9.00am- 1.00pm		
Macquarie University	10.00am-2.00pm				
Macquarie Train Station					7.00am- 11.00am
Top Ryde Plaza				9.30am-1.30pm	

Interim Heritage Order No.6 - 68-70 Chatham Road, Denistone

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Council on 26 February 2019 resolved to apply an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) to the property known as 68–70 Chatham Road, Denistone, as the property is the subject of a Local Development Application (LDA) that seeks multi-dwelling housing comprising 4 Dwellings and Strata Sub-division.

The LDA was available for community comment between 16 January 2019 and 6 February 2019. Council received submissions during the notification period, raising concerns over the potential heritage significance of the property.

On consideration of a preliminary heritage assessment of the subject land by a person with appropriate heritage knowledge, skills and experience and who was retained by the Council, it was concluded that the subject houses make a strong contribution to the character and potential significance of the area. As a result their demolition has been prevented pending further heritage assessment.

Given that the property may have local heritage significance and is under imminent threat of harm through demolition, it was prudent that Council resolved to follow the necessary process to impose an IHO over the property.

INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER

- [View the Interim Heritage Order](#)

The Interim Heritage Order is also available for public inspection at the Customer Service Centre, 1 Pope Street, Ryde, and North Ryde Office, Level 1, Building 0, Binary Centre, 3 Richardson Place, North Ryde, during normal office hours (8.30 am - 4.30 pm).

What is an Interim Heritage Order?

An IHO is a temporary heritage protection measure against the demolition of a potential heritage item. It also provides Council with the time to further assess the heritage significance of a potential item and take the appropriate steps to list the item if warranted.

The legal effect of an IHO made by a local Council is that approval is required for any development for the life of the order and demolition is prohibited during that period.

One of the key requirements for imposing an IHO over a property is that Council must consider that the subject property is being or is likely to be harmed. In this case, the lodgment of the Development Application foreshadowing the demolition of the property, constitutes a threat of harm.

NEXT STEPS

Council will shortly commission a qualified heritage specialist to undertake an independent assessment to establish the cultural heritage significance of 68-70 Chatham Road, Denistone.

If the assessment confirms that the property has local heritage significance, Council will then commence the preparation of a Planning Proposal to include 68-70 Chatham Road, Denistone, within Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014. The Planning Proposal will be prepared under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, and will include community consultation.

At that stage, members of the community will have opportunity to review and comment on the Planning Proposal and the proposed heritage listing.

Interim heritage order placed on Denistone houses

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The development application lodged in December last year sought to demolish the existing houses at 68 and 70 Chatham Road and construct a mixture of single and two-storey multi-dwelling housing.

Council received 50 submissions and one petition with 62 signatures in response to the development application, all of which objected to the proposed development.

Prior to the interim heritage order being placed on the Chatham Road houses both were assessed by Council's Heritage Officer who found they were examples of Inter-War period houses that provided an important contribution to the collective streetscape character.

The interim heritage order will provide a temporary halt to any planned demolition of the two Chatham Road houses.

In addition to placing the interim heritage order on 68 and 70 Chatham Road, Council also resolved to prepare a planning proposal to list multiple properties within Chatham Road as a heritage conservation area of local heritage significance.

Once finalised, the planning proposal would be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination.

Upon receipt of Gateway Determination, Council will consult with the community on the planning proposal to obtain residents' views on the proposed heritage conservation area.

City of Ryde to implement 10 days domestic violence leave

Published on 04 March 2019

The City of Ryde will take steps to implement 10 days of paid domestic violence leave for its staff members.

Council unanimously resolved to support the move, which would build on other initiatives recently adopted by the City of Ryde to assist victims of domestic violence.

Last year Council implemented a Family and Domestic Violence Leave Policy, which supports staff experiencing domestic violence by providing five days of paid domestic violence leave as well as flexible work arrangements, access to counselling and other support services.

In addition, the City of Ryde is also on track to achieve White Ribbon accreditation status by the end of this year. White Ribbon accreditation recognises workplaces that take active steps to avoid violence against women.

A City of Ryde spokesperson said introducing 10 days of paid domestic violence leave recognised the immense toll domestic violence can have on its victims.

“Providing 10 days of leave will enable staff experiencing domestic violence to attend court and other proceedings, to source new housing arrangements and undertake other activities to ensure their safety, all without the fear of losing income.”