

# Major Projects in your City

Winter  
July 2018



## Ryde says goodbye to single-use plastics

In a bid to protect the health of local waterways, the City of Ryde has committed to a complete ban of single-use plastic drinking straws as well as a phase out of other single-use plastics.

Councillors unanimously resolved to ban the use of single-use plastic drinking straws and phase out balloons, plastic bottles, plastic cups and plastic bags in all Council operations and Council-sponsored events.

Research from CSIRO shows that approximately three-quarters of the rubbish along the Australian coast is plastic. Straws, plastic bags, bottles and balloons are particularly harmful as marine wildlife is commonly found to have swallowed these items.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the phased out ban of single-use plastics underlined Council's commitment to protecting Ryde's natural areas.

*"The City of Ryde has worked very hard in encouraging the community to take measures to reduce waste and landfill, so it is only right that Council does everything it can in stamping out its use of single-use plastics,"* Clr Laxale said.

*"In addition to the Council phase out, the City of Ryde will also implement a waste education program to reduce the use of single-use plastics in our community, with a particular focus on local businesses."*

*"I am delighted that all Councillors supported this motion as it shows that the City of Ryde is committed to improving the environment and protecting the health of our waterways."*



## Community Message

Dear Resident,

The weather may have cooled down but that hasn't stopped us from launching exciting new initiatives, implementing improvement works and delivering a wide range of events.

I was so honoured to recognise the many dedicated volunteers who give so much back to our city at our Volunteer Recognition Awards in May. Our FIFA World Cup live site in June proved a huge hit with all ages, as did the grand opening of our brand new all-weather sports fields at Christie Park. We now have three synthetic fields in our City, with two more to come in future.

Our parks, playgrounds and open spaces have also received a big boost, with brand new facilities and equipment, including a popular scooter track at Ryde Park. Improving pedestrian and vehicle infrastructure continues to be a major focus, with 141 upgrades completed and more in progress. I would like to thank all residents for your patience and understanding as we undertake works.

Sustainability has been another hot topic this winter, with Council unanimously resolving to ban single-use plastics in all our operations and Council-sponsored events. We will also be rolling out a waste education program to help get local businesses and the community onboard.

And that's not all. City of Ryde has joined forces with 70 other local governments as part of the Cities Power Partnership. Through this, we have pledged to take action on five key areas to help tackle climate change. As a start to this commitment, we have installed solar panels at North Ryde Library, the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and Eastwood Community Hall.

Our Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize is back for 2018. This annual competition brings together budding artists and designers young and old to turn trash into treasure by creating masterpieces out of recycled materials.

It is also time to have your say on new markets for our City at West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park. I would love to hear your thoughts on how you would like these markets to look.

We have lots more planned for the coming months, with entries open for our Spring Garden Competition and our Cork & Fork Festival in August promising to be bigger and better this year.

I hope you can join us as we celebrate this and other exciting events planned for the rest of the season.



Sincerely,

**Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor**  
Phone 9952 8222 or  
email [mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

## 2017/18 ACHIEVEMENTS

### Our Open and Progressive City

- ✓ Call upon the NSW Government to abolish Priority Precincts
- ✓ Saved Heritage Building 330 Rowe Street Eastwood
- ✓ Highly Commended Customer Service Excellence Award
- ✓ Awarded Employer of Choice

### Our Active and Healthy City

- ✓ Christie Park Synthetic Fields, Macquarie Park
- ✓ 6 new playgrounds
- ✓ Floodlighting at Westminster Park and Meadowbank Park
- ✓ Upgrade of 2 libraries
- ✓ Online Interactive Reading Desks at Ryde Library

### Our Natural and Sustainable City

- ✓ Banned single-use plastics in Council operations and events
- ✓ Joined the Cities Power Partnership talking Climate Change
- ✓ Solar PV Installations on 3 Council Buildings
- ✓ Planted 700 native seedlings at Field of Mars Reserve
- ✓ 20 stormwater upgrades

### Our Connected and Accessible City

- ✓ Eastwood to Macquarie Park Cycleway Stage 1
- ✓ Burnett Walk Bridge at Darvall Park
- ✓ Road resurfacing at 58 locations

### Our Smart and Innovative City

- ✓ Partnered with Venture Café Macquarie Park
- ✓ Gladesville Town Centre Upgrade
- ✓ 4 street libraries installed - Centres Activation Program

### Our Vibrant and Liveable City

- ✓ Light installations at 3 locations - Night-Time Economy Plan
- ✓ Callaghan Street Centre beautification
- ✓ Rowe Street East Town Centre upgrade
- ✓ Street Tree Planting Program at 3 locations
- ✓ Gladesville Clocktower Heritage Conservation

### Our Diverse and Inclusive City

- ✓ Increased funding limits for Community Grants
- ✓ Hosted a FIFA World Cup Live Site
- ✓ Celebrated Harmony Day and Lunar New Year Festival
- ✓ Hosted over 80,000 at the Granny Smith Festival
- ✓ Funded the Ryde Youth Theatre Group



Clr Jerome Laxale - Mayor with Macquarie University Vice-Chancellor Professor S Bruce Downton announcing the Venture Café partnership outside the Macquarie University Incubator.

## Ryde to partner with Venture Café to drive innovation

The Macquarie Park Innovation District has received another boost with the City of Ryde becoming an innovation partner of the globally-recognised Venture Café.

Venture Café is a fast growing, global network of independent organisations that promotes innovation and collaboration through weekly programs and events. It currently operates in various locations around the globe including Boston, Rotterdam and Tokyo.

The network's first foray into Australia will be located and operated by Macquarie University.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said Venture Café would help grow Macquarie Park's reputation as the leading innovation hub in Australia.

*"Jobs are so important to our city. Becoming an innovation partner with Venture Café will strengthen Macquarie Park and its ability to provide employment for our community,"* Clr Laxale said.

Macquarie University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Engagement and Advancement) David Wilkinson said City of Ryde's partnership with Venture Café would lead to wide-scale activation of collaboration, innovation and incubation across Macquarie Park.

*"Venture Café will help attract start-ups to the local area, thus generate greater economic activity and diversity,"* Professor Wilkinson said.



## Markets in the City of Ryde Eastwood Night Markets to continue

Fans of community markets have a number of reasons to smile with the City of Ryde resolving to support the continuation of the Eastwood Night Markets.

The night markets have developed a loyal following in a relatively short time, and have provided a boost to the night time economy in Eastwood.

## Markets at West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park

The City of Ryde undertook an investigation of possible sites to hold a regular market in the area. The results of this investigation identified West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park, Meadowbank (including Ryde Wharf Reserve) as the two best possible locations.

On 22 May 2018 Council resolved to consult with the community regarding these sites. Therefore, Council is seeking your feedback on the proposal to hold regular monthly markets in West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park, Meadowbank (including Ryde Wharf Reserve).

We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposed market locations and find out what type of stalls and activities you would like to see at these markets.

### How can I have my say?

**Online** Complete the online survey at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

The survey will close on Sunday 29 July 2018.

### For more information

To learn more about the Markets at West Ryde Plaza and Anderson Park please visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

For further information, or for assistance completing the online survey, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222.



## City of Ryde joins Australia's biggest council climate partnership

The City of Ryde has joined Australia's largest network of local councils tackling climate action, becoming the newest member of the growing Cities Power Partnership.

The Cities Power Partnership is a network of 70 local governments that represents more than 7.5 million people. Local councils who join the partnership pledge to take five key actions across renewable energy, efficiency and transport.

The Cities Power Partnership supports councils to take practical and effective steps to introduce clean energy technology, energy efficiency, sustainable transport and other climate solutions to their respective local communities.

*"Across Australia, towns and cities are surging ahead with greenhouse gas reduction plans, switching to cleaner energy, building greener, efficient and more resilient communities. I'm pleased to say that the City of Ryde is playing an important part of this mission,"* City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said.



ELS Hall Park



Christie Park

## More all-weather sports fields for Ryde

Two more all-weather sports fields are coming to the City of Ryde after Council resolved to install new synthetic fields at Westminster Park and Meadowbank Park.

Gladesville's Westminster Park is a popular sports field for local schools and sporting organisations, while Meadowbank Park is one of the City of Ryde's major sporting and recreation areas, with more than 10 playing fields currently in use.

The two new synthetic fields will complement the three synthetic fields already in use in the City of Ryde, with one at ELS Hall Park and two recently opened at Christie Park.

The construction of the synthetic fields will be a part of Council's Four Year Delivery Plan in 2020/21 for Westminster Park and 2022/23 for Meadowbank Park.



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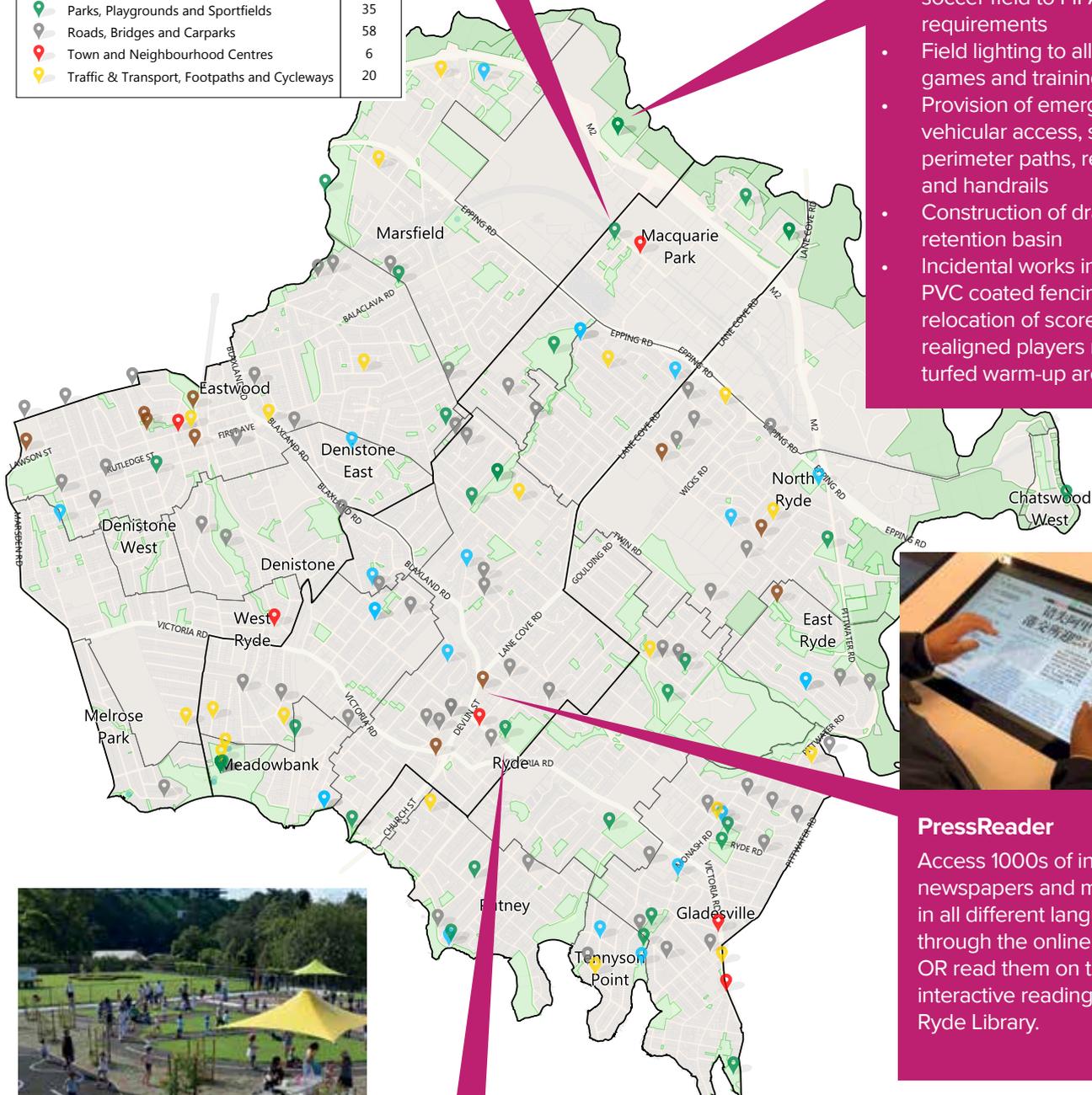
- Landscaping works (Planting, turfing and mulching)
- Installation of new children's playground equipment and soffall
- Construction improved paths, stairs and drainage
- Installation of seating and shade umbrellas
- Improved lighting, BBQ facilities and four picnic settings
- Installation of new kick-about lawn area
- Installation of play art



**Christie park synthetic field**

- New synthetic grass surface with cork infill system, with shock and heat properties for improved playability
- Linemarking for full sized soccer field to FIFA and FNSW requirements
- Field lighting to allow for soccer games and training after dusk
- Provision of emergency vehicular access, seating, perimeter paths, retaining walls and handrails
- Construction of drainage retention basin
- Incidental works including PVC coated fencing, netting, relocation of score board, realigned players race and turfed warm-up area

Program	No. of Projects
Building Upgrades	10
Stormwater Works	20
Parks, Playgrounds and Sportfields	35
Roads, Bridges and Carparks	58
Town and Neighbourhood Centres	6
Traffic & Transport, Footpaths and Cycleways	20



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**Ryde Scooter Park**

Adjacent to the Ryde Bowling Club, the new facilities include an amazing scooter track for children, complete with traffic signs, a roundabout and traffic lights. There is also an undercover seating area, landscaped gardens, drinking fountain, a relaxing picnic park and a new dog off-leash fenced area.

**ENTRIES NOW OPEN**

**SWAP**

**2018 SUSTAINABLE  
WASTE 2 ART PRIZE**

Artists and members of the community are invited to enter the Sustainable Waste to Art Prize with art and design objects created from used and recycled materials.

**ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 17 August 2018**

**EXHIBITION OPENS**

Thursday 20 September 2018 and runs until Thursday 4 October 2018

The See Street Gallery, Meadowbank Campus, TAFE NSW - Sydney Region  
Gallery open days and times: Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00am - 4.00pm

**TOTAL PRIZE POOL OVER \$4,000**

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