



## A new playground paradise at ELS Hall Park, North Ryde

A new, nature-inspired playground at ELS Hall Park in North Ryde has opened to the public as part of City of Ryde's ongoing commitment to provide all children in the community with access to state-of-the-art playgrounds.

The playground overlooks the synthetic sports field and was designed following extensive consultation with the community, which included dedicated workshops with children.

The playground has three main play zones. They are:

- Water pump and channels
- Active zone, with slides, climbing areas, rope swing and a flying fox
- Relaxed zone with swings.

The playground also has inclusive elements including a high back swing and a toddler's combination unit, each with soft-fall rubber padding.

Another highlight of the playground design is a large sculpture component featuring three 'cubbies' which children can explore and climb through. The cubbies' design was influenced by the local flora found in ELS Hall Park.

The new playground at ELS Hall Park is part of the City of Ryde's Children Play Implementation Plan, which guides Council's approach to the provision of play through providing the community with safe, accessible and sustainable high-quality playgrounds.





## Community Message

Dear Resident,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the final two months of 2018.

Looking back on the past 10 months it feels like it was only yesterday that I was standing on stage with the recipients of the Ryde Citizen of the Year awards during the City of Ryde Australia Day ceremony in January.

Since that day, this Council has worked extremely hard each and every day to implement its ambitious agenda that is delivering benefits for everyone who lives, works and plays in the City of Ryde.

And the pace of progress has not slowed down in recent months as you will read in this Rates Newsletter, with a number of initiatives completed or getting underway.

Recently, we have opened a new state of the art playground at ELS Hall Park as well as a new sandstone seawall at Morrison Bay Park, both of which have proven to be extremely popular with the community.

In addition, the first sod has been turned and work has commenced on the exciting new skate and scooter park in Meadowbank, which once completed will provide people of all ages with a first class outdoor facility.

Council has also been busy in recent months staging a range of popular events that have brought the community together. This includes the Cork & Fork Festival, which continues to grow in popularity each year, as well as the biggest of them all – the Granny Smith Festival.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported these events, and I can assure you they and a number of other diverse and popular events will return next year.

Before I sign off on the last Rates Newsletter of the year, I would like to congratulate Cllr Simon Zhou on his election as City of Ryde Deputy Mayor. Cllr Zhou has shown to be a proactive and productive Councillor and I am sure he will continue to work hard for the community in his new role.

In congratulating Cllr Zhou, I would like to also thank Cllr Christopher Gordon for his work as Deputy Mayor and the assistance he has offered me during this time.



Sincerely,

Cllr Jerome Laxale - Mayor  
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## JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

### Our Natural and Sustainable City

- ✔ Tuckwell Park - Outdoor Court Renewal

### ✔ Road Resurfacing Renewal:

Wolfe Road (Cox's Road - Blue Gum Drive)\*

### Our Active and Healthy City

### ✔ Playground Renewal & Upgrade:

ELS Hall Park Playground

### Our Connected and Accessible City

### ✔ Community Buildings Renewal:

Eastwood Community Hall Hearing Loop

### ✔ Stormwater Improvement Works Renewal:

Shepherd's Bay Outlets - Stage 1

### ✔ Terry Creek Walking Trail

### ✔ Stormwater Asset Replacement Renewal:

Blenheim Road

Kuppa Road, Ryde\*

Deakin St (Adelaide St - Cul-de-sac)

### ✔ Footpath Construction Expansion:

Bambi Street (Woodbine Crescent - Greene Avenue)

Deakin Street (Adelaide Street - Cul-de-sac)

### ✔ Road Resurfacing Renewal:

Ross Street (Blair Street - Orr Street)

Dickson Avenue (Bellevue Avenue - Shaftsbury Road)

Turner Avenue (Princes Street - Arras Parade)\*

Vimiera Road (Lincoln Street - Corunna Road)\*

Anzac Avenue (Beltana Street - Goodwin Street)\*

Anzac Avenue (Beltana Street - Wattle Street)

Orchard Street (Forster Street - Anzac Avenue)\*

Hibble Street (Adelaide Road - Meadowbank Lane)\*

Napier Crescent (David Avenue - Parklands Road)

Avon Road (Beatrice Street - Cooney Street)

Huxley Street (Adelaide Road - Meadowbank Lane)\*

Dayman Place (Vimiera Road - Epping Road)

Vimiera Road (Epping Road - Pembroke Road)

### ✔ Morrison Bay Park Seawalls/Retaining Walls Refurbishment

### Our Smart and Innovative City

### ✔ Community Buildings Renewal:

West Ryde Hall Hearing Loop

Eastwood Pre-School Windows



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## New skate and scooter park in Meadowbank

Construction is well underway for the City of Ryde's new skate and scooter park at Meadowbank Park.

Known as the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space, the new \$2.5 million recreation space will have skate and scooter facilities to suit all ages and skill levels. It will also feature picnic areas, lighting and new connecting footpaths.

The new skate and scooter park is expected to be completed and opened to the public by March next year, weather permitting.

The opening of the facility will be celebrated with a free skateboard clinic and competition.



## Cork & Fork Festival a huge success

A last minute venue change did not keep the crowd away from the Cork & Fork Festival, with more than 5,000 people attending the City of Ryde event in August.

High winds forced the Cork & Fork Festival to be moved from Kissing Point Park to nearby Cleves Park late on Saturday. But the new venue proved to be just as popular with festival-goers, who spent the day sampling terrific food and beverages from across more than 50 stalls.

The large crowd was kept entertained with great musical acts playing throughout the day, while kids enjoyed pony rides and other fun activities. A cooking demonstration from 'My Kitchen Rules' stars Josh and Nic also proved extremely popular.

Those in attendance also dug deep throughout the day, donating \$2,220 to the City of Ryde's fundraising appeal to assist NSW farmers impacted by the drought.

## Improvements to foreshore at Morrison Bay

A new seawall at Morrison Bay Park in Putney has been unveiled to the public by the City of Ryde as part of efforts by Council to protect and enhance the local Parramatta River foreshore.

The seawall – dubbed by some as 'Ryde's Barangaroo' – was constructed with sandstone blocks to preserve the natural character of the foreshore.

The existing path adjacent to the seawall has also received an upgrade and now serves as a shared-path for pedestrians and cyclists, while new seating and picnic areas have been installed along the water for the community to take advantage of.

The new seawall at Morrison Bay Park is part of the City of Ryde's program to improve seawalls along the Parramatta River foreshore, which also resulted in the upgrade of the Meadowbank Park seawall in 2016.



## Stickers urging motorists to slow down

Have you ordered your 'Slow down in our street' sticker yet?

The new reflective stickers have been created by the City of Ryde to remind motorists to slow down and help keep residential streets safe.

The aim of the stickers is for residents to place them on Council wheelie bins so that they are visible to oncoming traffic.

Residents can order the new sticker by visiting [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/slowdown](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/slowdown).



## Join Up Join In with your Ryde library today

Ryde Library Service is calling on the community to 'Join Up and Join In' and take advantage of the terrific services available to everyone at their local library branch.

As part of the Join Up Join In campaign, everyone is encouraged to join the library and take advantage of the range of services on offer, including programs and events and signing up to the monthly library e-newsletter.

Apart from free membership, members of Ryde Library Service can also enjoy a range of other free benefits including WiFi and access to PCs at each branch.

So now is the perfect time for everyone to pop into their local library and Join Up and Join in. Find out more at

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/joinupjoinin](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/joinupjoinin).

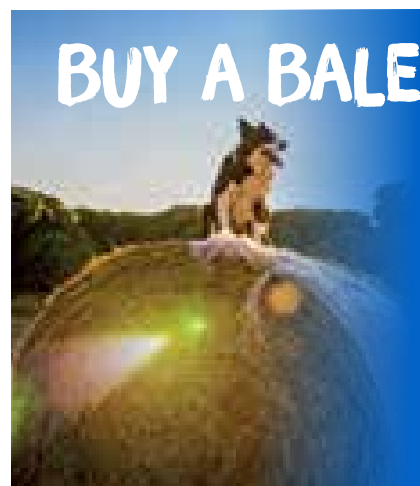
## Granny Smith Festival

Tens of thousands of people descended on Eastwood to take part in the celebrations of the Granny Smith Festival.

There was entertainment for all ages throughout the day across five stages. Highlights included the annual Grand Street Parade, as well as stellar performances from headliner acts.

The debut of Granny's Cider Bar also proved a hit, with acoustic tunes and giant garden games offering a respite from the hustle and bustle of the event.

This year's event celebrated 150 years since Maria Ann 'Granny' Smith first grew her famous green apple at her Eastwood property in 1868.



The City of Ryde is undertaking a community fundraising appeal in support of NSW farmers utilising the charity Rural Aid and its 'Buy A Bale' initiative. The 'Buy A Bale' initiative delivers hay and other essential items to farmers who have no feed left for their livestock.

Donations can be made at collection buckets found at Council's Customer Service Centre, libraries and the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre. Online donations can also be made by visiting [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/buyabale](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/buyabale).





### Terry Creek Walking Trail

- A walking trail was built along the creek to improve Council's walking connection between Hornsby Council natural areas and Browns Waterhole in Lane Cove National Park. The key benefits are reduced erosion, improved accessibility, enhanced habitat and community awareness to natural areas.

As part of the project, works included:

- Installation of decking to protect tree roots along the walk
- Building bridges over two tributaries
- Constructing stairways over steep sections of the walking trail.

Program	No. of Projects
Building Upgrades	3
Parks, Playgrounds and Sportfields	3
Roads, Bridges and Carparks	34
Seawalls	1
Stormwater Works	3
Traffic & Transport, Footpaths and Cycleways	2



### Kissing Point Park Flag Poles

- Two new flag poles have been unveiled at Putney's Kissing Point Park
- The two flag poles will fly the Australian and Aboriginal flags near the entrance to the Kissing Point ferry stop. They will also be illuminated at night, with lighting installed at the base of both flag poles.



### Morrison Bay Park Seawall

The eye-catching seawall was constructed with sandstone blocks to preserve the natural character of the foreshore. The following improvements were made along the water at Morrison Bay Park as part of the project:

- Upgrade of the existing path to a new concrete shared-path for pedestrians and cyclists
- Installation of scenic viewing and new seating areas along the path
- Planting of saltmarsh grasses and improvements to the stormwater drainage system.

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## GET IN TOUCH

### Ryde Customer Service Centre

1 Pope Street, Ryde  
Open Monday to Friday,  
8.30am to 5.00pm

*(Second Thursday of the month hours are 10.00am - 5.00pm. First Saturday of the month hours are 8.30am - 1.00pm)*

For convenience, make an online appointment booking for the Building and Development Advisory Service at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/planningandbusiness) or call **9952 8222**.

### Phone Enquiries

Customer Service Call Centre  
Phone: **9952 8222**  
Open Monday to Friday, 8.00am - 5.30pm

### After Hours Assistance

Phone: **9952 8222**

### Postal Address

All correspondence should be addressed to the General Manager  
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### Libraries: Eastwood, Gladesville, North Ryde, Ryde and West Ryde.

For contact details of our Libraries go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library)

### Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre

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## CITY OF RYDE UPCOMING EVENTS



NOV  
FRI  
**23**

**2018 Wonder Under the Stars at Yamble Reserve**



FEB  
SAT  
**9**

**2019 Lunar New Year Cinema in Eastwood**



APR  
SAT  
**13**

**2019 West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair**



DEC  
SUN  
**9**

**2018 Community Christmas Celebration in Ryde Park**



JAN  
SAT  
**26**

**2019 Australia Day Concert at North Ryde Common**

FEB  
SAT  
**16**

**2019 Lunar New Year Celebration in Eastwood**

## CITY OF RYDE COMMUNITY GRANT EVENTS

NOV  
SUN  
**25**

**2018 Light Up East Ryde, Sagar Place**

DEC  
SUN  
**16**

**2018 Carols on the Common, North Ryde Common**

DEC  
SAT  
**22**

**2018 Christmas Carols in West Ryde, Anzac Park**





## SWAP winners revealed

A giant hare made out of noxious weeds and a piece of art depicting a legendary musician with nothing more than buttons were among the winners announced for the City of Ryde's Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP).

SWAP is a unique competition in which local artists are asked to produce artworks that are made from repurposed material or that have a sustainable theme. This year's competition attracted more than 200 entries with 79 shortlisted for the exhibition which took place over a fortnight between late September and early October.

Meadowbank TAFE student Penny Simons was awarded first prize in the open category for 'Flying Hare', which is a woven hare made completely out of the noxious Willow weed. Trinity Myres took out the Youth Environment Prize (for 14 to 17 year olds) while Dane De Braekeleir-Cleal was awarded the Junior Youth Environment Prize (10 to 13 year olds) for 'Kurt Cobain in 4,438 Buttons'.

The Functional award – for the design object judged to have best used reclaimed material to form a functional piece – was taken out by Monique Bedwell and her work 'It's Not Just A Cup Of Tea', which is a dress made from more than 500 used tea bags.



City of Ryde

# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2019

Nominations for the 2019 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards are Now Open!

### Citizen of the Year 2019

Recognises outstanding service to the community over an extended period.

### Young Citizen of the Year 2019

Recognises outstanding service to the community by a young person aged 12-25yrs.

The awards are open to all Australian citizens living in the City of Ryde and are held under the auspices of the Australia Day Council of NSW and judging is conducted by a local selection panel. Winners are announced at Council's Australia Day Celebrations. The presentation will take place on 26 January 2019 at the City of Ryde Australia Day Ceremony.

Nominations close Friday 23 November 2018

For further information or to nominate, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen) or contact the Events Team on 9952 8222 or email [events@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

# Remembrance Day Service

## Commemorating 100 years since World War I ended



Date: Sunday 11 November 2018

Time: 10.15am for a 10.30am start, followed by refreshments in Memorial Park

Location: Memorial Park, Meadow Crescent, Meadowbank

For more information contact Customer Service on 9952 8222. [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryderemembers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryderemembers)



## RYDE REMEMBERS 2014 - 2018

City of Ryde

**UPDATE**

# SAVE our streets

## WHAT IS THE NSW GOVERNMENT DOING?

The NSW Government plans to introduce their Medium Density Housing Code in the City of Ryde. If unchallenged, the code will have sweeping impacts across our local neighbourhoods with the potential for 40,000 extra dwellings in Ryde's quiet streets.





The Government has changed Ryde's local planning laws as well as the definition of "Medium Density Housing". It proposes to have the code introduced on 1 July 2019. The code will allow for 2 storey blocks of 3 or 4 flats (Manor Homes) in the City of Ryde for the first time.

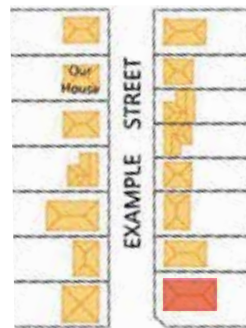


## WHAT IS CITY OF RYDE'S RESPONSE?

The City of Ryde opposes the State Government's Medium Density Housing Code and its forced changes to our local planning laws. The City has tried to negotiate an exemption from the code, however, the State Government has refused. In response, the City has now filed proceedings against the NSW Government in court to challenge the validity of the code being forced upon the City of Ryde.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

 = Lots     = Single Dwellings     = Manor Houses (block of flats)     = Dual occupancy



### Current Ryde LEP 2014

Council's controls in the R2 Low Density Residential zone include:

- Multi-dwelling housing villas – on lots with a minimum area of **900sqm** and with a minimum frontage of **20m**.
- Attached dual occupancies - on lots with a minimum area of **580sqm** and with a minimum frontage of **20m**.

These developments require Council assessment against Council's Development Control Plan, which includes 2 weeks of neighbour notification and consideration of objections.



### NSW Government Changes after 1 July 2019

Under the NSW Government's changes the following will be added to the R2 Low Density Residential zone:

- **Manor Homes** (2 storey flat buildings of 3-4 dwellings) – on lots with a minimum area of **600sqm** and with a minimum width of **15m** at the building line.
- Attached dual occupancies - on lots with a minimum area of **580sqm** and with a minimum width of **12m** at the building line.

These developments can be approved by Private Certifiers with minimal neighbour notification and no requirement for objections to be considered.

Council does not support the Medium Density Housing Code. The NSW Government's Medium Density Housing Code could potentially add an extra 40,000 extra dwellings in Ryde before infrastructure can be delivered.

For more information on the changes and what they mean for the City of Ryde visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sos](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sos)