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# **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**





# Welcome to the Spring edition of Live.Work.Play – City of Ryde's community magazine.

With the weather warming up, I look forward to getting out and about and enjoying all our beautiful City has to offer, kicking off with the Granny Smith Festival on Saturday 15 October in Eastwood. This is the perfect opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our vibrant, multicultural City with tasty food, live music, entertainment and culture for all ages.

Festival highlights will include a performance by Korean-Australian pop legend Dami Im, the return of the Grand Street Parade, over 250 market stalls, a visit by Paw Patrol, a new Batlow Cider Bar on the Oval and thrilling new rides. The night will end with a fireworks spectacular.

Social Inclusion Week is coming up in November and is an ideal opportunity to put the spotlight on some of Council's facilities, services and events that are helping to reduce barriers to participation and celebrate difference. It is timely that Council recently published its updated Disability Inclusion Action Plan, which outlines how we are going to make the City of Ryde more accessible and inclusive over the next four years, and I would encourage anyone interested to give it a read.

I am proud to be part of such a diverse City and Council and look forward to all the exciting activities and initiatives taking place over the coming months that showcase this.

Sincerely,

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# **NEWS**

# RYDE TO REACH 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET EARLY



The City of Ryde will reach its 100 percent renewable energy target eight years ahead of schedule after it joined 24 other councils to enter into one of the largest renewable energy deals ever for local government.

Worth approximately \$180 million, the retail electricity agreement led by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) and energy retailer ZEN Energy will deliver more than 214 gigawatt hours per year to the City of Ryde and other participating councils.

Overall, 83 percent of the total electricity supply under the agreement will be covered by renewable energy from the Moree, Hillston and Nevertire Solar Farms, which are all located within NSW.

The City of Ryde has opted for 100 percent renewable energy under the agreement. This commitment will mean the City of Ryde will reach its 100 percent renewable energy target this year – eight years before its initial target date of 2030.

In total, the agreement led by SSROC and ZEN Energy involves the supply of electricity to more than 300 major council facilities, more than 210,000 streetlights and more than 3,000 small sites managed by councils. It will run until 2026 with an option to extend to 2030.

#### Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan Endorsed

Council recently endorsed our Bicycle Strategy 2022-2030 and the Ryde Action Plan 2022-2030.

The purpose of the updated strategy and action plan is to provide a more modern framework and set of principles for the planning, design, improvement and management of Council's network of pathways and trails.

It also provides a framework for encouraging greater involvement of residents, community organisations and government in the development of walking, cycling and other pathway-related activities and opportunities.

Find out more and read the Strategy and Action Plan at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ bicyclestrategy

## **Voting Compulsory for Eligible West Ward Residents in By-election**

Do you live in Denistone, Denistone East, Denistone West, Eastwood, Macquarie Park, Marsfield, Melrose Park or West Ryde? Areas of these suburbs fall within City of Ryde's West Ward.

If you are eligible to vote in New South Wales and live in the City of Ryde's West Ward, you must vote in this by-election, being held on Saturday 15 October for the election of one Councillor for this Ward.

If you are not enrolled in West Ward, you cannot vote at the by-election.

This election is being administered by the NSW Electoral Commission.

The vacancy has occurred due to the resignation of one Councillor.

Pre-poll opens on Tuesday 4 October and closes on Friday 14 October 2022.

To find out more, including what Council Ward you are in and other key dates, visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/byelection** 

#### Report an Issue

Did you know that you can report issues to Council online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

Simply visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/report** and lodge issues such as potholes, damaged footpaths, and much more. Once the issue is lodged, Council staff will address the issues as quickly as possible.

# **SPRINGTIME ACTIVITIES**

# **COMPOST CONNECTION**

Get answers to all your composting and worm farming questions - and a discounted compost bin or worm farm while you're at it through Compost Connection.

Compost Connection is a free online education program in association with Tumbleweed to assist City of Ryde residents to successfully establish and maintain a compost bin or worm farm.

The program will take you step-by-step through the whole process, from establishing and maintaining your compost bin or worm farm, to harvesting and using the compost produced to fertilise your garden.

City of Ryde residents who complete our online courses will receive a 50 percent discount voucher to purchase a compost bin or worm farm from Council. Please note there is a limit of one compost bin and one worm farm voucher per household.

We hope the program provides residents with the knowledge and confidence to get started on their composting and worm farming journey.

For more information about the program and to register, visit

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/compostconnection



#### A free, online compost and worm farming education program



## **GET GRUBBY PROGRAM**

**Engage your kids in sustainable** living with the 'Get Grubby' program, which is now free for anyone living or working in the City of Ryde!



Recycling

The program contains 10 sustainability units, covering topics such as:

This online sustainability curriculum is for everyone in our City wanting to learn about waste, recycling and sustainability.

Each unit contains special videos from dirtgirl, scrapboy, and

Costa the Garden Gnome, great songs to sing and dance to, heaps of activities, fun games and loads of hands on ideas for

- Composting
- Worm farming

you and your community of children.

- Saving water
- Growing food
- Getting grubby!

The units have been matched to the National Quality Standards and the Belonging, Being & Becoming Early Years Learning Framework, and packed them with heaps of dirtgirlworld fun!

For more information about the program and to register, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/getgrubby

# **SPRING INTO ACTION**

#### Here are our Top 5 Spring Cleaning Tips

Spring is a time for rejuvenation and there's nothing quite like the feeling that decluttering can give for mind, body and home. Council offers a range of services to make spring cleaning easy and cost-effective. Here are our top 5 tips for losing the clutter.





#### Garden a little out of control?

We offer a free kerbside chipping and mulching service. Turn that green waste into useful end products that your garden will love. Call us on 9952 8222 to make a booking.





#### Can't fit the car in your double garage?

Show your car some love and book a free, pre-booked household cleanup service for broken and unwanted household goods. Visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste** to book yours.





#### Toys, crockery, books, knick-knacks and more?

Say hello, garage sale! Let us know the details and Council will advertise your local sale for free on our website and the local paper. We also have numerous resources to make sure your garage sale is a successful one. Visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales** 





#### Still have paint from 1985 in the garden shed?

Drop off your old paint and unwanted chemicals for free at the Community Recycling Centre, Waltham Street, Artarmon.





#### Old PCs and TVs taking up precious storage?

Council offers a free e-waste pick-up service or you can drop them off at the Cleanaway Ryde Resource Recovery Centre, Wicks Road, North Ryde.

Spring is the perfect time to get out there to reduce, reuse, remove, recycle or resale. So here's to a happy decluttering experience this spring!

### **WEED WATCH RYDE**

#### What's that weed?

I am a fern-like herbaceous plant with many arching stems up to 2m long.



I have pale green cladodes that look like short flat leaves (up to 2.5cm long and up to 0.3cm wide), which are tapered to a fine short point.

My "leaves" grow in clusters of 1-5 along my stems.

My green to brown stems arise from a central crown that sits below the soil surface. My older stems will have short stiff spines (up to 10mm long).

My roots are fleshy, consisting of white watery tubers up to 3cm long. My flowers are white to pink (5mm in diameter) and I fruit in round berries (up to 8mm wide) that are green when young and glossy red when mature.

I can reproduce by seed and underground crowns. The best way to remove me from your garden is by manually cutting out my crown from the soil and removing my fruiting stems before they mature.

What am I? To find out the answer, scan the QR code or go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/LiveWorkPlay



# **GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL**

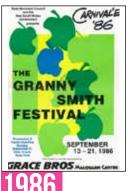
EASTWOOD

#### The History of the **Festival**

From its origins as 'Carnivale' in 1985 to promote multiculturalism to what we now know as the Granny Smith Festival (GSF), this iconic community event developed a local identity by paying tribute to Maria Ann Smith, aka 'Granny Smith', who grew the world's first batch of the famous green apples right here in Ryde.

Check out the photos and posters below to see how one of Sydney's largest street festivals has evolved through time.

Do you have a favourite GSF photo or memory to share? Email us at events@ryde.nsw.gov.au - we'd love to hear from you!

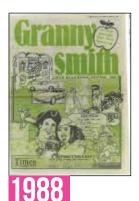


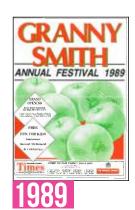


















**SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022** 

**EASTWOOD 9.00am – 8.30pm** 



GRAND STREET PARADE

**STREET PERFORMERS & COMPETITIONS** 

**MARKET STALLS & FOOD TRUCKS** 

**CARNIVAL RIDES & CIDER BAR** 

**ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT** 

**FIREWORKS FINALE AT 8PM** 



FOR THE FULL ONLINE PROGRAM GO TO

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#### **FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS**



#### **PARADE**

The Grand Street Parade will kick off at 9.30am, celebrating our vibrant and diverse community. Enjoy marching bands, community floats, dancers and of course our festival float that will feature our giant inflatable apple, our Mascot Sweetie Pie and Mrs Smith herself!



#### **MARKET STALLS**

Browse over 250 market stalls, ranging from hot food to bespoke handmade products, community information and apple-related products. There'll be toffee apples, apple pies, caramel apples, apple juice, apple-decorated clothing and fresh apples too!



#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

There is a huge day of entertainment planned across 5 stages. There will be a singing competition, cultural demonstrations, dance performances, live bands and kids shows including stage performances and a meet-and-greet with Paw Patrol.



#### THE CORE CARNIVAL FUN

Eastwood Public School will once again be home to The Core Youth

Zone. Drop by the skate and scooter park or join in the dance battles or video game tournament (with great prizes to be won!) and enjoy the live music and graffiti art.

Come down to Eastwood Oval and West Parade for all the fun of the fair! There'll be new rides on offer including the Space Jam. We dare you to give it a go! Other highlights include an animal farm and classic carnival games.



#### **BATLOW CIDER BAR**

Visit the Batlow Cider Bar on the oval and enjoy free cider tastings.

Sit down to enjoy while you watch the Oval Stage entertainment. If you're not a cider fan, then don't worry as there also be apple seltzers on offer or local NSW and ACT beer and wine.



#### CLOSING SHOW | EASTWOOD OVAL

Whether you stay all day or return for the closing show, it's not to be missed. From 5pm join **Beeswax and Bottlecaps** for their family Circus Show. Be prepared to be amazed by this hilarious comedy duo.

Then from 6pm, we get the party started with **Bermuda Social** who will play a mix of new and old classics. Pop legend **Dami Im** will then headline the closing show before leading us in for the **fireworks finale** at 8pm.





#### **BYO WASTE WISE**





As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to creating a sustainable environment, the Granny Smith Festival is designated as a 'Waste Wise Event'.

Please remember to BYO water bottle as no plastic water bottles will be sold by our stallholders. Fill up for free at the refill and bubbler water stations located around the festival site provided by Sydney Water.

We also encourage festivalgoers to BYO re-usable bags, water bottles and coffee cups.



#### **GETTING THERE**

The Festival attracts a large crowd which can mean parking is limited. Leave the car at home and catch a bus, train or the Shop Ryder free shuttle service. If you're local, consider riding your bike and parking at our bike parking station on Hillview Road. 🐠

Visit Trip Planner at www.transportnsw.info to organise your journey from start to finish or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gettingtogsf

#### **DISABILITY DROP OFF ZONE**



If you have a disability parking permit and require close access to the festival, use our Drop-off Zone. Entry and Hillview Lane located on the map.

Please note: The Drop-off Zone will not be available between 9am and 11am during the parade procession.

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9.00AM - 8.30PM ORYDE.EVENTS/GSF















# **APPLE CRUMBLE RECIPE**



Get in the Granny Smith spirit with some apple crumble thanks to the Country Women's Association (CWA)!

Congratulations to the CWA, which celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2022.

#### Ingredients

For crumble:

- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 cup/4oz plain flour
- 1 cup/3oz rolled oats
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup or 6oz brown sugar For filling:
- 6 medium Granny Smith apples
- 2/3 cup or 2oz caster sugar
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- Juice of 1-2 lemons

## Cooking with the Country Women's Association

#### Steps

- 1. Set oven to 190 degrees Celsius.
- Cut up apples into quarters. Halve again and cut out cores and strip off peel from apples.
   Slice thinly into bowl and squeeze on lemon juice to prevent apples from browning.
- 3. Put flour, rolled oats, brown sugar in another bowl and stir thoroughly to ensure it's all blended together.
- 4. Add cinnamon.
- 5. Add chopped butter into mixture and rub the dry mixture in with the butter, pressing with your fingers so it is well mixed.
- 6. Rub butter around the inside of the baking dish.
- Put apple into bottom of the dish and pack firmly. Add caster sugar and mix in. Add sprinkling of cinnamon on top.
- 8. Press sugar/oat/flour mixture firmly on top of the apples.
- 9. Cook for approximately 35 minutes until browned on top.

You can watch Margery of the Eastwood-Epping CWA making a crumble at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/CWAAppleCrumble

# SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Everyone has the right to be a part of their community, and to be able to pursue their goals in life.

Our community is better when we work to include all people, as this ensures everyone is considered, allowing us to lead richer and happier lives.

That's why we want to make sure that people with disability, their families and support workers are included in the City of Ryde, ensuring that our City, facilities, and services are accessible, enabling them to fully participate in their local communities.

Social Inclusion Week (19-27 November) will be here before we know it, and it's a great time to highlight some of the ways Council is working to make our City more inclusive.



2019 Inclusion Day Zumba



#### **Disability Inclusion Action Plan**

Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan is your guide to how we are going to work with the community to make it more accessible, and how that will benefit all of us.

As a Council, we have a responsibility to look for, and, where we can, remove the barriers that stop people from being involved in our community. The need to support inclusion is recognised at many levels of legislation and policy in Australia.

In our Disability Inclusion Action Plan, you will find out more about disability in our community, and how we are going to make the City of Ryde more accessible and inclusive over the next four years.

Check out our website to read the Plan in full. Translated versions in Korean and Simplified Chinese, as well as an Easy Read version, are available for download.

Join us from 10.00 - 11.30am on Thursday 6 October at Forster Hall (Brush Farm House), 19 Lawson St, Eastwood to celebrate the launch of the Plan.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/diap

#### Northern Districts Local Business Awards Inclusion Award



City of Ryde is a proud sponsor of the Northern Districts Local Business Awards, which are designed to celebrate, recognise and reward local business for all that they do for the local community and beyond. This includes an Inclusion Award for businesses that welcome people of all backgrounds and abilities.

Entries for the Inclusive Business awards close on Wednesday 26 October 2022.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessawards

#### **Accessible Parking Finder**



City of Ryde has become one of the first councils in New South Wales to launch real-time parking availability for accessible parking spaces through the Park'nPay app, making it easy for those living with disability to find a spot anywhere in the City.

This is one of many exciting features of the NSW Government's Park'nPay app, which was launched in the City of Ryde in February 2022 in Macquarie Park. The app allows motorists to pay for and top up existing parking online using their smartphone. They can also search for on-street parking spaces in Macquarie Park, and at Council's newly opened Rowe Street East carpark, in real time.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/parknpay

#### **Zero Barriers**

Inclusion is great for business, with happier customers, better publicity and more patronage.

Council recently launched Zero Barriers, a business and service support project that aims to eliminate barriers for people with disability when shopping, using services or participating in activities in their local communities.

We are educating businesses and service providers about accessibility and inclusion barriers encountered by people with disability, supporting them to become more disability friendly and recognising and promoting businesses and services that are committed to eliminating barriers for people with disability.

Find out more at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/zerobarriers

#### New accessible facilities at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre



Two new adult change tables have recently been installed in the disabled/family change rooms, as well as hoist systems in the Leisure Pool at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre. The tables and hoist provide a safer and more private environment for carers to assist special needs customers in both showering and getting changed.

A portable pool deck hoist is available to assist carers in lifting and retrieving their clients from either the Competition or Program pools. The hoist is totally portable and removes barriers in accessing these pools by eliminating the need for manual lifting and allows carers to raise or lower a client with a single button control from either within or out of the water.

#### Social Inclusion Week events

Council has an exciting line up of events planned to celebrate Social Inclusion Week. Stay tuned at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/socialinclusionweek

# CITY OF RYDE BUSINESS Why City of Ryde is a great place to do business

Featuring one of New South Wales' largest business districts - Macquarie Park - and significant education and training institutions – such as the new Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct, Meadowbank TAFE and Macquarie University -City of Ryde is the perfect place to work and do business.

In 2021, the City recorded the highest new business growth in the last 10 years, with close to 2,000 new micro, small and medium-sized businesses (MSMEs) setting up shop. It also saw three times the Greater Sydney average in terms of jobs growth.

Business growth benefits the community as it leads to more local jobs and opportunities, enhanced shopping experiences, increased choice of goods and services, and improved lifestyle and life satisfaction.

Ryde is fast becoming a desired location for MSMEs, with the current growth continuing to be driven by the professional services (including science and technology) and construction sectors.

Knowledge-intensive sectors are seeing the greatest growth (at 7 percent) compared with other regions in Sydney, which actually saw a decline in growth in 2021.

Our young people are also benefitting from job opportunities. City of Ryde boats a significantly lower youth (aged 15-24 years) unemployment rate than Greater Sydney. Sitting at 8.5 percent in 2021, this compares to 13.3 percent across Greater Sydney.

Are you planning to start a business and/or have started one? Council's Economic Development team is here to help. Visit our website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/business to access information, resources, programs and events to support your business.

Data in this article is derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Tourism Research Australia (TRA) and National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR).

## **CITY OF RYDE BUSINESS SNAPSH**

(2021)



4.5% **Jobs Increase** 

Higher than 2020 (+1.0%) 3x Greater Sydney average



1,985 new businesses

Higher than 2020 (+1,812)



514 new small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

in 2021 vs 2020



19.4% Aged 65+ labour force

Higher than Greater Sydney average (16.2%)



8.5% youth unemployment rate

Lower than Greater Sydney average (13.3%)



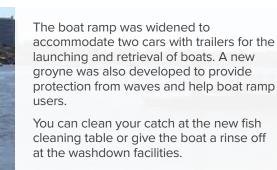
# **WORKS IN OUR CITY**

WWW.RYDE.NSW.GOV.AU/PROJECTS

# **KISSING POINT PARK UPGRADE COMPLETE**

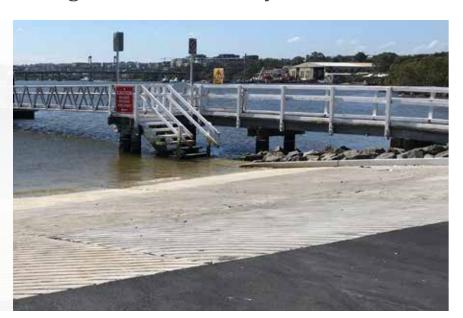
**PUTNEY** 

Fishermen and boaters will enjoy the new features at Kissing Point Park in Putney.



The new amenities building provides improved access with male, female and accessible toilet facilities available.

The delivery of these park upgrades was made possible through support from Transport for NSW via the NSW Boating Now Program.



The City of Ryde delivers an ambitious program of works to meet the needs of our growing City. Details of projects recently completed or underway are detailed below.

# **ELS Hall Park Amenities Building and Field 3 Upgrade**

In response to community feedback, ELS Hall Park in North Ryde has undergone a raft of upgrades, including a new amenities building and improvements to Field 3.

The new amenities building includes player change rooms and showers, a referee room, canteen, storage rooms and public unisex toilets including an accessible toilet.

The Field 3 upgrade features terraced spectator seating, connecting paths and stairs, new fencing, a groundskeeper storage shed, cricket nets, shelter with picnic facilities and new floodlights.

## Accessible Bus Stop Improvement Project

A project is underway to make public transport in the City of Ryde more accessible to those living with disability. One way that Council is doing this is by ensuring all bus stops are compliant with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 under the *Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)*.

Council has committed to a five-year plan to ensure all bus stops in the City of Ryde are DDA-compliant.

Some examples of improvements include wheelchair waiting space, tactile ground surface indicators, seamless transition between the bus stop and footpath or road, and level boarding points. The replacement of bus stop seats with new aluminium seats, while not mandatory for DDA compliance, will mean a better experience and comfort for commuters waiting for a bus at these bus stops.

## **STAFF PROFILE**

Take a moment to meet Michael from City of Ryde's Waste Team and learn about the role he plays at Council.



"Disposing of waste is a part of everyday life and my role is to help residents utilise the wonderful services provided by the City of Ryde. These services have been designed to ensure waste is managed efficiently, safely, and with the best environmental outcomes. If we all engage in best practice waste management our waterways and local environment will stay clean and healthy.

Educating residents, reviewing opportunities for bin infrastructure and investigating illegal dumping are all components of my rewarding role at Council."

## **HAVE YOUR SAY**

#### **Development applications**

To see a list of current development applications on exhibition and make a submission, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DAsonExhibition

Anyone may make submissions concerning development applications that are on exhibition.

Submissions must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and lodged within the exhibition time frame indicated in a letter you may have received from us or on our website.

Your written submission must identify the DA number, relate directly to the work proposed, and clearly state any comments or concerns you have with the development.

You can make your submission through a number of ways however, by providing your submission via email or through the online form on our website, we are able to keep you informed on the DA process more easily.

- Online submission: via the website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DAsonExhibition
- Email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Post: Chief Executive Officer, City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670
- Drop off: Customer Service Centre (Underneath Ryde Library), 1 Pope Street, Ryde NSW 2112

Please be aware that, due to the requirements of the process, a submission may be made public along with the associated personal details.

For more information on Development applications lodged with Council, visit our DA Tracker at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DATracker

#### On exhibition

Council welcomes community feedback on proposed work and upgrades in our City.

To find out what's on exhibition visit our Have Your Say webpage at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

#### Latest projects and works

Council's website contains comprehensive information on current and past projects and works. You can enter your address on our map and find out what's happening near you.

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/projects



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