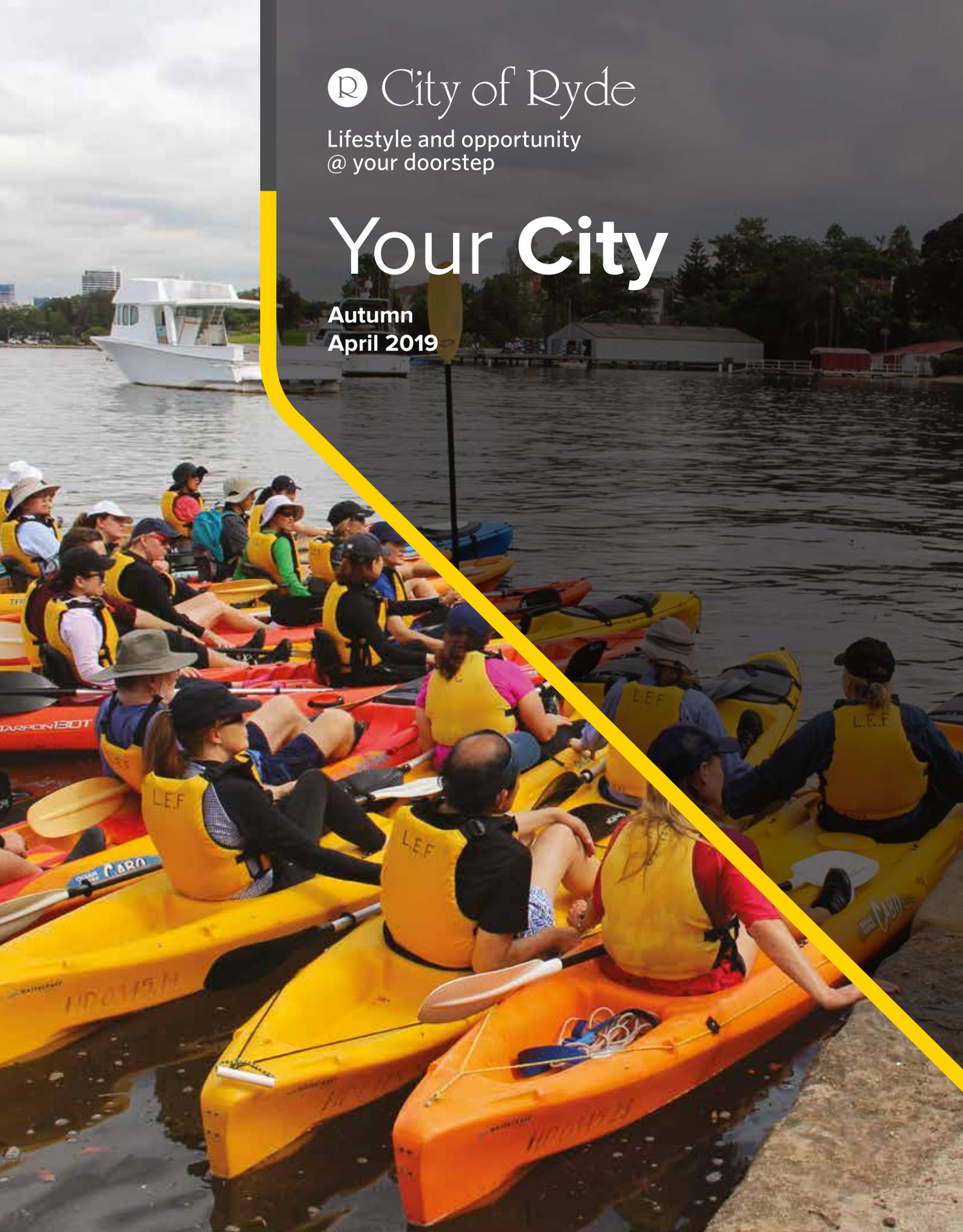


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Lifestyle and opportunity  
@ your doorstep

# Your City

Autumn  
April 2019



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## RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE

The City Of Ryde is proud to have one of Sydney's largest aquatic centres in the area. The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, also known as the RALC, was built for the Sydney Olympics. It now has one of Sydney's largest swim schools with over 3,000 Swim School enrolments, an indoor sports stadium as well as multiple pools and water features to keep families entertained all year round.

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## RALC NEWS



### RALC Swim School - April Holiday Intensive Swimming Program

**Week one:** Monday 15 April - Thursday 18 April

**Class times:** 8.00am - 12.00pm

The holiday intensive program is a great opportunity for kids to work on their skills and strengthen their swimming. General stroke correction as well as learning to swim greater distances more efficiently are also key focuses during these sessions.

**Week two:** Tuesday 23 April, Wednesday 24 April and/or Friday 26 April

**Class times (1-hour sessions):** 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am

NEW Individual Stroke Workshops – Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Diving. These workshops are tailored to the individual student's needs.

To find out more about the Holiday Intensive Program, email [swimschool@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swimschool@ryde.nsw.gov.au), call 8878 5111 or visit

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

Front cover photo: Kayaking at Putney for World Water Day



### Spotlight on one of our RALC Swim School teachers

We sat down with Marina, one of our Swim School teachers, to find out why she thinks swimming lessons are important and how parents and teachers can support kids to develop their skills.

**What do you love most about being a Learn to Swim Instructor?**

To watch the children I teach grow in ability and confidence to the point where they want to try new things is the most delightful thing and everything I could ask for as a swimming instructor.

**How do you see swimming lessons benefiting kids?**

Swimming lessons benefit children in so many ways. A lot of what I see week-to-week day-to-day is about growth in children's confidence, motor skills, balance and focus. The teaching of water safety is a very important part of our lesson plans, and it's always rewarding to children becoming more competent in and around water.

**What tips do you have for parents to help their children grow their swimming skills?**

Continue to encourage independence if you have a pool at home, especially when you can see that your children are swimming, to a certain degree, independently in their lessons. Always remain within arm's reach of them, but encourage and praise them for practicing the skills they are being taught.

To find out more about the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre Swim School, email [swimschool@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swimschool@ryde.nsw.gov.au), call 8878 5111 or visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swimschool](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swimschool).



### Surfin' Sunday

Surfin' Sunday is a great day out and runs on the last Sunday of every month\*.

Pack the towels and bring the family to Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and enjoy all the fun things to do under one roof in our heated pools. Features include a giant wave inflatable obstacle course, 40m wave pool and water slides, as well as four hours of free parking and the best hot chips in town!

The cost for Surfin' Sunday is \$20 for a Family pass (2 adults + 3 children or 1 adult + 4 children).

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/surfinday](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/surfinday).

\*Excluding December and January.

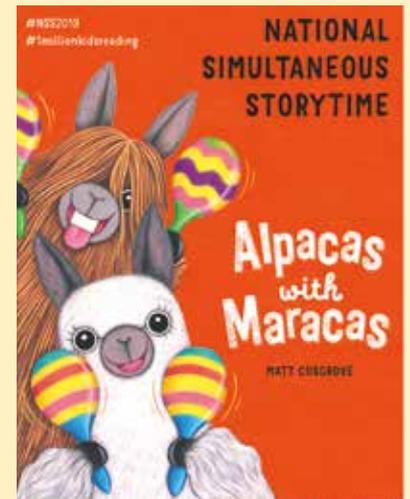
# City of Ryde LIBRARY NEWS



## Knit-4-Possums

Love to knit? Come put your skills to a good cause. Help Sydney Wildlife create knitted possum pouches for orphaned baby possums. Morning tea provided. Bring your yarn, preferably 8 ply, and needles or hooks. Patterns provided.

**When:** Saturday 25 May  
**Time:** 10.00am – 2.00pm  
**Where:** Ryde Library  
Bookings essential online at [cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au](http://cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au) or call 9952 8352.



## Join us for National Simultaneous Storytime

A pantomime story reading and your favourite Storytime songs presented by Ryde Library Service. Come along and enjoy the value of reading and rhymes, free giveaways and the opportunity to meet and greet your local Councillors. Three events are being held:

- When** Wednesday 22 May  
**Time** 10.30am  
**Where** Top Ryde City Piazza (if wet weather join us inside Ryde Library)
- When** Friday 24 May  
**Time** 10.30am  
**Where** West Ryde Library
- When** Wednesday 29 May  
**Time** 11.00am  
**Where** North Ryde Community Hall



LIBRARY & INFORMATION WEEK  
20-26 MAY 2019



HI I'M  
BANJO

## Banjo Bandicoot

Meet Banjo Bandicoot, our brand new library mascot! Banjo Bandicoot was chosen for two reasons:

1. There's a literary connection with Banjo Paterson, the famous Australian poet who lived in the Ryde area. Banjo Paterson wrote a poem about bandicoots called Benjamin Bandicoot.
2. The Ryde Flora and Fauna Study 2017 showed that longnose bandicoots live in parts of the City of Ryde area and were sighted at the Field of Mars and Pembroke Park. Keep an eye out next time you're there!

## iPads for loan\*

### NEW TRIAL SERVICE at Eastwood Library

Don't have your own device?  
Borrow an iPad for 2 hours to use in Eastwood Library.

Browse the internet from the comfort of our armchairs.

Try our library apps to access eBooks, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines.

\*Terms and conditions apply

# City of Ryde WASTE NEWS



Be Waste Smart

## Got problem waste? No problem!

Did you know that City of Ryde has drop-off stations around our City? Drop off the following items for free:



Household batteries



Fluoro globes



Ink cartridges



Mobile Phones

### Why can't I put these items in my household bin?

If problem waste is placed in any of your kerbside bins, they can contribute to contamination of recyclable products or leachate in landfill. They also contain heavy metals and components harmful to human health and the environment, so it's best to dispose of them safely and correctly!

Find out more about what's accepted in our problem waste drop-off stations and view locations at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/dropoffstations](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/dropoffstations).

In focus

## PLANNING NEWS



### NEW SHAFTSBURY ROAD CAR PARK

- Replaces current car park at Glen Street
- 600 spaces (150 additional shopper parking spaces)

### EASTWOOD PLAZA UPGRADE

Draft concept plan includes:

- Retaining arbour
- Performance stage
- Central open area
- Water feature
- Raised seating areas



### NEW ROWE STREET SHOPPER CAR PARK

- Minimum 150 spaces
- Electric vehicle charging stations



### NEW PLAZA AND COMMUNITY FACILITY

- In place of current car park
- New public plaza
- Ground level retail space
- New prospective community facility

## Transforming Eastwood

Eastwood Town Centre is a vibrant and thriving shopping centre that services both the needs of the community and those from surrounding areas.

But it is also a town centre plagued by chronic traffic and parking problems that have negative impacts on Eastwood businesses and hurt the local economy.

As a result, a range of major projects are currently being investigated to improve traffic and parking in Eastwood town centre while also creating new and modern open spaces for the community.

The following is a brief summary of the major Eastwood projects.

### Glen Street Park relocation and new open space

**What does it involve?** The relocation of the Glen Street car park to the nearby Shaftsbury Road Precinct. The relocated car park would be intended for use by shoppers.

The current site of the Glen Street car park would be transformed into a public outdoor area with the potential of a community facility and an active retail space also introduced into the vacated area.

**Why has this been proposed?** An independent Traffic and Parking Study report commissioned by the City of Ryde modelled four scenarios for a new car park as a way to solve the traffic and parking issues in Eastwood.

Of these scenarios, Option 3B in which the Glen Street car park is relocated to the Shaftsbury Road Precinct and the current car park site turned into an open public space was identified as the best option for traffic performance and would allow for approximately 150 additional car spaces for shoppers.

**What next?** The results of the consultation, which took place in February and March this year, will be reported to Council for endorsement. If the project is to progress planning considerations, investigative studies, environmental and stormwater considerations, detailed design and an approvals process will need to be completed prior to any works commencing.

### Rowe Street East shopper car park

**What does it involve?** The City of Ryde will build a new multi-storey car park on 53-71 Rowe Street East as a way to address chronic parking shortages for shoppers in the area.

The shopper car park will have a minimum of 150 parking spots and will be built at the current site of the Rowe Street East car park in order to support the proper functioning of the eastern town

centre of Eastwood. In a first for a City of Ryde-owned facility, the Rowe Street East shopper car park will feature charging stations for electric vehicles.

**Why has this been proposed?** The new shopper car park is consistent with the key findings of the independent Traffic and Parking Study report which identified that additional car parking spaces were needed on the eastern side of Eastwood, but pointed to evidence that commuter parking spots in Rowe Street East car park would be unsuitable.

Once completed it will be the biggest increase in public parking places in Eastwood in almost 50 years.

**What next?** A development application has been lodged by the City of Ryde. It is anticipated construction work to build the new Rowe Street East shopper car park will begin in the first half of 2020 and, weather permitting, the car park will be operational by the end of 2020.

### Eastwood Plaza upgrade

**What does it involve?** The City of Ryde is considering whether to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for the upgrade of Eastwood Plaza.

Some of the key aspects of the draft concept plan include retention of the arbour, performance stage at the eastern end, central open area for tai chi, market stalls and a regraded western end that includes raised seating areas, a new water feature, street furniture and trees.

**Why has this been proposed?** Property developer Yuhu Group Australia has made the voluntary offer to the City of Ryde in association with a development application for the redevelopment of Eastwood Shopping Centre.

Aside from upgrading Eastwood Plaza, the voluntary offer also includes the dedication to the City of Ryde of five affordable housing apartments and upgrading pedestrians spaces surrounding the remainder of the Eastwood Shopping Centre (beyond Eastwood Plaza).

**What next?** The VPA will now return to Council for final determination with the results of the community's views of the proposed Eastwood Plaza upgrade. Yuhu Group Australia's development application is to be determined by the Sydney North Planning Panel following public exhibition and Council's final decision on the VPA.

In the spotlight

NEWS

IN BRIEF



Concept design

## New Outdoor Youth & Family Recreation Space to open soon at Meadowbank Park

The wait is almost over with the new skate and scooter park due to open to the public at the end of April.

The skate and scooter park will provide the community with yet another first-class outdoor recreation space.

Key features include skate and scooter facilities to suit all ages and skill levels – this includes a three metre deep Olympic-standard competition bowl. There will also be picnic facilities, lighting and new connecting footpaths.

The opening of the facility on Saturday 27 April will be celebrated with open sessions for skate boarders, scooters and BMX riders to test out the new facilities, as well as competitions and prizes to be won.

Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/projects)



## Redeveloped Macquarie Centre to retain an ice rink

AMP Capital, the owner of Macquarie Centre, has confirmed that any future redevelopment of the shopping centre will include an Olympic-sized ice rink.

The confirmation came after the City of Ryde and a large portion of the local community expressed its opposition to the proposed closure of the Macquarie Ice Rink as part of plans to redevelop the shopping centre.

AMP Capital lodged a Stage 1 development application in December last year for the partial redevelopment of Macquarie Centre, which revealed that the current site for the Macquarie Ice Rink would be demolished.

AMP Capital has put a pause on the development application to consult further with the community.



## Council requests rethink on Ivanhoe Estate concept design

The City of Ryde has expressed serious concerns over the concept design for the Ivanhoe Estate development.

Under the concept design, more than 858 trees will be removed to make way for approximately 3,500 new dwellings – a 1250% increase on the 259 dwellings previously located at Ivanhoe Estate.

Council has asked for a significant reduction to the development's size, scale and density, and also called for the eastern side of the Ivanhoe Estate to be rezoned to an E2 Environmental Conservation area to protect the native habitat and the Sydney Turpentine Ironbark forest

located there.

## Venture Café launched in Macquarie Park

Venture Café Sydney has been officially launched in Macquarie Park, marking the arrival of the globally-recognised network to Australia.

The aim of Venture Café is to promote innovation and foster collaboration through staging weekly programs and events that build relationships between students, start-ups, entrepreneurs, corporates, investors and other organisations.

Located at 58 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park, Venture Café meets every Thursday between 3.00pm and 8.00pm.

Find out more at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/venturecafe](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/venturecafe)



## The Illuminatrope lights up Banjo Paterson Park

The City of Ryde unveiled a new eye-catching sculpture along the Parramatta River foreshore at Banjo Paterson Park in Gladesville.

The sculpture – known as *The Illuminatrope* – was donated to the City of Ryde by artists Gabrielle Bates and David Hashimoto.

Both artists made *The Illuminatrope* in Mr Hashimoto's North Ryde studio, with the sculpture featuring at a number of exhibitions before finding its permanent home at Banjo Paterson Park.

*The Illuminatrope* is a detailed sculpture designed to reflect the theme 'Shared values and shared future'. The artwork appears to grow out from the earth, with its two vines gently twisting around each other in a unified direction until they taper off.



## Council to implement 10 days 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.

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.

This includes a Family and Domestic Violence Leave Policy implemented last year, which supports staff experiencing domestic violence by providing them with flexible work arrangements, access to counselling and other support services.

The City of Ryde is also on track to achieve White Ribbon accreditation status by mid 2020. White Ribbon accreditation recognises workplaces that take active steps to avoid violence against women.



Jan - Mar 2019

# WORKS IN OUR CITY



For full details visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/projects)

**Shrimptons Creek  
Precinct Activation**

**West Ryde Plaza  
Embellishment**

**Pidding  
Park, Ryde  
Amenities**

**Coulter  
Street  
Gladesville  
Upgrade**

**Meadowbank Park  
Outdoor Youth +  
Family Recreation  
Space**



# OUT AND ABOUT IN OUR CITY



Venture Café Launch



Lunar New Year Festival



Australia Day



Macquarie University O-Week



Paddle on Parramatta River



Ryde Library Indoor Stories & Songs



68 & 70 Chatham Road, Denistone Interim Heritage Order win



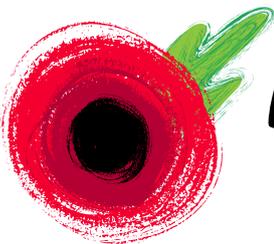
Australia Day 2019 Battle of the Bands



Terry Ryan Plaque unveiling

## Upcoming Events

### ANZAC Day Commemoration Service



## ANZAC DAY

*Let's Not Forget*

All members of the public are welcome to attend the City of Ryde's ANZAC Day Commemoration Service at Anzac Park, West Ryde.

ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance that allows the community to come together and commemorate those who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

The commemoration service will begin at 9.00am and will be followed by a morning tea at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club.

### Cork & Fork Festival



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WINE CRAFT FOOD LIVE GOURMET  
PRODUCERS BEER TRUCKS ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTS  
.....

**CORK & FORK**  
BY THE RIVERSIDE

19  
May



The City of Ryde's very own gourmet pop-up returns to the picturesque Kissing Point Park in May with the 2019 Cork & Fork Festival.

Indulge in premium wine, craft beer, great food and bespoke products while relaxing next to the Parramatta River with an array of entertainment lined up to suit all musical tastes.

Now in its third year, the Cork & Fork Festival will be expanding its site and will also feature some exciting new activities to the event.

There will also be activities for children of all ages including kids' workshops, face painting and rides.



# COMMUNITY MESSAGE

At the City of Ryde we are all about delivering for the community, and that is certainly the case this autumn.

Whether it be the finalisation of new projects, the staging of quality community events or new initiatives being undertaken, it is all happening in Ryde.

We are not far away from the official opening of the new Outdoor Youth & Family Recreation Space at Meadowbank Park.

This facility will provide the local youth with a state-of-the-art outdoor facility and also feature high quality facilities that others in the community can utilise.

My fellow Councillors and I have made it a key objective of this Council to create more open space in the City of Ryde and making facilities such as the new skate and scooter park and West Ryde Plaza available to everyone in the community helps achieve this.

I would like to thank everyone who advocated for the Outdoor Youth & Family Recreation Space. Their efforts have ensured that this will be a valued part of Ryde for generations to come.

In May, the City of Ryde will stage the increasingly popular Cork and Fork Festival at beautiful Kissing Point Park.

If you have not been to this festival before I would encourage you to get to this event on Sunday 19 May and sample some terrific food, beverages and live entertainment.

Finally, it would be remiss of me to not mention the work being undertaken to strengthen the night time economy in Macquarie Park.

Earlier this year, Venture Café Sydney was officially launched in Macquarie Park. This initiative will provide an outlet to attract new start-ups as well as help strengthen the night time economy through the staging of weekly events right in the heart of Macquarie Park.

In addition to the launch of Venture Café Sydney, Council has also 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. We will also review its Local Environmental Plan and recommend changes that would encourage further night time economic activity and entertainment.



Sincerely,

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