



City of Ryde

YOUR CITY

Summer - 2020



2019 Community Christmas Celebration

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SENIORS

With the Seniors Festival just around the corner (12-23 February 2020), we've put the spotlight on some of our services and events for seniors.

LOW-COST HOME MODIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE

Are you aged 65 years or over and finding it difficult to maintain your home? Could you do with some home modifications to make it safe and more accessible to help you keep on living independently?

The Ryde/Hunters Hill Home Modification and Maintenance Service is a Federal Government-funded service which assists with small-scale home modification and maintenance works for residents living in the Ryde and Hunters Hill local government areas. Our aim is to improve access and safety so that seniors may remain living in their own home or with their carer.

Home modifications include installing handrails, grab rails and hand-held showers, building ramps and steps, and adjusting chair heights.

Home maintenance assistance includes minor carpentry, plumbing and electrical works, and gutter and window cleaning.

To find out more, visit

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hmms



ASSISTED BIN COLLECTION SERVICE

The City of Ryde offers an assisted bin collection service for eligible* residents who cannot move their household bins out for collection due to age, disability or ill health, and do not have anyone to help them.

To be eligible for the assisted bin collection service, a resident must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Complete the application form online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/assistedbincollection and attach a medical certificate
- Prior to approval, an inspection must be carried out by Council's waste collection contractor to ensure work health and safety regulations are met
- The bins must be easily accessible at street/footpath level within 15m of the kerbside and without obstructions

For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/assistedbincollection or contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222.

**Approval is at the discretion of Council and not all applications will be successful.*



NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL

12-23 February 2020

The City of Ryde Seniors celebration occurs each year around the NSW Seniors Festival, with a month long program of events celebrating the valuable contribution seniors make to our community.

There are many free events taking place in our community. This is a great opportunity to learn about the services available in the local area, to try some new experiences and to meet others!

To find out more, visit

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival



For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniors



RYDE AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE

The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre provides an extensive range of water features, activities and programs under one roof.



2020 SWIM SCHOOL

The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre's (RALC) Swim School schedule has been confirmed for 2020.

Lessons are on seven days per week, and take place mornings and afternoons.

The 2020 Swim School schedule is as follows:

- **Session 1:** Tuesday 28 January – Sunday 31 May (16 weeks)
- **Session 2:** Monday 1 June – Sunday 23 August (10 weeks)
- **Session 3:** Monday 24 August – Sunday 20 December (15 weeks)

There are no weekly lessons during school holidays and on public holidays.

In addition to the three Swim School sessions, RALC also stages a Holiday Intensive Program throughout the year.

The dates for each program are:

- Monday 6 – Friday 10 January
- Monday 13 – Friday 17 January
- Monday 20 – Friday 24 January
- Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 April
- Monday 20 – Friday 24 April
- Monday 6 – Friday 10 July
- Monday 13 – Friday 17 July
- Monday 28 September – Friday 2 October
- Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 October

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

NEW PARA HOIST FOR OUR POOLS

The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre is now home to a new para hoist. The hoist allows a person living with any disability to access our pools without any manual lifting in wet areas. It can be used in either the competition or the program pool.

With a press-button hand switch for ease of use, it can be used with a floating sling or strengthened wet wheelchair, which ensures secure support for people with a range of disabilities.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE RALC INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

The indoor sports stadium at the RALC is the home of many sporting clubs who offer an extensive range of junior and senior sporting programs.

The two court stadium caters for netball, soccer, basketball, table tennis, indoor hockey, badminton, volleyball and martial arts.

For more information on what activities are taking place at the indoor sports stadium, visit

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/stadium

SURFIN' SUNDAYS

Have you taken advantage of Surfin' Sundays at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre yet?

This great offer is available on the last Sunday of every month and gives families access to some of the great features of the RALC for just \$27.50.

Activities kick off from 10.00am onwards and include a 40 metre wave pool, a giant inflatable obstacle course, junior and giant water slides, as well as four hours of free parking.

The family pass can be used for two adults and three children or one adult and four children.

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



For more information on the RALC, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ralc



LIBRARY NEWS

With five branches across our City, our libraries provide a range of services, books, events, information, programs and content in our community languages.



AWARD-WINNING "JOIN UP JOIN IN" CAMPAIGN

Ryde Library Service has won the NSW Public Libraries Association Award for Innovation in Outreach Services for its "Join Up Join In" campaign.

The award recognises successful library marketing projects across the state, with the City of Ryde taking out the "Population Over 100,000" category.

The "Join Up Join In" campaign raised community awareness and profile of the variety of services, collections and programs available at our libraries.

The overall objective was to create an engaging campaign with a call to action that would invite the community to "Join Up Join In". This involved developing a logo that used the catchphrase and was included on promotional flyers, posters and across our various communication channels and digital assets.

It is the second time Ryde Library Service has won the NSW Public Libraries Association Award, having taken it out in 2017 for the "March to a Million" campaign.



1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL - REGISTER, READ AND BE REWARDED

Ryde Library Service is excited to be launching a new early literacy program for children aged 0-5 years commencing Tuesday 28 January 2020.

The 1000 Books Before School program is designed to build important skills in readiness for starting school.

The program aims to encourage parents and carers to read with their child and provides incentives for the child's progress.

1000 Books Before School Launch Celebration – Friday 14 February

Join us for the official launch on Friday 14 February for a special Outdoor Stories and Songs event. Enjoy a pantomime story reading and sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes at 10.30am at the Piazza Dining area, Top Ryde City Shopping Centre.

Come and hear a pantomime story reading and sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes.

Further information will be available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eventslisting



BORROW GREAT TOYS FROM OUR NORTH RYDE LIBRARY

Play is a fun and engaging way to stimulate brain growth and enhance early development in children. From improved learning, intelligence and memory through to increased language stability, play offers many great benefits.

Our North Ryde Library has a handpicked collection of more than 800 toys that will engage your child's mind and senses in different ways.

But why borrow and not buy? Borrowing helps you save on storage space, lets you try before you buy and gives you access to a greater variety of toys.

While our collection is primarily suited to babies and children aged 0-7, some of the toys such as puzzles are also appropriate for people with cognitive impairment. Playing with toys can keep the brain active, boost a person's sense of accomplishment upon completing a task and be a catalyst for memories.

All you need is a City of Ryde library membership card to start borrowing. Registration is free.

For information about borrowing toys, ask our North Ryde Library staff or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/toylibrary



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our events cater to our diverse community and take place throughout the year. There's something for everyone.

2019 Lunar New Year Grand Celebration



LUNAR NEW YEAR GRAND CELEBRATION: 8 February 2020

Kung Hei Fat Choi! Be sure to make your way down to Eastwood Oval between 3.00pm and 9.00pm, to join the City of Ryde and local Chinese and Korean communities as we celebrate the Year of the Rat.

The celebration will include kids carnival rides, market stalls, stage entertainment, dragon dance, lion high pole, fire crackers, a visit from the God of Wealth and fireworks.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear



2019 West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair

WEST RYDE EASTER PARADE AND FAIR: 4 April 2020

There will be something for everyone at this year's West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair, which will be held between 9.00am and 3.30pm.

Now in its 27th year, the event will begin with the traditional Easter Parade followed by a range of entertainment throughout the remainder of the day.

Market stalls will also be on hand with a range of international foods and information, as well as rides and games for the kids.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/easterparade

2019 Citizen of the Year Award Winners



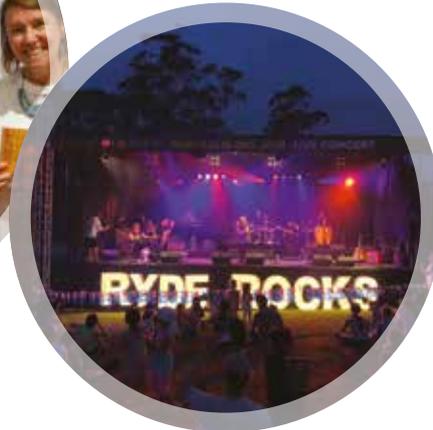
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: 26 January 2020

Join us from 11.00am at the North Ryde School of Arts Hall to find out which local heroes will be presented with the 2020 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

The City of Ryde Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards recognise outstanding accomplishments by individuals in our community who have excelled in their chosen field.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen

2019 Australia Day



AUSTRALIA DAY FAMILY CONCERT: 26 January 2020

The entire community is invited to attend the City of Ryde Australia Day Family Concert at North Ryde Common, corner of Twin & Wicks Road, North Ryde from 5.00pm.

ARIA award nominated band Thirsty Merc headlines a great line-up of entertainment planned for the evening.

The popular Ryde Battle of the Bands competition will return as well as rides, sports, food trucks and a thong-throwing competition. The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9.00pm.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

2019 Anzac Day Commemorative Service



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE: 25 April 2020

The City of Ryde will hold its annual ANZAC Day Commemorative Service for the community at ANZAC Park in West Ryde from 9.00am.

All members of the public are welcome to attend with the ceremony to be followed by morning tea at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/anzacdayservice

For more information on events, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eventslisting



SUSTAINABILITY & WASTE NEWS

City of Ryde is committed to making our City more sustainable and reducing plastic waste.



BE FANTASTIC. CUT SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

Did you know? Single-use plastics such as plastic bags, bottles, balloons and straws are problematic because they pollute our waterways, parks and bush lands, impact our local wildlife and increase clean-up costs to ratepayers. Plastic is typically only used once and often momentarily but takes over 100 years to decompose.

Join us in making a difference by being a part of the “Be fantastic. Cut single-use plastic” program and cut single-use plastic from your life. Your first step can be as simple as avoiding disposable items by using your own shopping bags and bringing your own reusable water bottle or cup. Remember to encourage your friends, community group and school to join in — the more the merrier.

Businesses can also make a big difference, choosing to provide compostable cutlery and containers, and when packing goods for delivery swap bubble wrap for collapsible cardboard protective packaging. Every time we say “no” to single-use plastics it’s a win for the environment.

Our website has free community and business toolkits that contain useful tips and practical advice to help you begin your sustainable journey. While you’re there, don’t forget to take the pledge. For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/befantastic

CORRECT MATERIAL IN RECYCLING BINS

Residents are being reminded about the importance of placing the correct material in recycling bins after a fire started in a City of Ryde recycling truck.

The fire was caused by battery acid mixing with another substance. The truck was forced to dispose of the load on Goodwin Street in West Ryde and call the police and local fire brigade to deal with the blaze.

The fire was put out and the material reloaded and removed. Council then arranged for a street sweeper to clean up the residue.

Placing problem waste items in kerbside bins does not only pose a safety risk but also contributes to contamination of landfill sites and may have harmful effects to human health and the environment.

Items such as household batteries, fluorescent light globes and mobile phones are not recyclable through any kerbside bin and therefore should never be placed in these bins.

Instead, any of these items can be taken to one of Council’s dedicated problem waste drop-off stations located around the City.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waste



SUSTAINABLE WASTE 2 ART PRIZE WINNERS

More than 400 people voted for their favourite artwork at our Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) exhibition in October. The People’s Choice Award went to Milka Ordonez, whose work *The stories behind a cuppa... explores themes of memory and story-telling through tiny paintings on used tea bags.*

SWAP is a unique competition in which artists who live, study, work or visit the City of Ryde produce artworks that are made from repurposed waste material.

Explaining the meaning behind her artwork, Ms Ordonez said: “When I moved to Australia I did not speak any English, however, my new friends invited me over for a ‘cuppa’ and a chat and created the foundations for the work you see today. The images are representative of my history, whilst the tea-bags are symbolic of the ritual of tea-drinking and are evidence of my love of prolonging the life of objects. This is an ongoing body of work, as I share cups of tea and my stories; the artwork will grow, develop, and become a ‘year book’ of my life.”

Entries open in April 2020 for the next round of SWAP.

To find out more about SWAP and winners in our other categories, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/environment.



Be Waste Smart

FREE COUNCIL WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Summer is a great time of year to declutter your home and clean out the garage. City of Ryde has a range of services to help you dispose of your unwanted household items.



Chipping and Mulching

Reuse your pruned branches as mulch. We will chip and bag them for you to use at your property.



The Bower Collection Service

Book a collection with The Bower, a not-for-profit environmental charity and cooperative or find a reuse organisation near you.



Smith Family Clothing Bins

Donate clothing items in good condition to help fund education programmes for disadvantaged Australian children.



Second Hand Garage Sales

Reduce your waste to landfill and organise a garage sale. Council can advertise it for you free of charge.



Television and Computer Collection

Book a kerbside collection of your unwanted televisions and computer related items which will be recycled.



Problem Waste Drop-Off Stations

Recycle and safely dispose of your batteries, ink cartridges, mobile phones and light globes*.

**Please note, light bulbs and globes are not accepted at the RALC Drop-Off Station only. Other items on the list are accepted.*



SAVE THE DATE

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Business Clean Up Day
Tuesday 25 February 2020

School Clean Up Day
Friday 28 February 2020

Community Clean Up Day
Sunday 1 March 2020

Clean Up Australia Day is a great opportunity to join with family, friends, neighbours, classmates and colleagues to help remove rubbish in your local park, bushland and waterways.

For more information visit www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

Saturday 28 March 2020
9.00am - 3.30pm

Meadowbank Park netball courts car park, end of Adelaide Street, Meadowbank
Household Chemical CleanOut is a FREE drop off day for residents to safely dispose of household chemicals, paints and hazardous items that could cause harm to human health and the environment if not disposed of correctly.

For more information visit www.cleanout.com.au

The Northern Sydney Community Recycling Centre



8 Waltham Street, Artarmon
Hours: Mon, Tue, Fri:
8.00am - 2.00pm;
Sat, Sun: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Drive through to drop off problem waste such as paint, gas bottles and car batteries.

These items are not allowed in your kerbside bins or Pre-booked Household CleanUp Collections.

If you can't rehome, reuse, donate or sell your unwanted household items, you can utilise our Pre-Booked Household CleanUp Collection Service.



Pre-Booked Household CleanUp Collection

Each property can have up to five FREE Pre-Booked Household CleanUp Collections per year.

Plan ahead and book your collections now to avoid disappointment as bookings fill up quickly around peak holiday periods. To help keep our streets clean, only put out your material the day prior to your Pre-Booked Household CleanUp Collection.

Conditions and restrictions apply.

Book your CleanUp online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cleanup or call 9952 8222 for more details.



It is illegal to place items out on the kerbside without a booking - fines apply.
HELP KEEP THE STREETS OF RYDE CLEAN.

For more information on waste, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/otherwasteservices.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Raising funds to support people affected by bushfires and drought



RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY RECENT BUSHFIRES

The local community is encouraged to dig deep and donate to the City of Ryde's fundraising campaign for the Salvation Army Bushfire Disaster Appeal.

Money raised for the Bushfire Disaster Appeal will go towards supporting people displaced due to recent bushfires.

Council launched the campaign with a \$5,000 donation and is now asking the community to take part. Collection buckets have been placed at various Council locations including the Customer Service Centre, all five City of Ryde Library branches, the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and Council's North Ryde Office.

The City of Ryde has achieved a lot over the last couple of months. Here is a summary of a few of them.

NEW ARTWORK UNVEILED FOR EASTWOOD PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

New eye-catching artwork has been unveiled in the Eastwood pedestrian underpass as part of efforts by the City of Ryde to beautify public areas through the use of street art.

The urban artwork was designed by public art enterprise Muralisto and features a vast array of colours and imagery that are designed to brighten the underpass area and make it more welcoming to the public.

The concept design for the artwork was developed with input from the community via focus groups and site-specific engagement. The Ryde Youth Council and the Arts Advisory Committee were also consulted.

With the completion of the artwork at the Eastwood pedestrian underpass, the City of Ryde will now consider the feasibility of introducing additional artworks at specific locations which could benefit from street art projects.

RYDE RIVER WALK'S MISSING LINK TO BE COMPLETED

One of the key missing links of the Ryde River Walk will be built after Council approved construction of the link between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street at Glades Bay in Tennyson Point.

The award-winning 12-kilometre Ryde River Walk was opened to the public in 2008, providing access to the Parramatta foreshore for walkers and cyclists between Gladesville Bridge and Ryde Bridge. However, a 150-metre section at Tennyson Point diverts from the foreshore and instead forces people up a steep stairway and into local streets.

The final design for the missing link is based on extensive consultation with key stakeholders and ensures none of the boardwalk will be built on private land.



Rowe Street East shopper car park

ROWE STREET EAST SHOPPER CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT APPROVED

The Sydney North Planning Panel has approved Council's development application for a new shopper car park on Rowe Street East in Eastwood.

The new multi-storey shopper car park will be located at 53-71 Rowe Street and will be able to accommodate some 150 car spaces.

Feedback received during Council's community consultation on the car park has been incorporated into the design, including sustainable features such as electric vehicle charging stations. Construction of the car park is expected to begin in 2020.

Eastwood pedestrian underpass launch



Ryde River Walk





ROAD & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Council works with authorities to improve road and pedestrian safety in the City of Ryde.



YELLOW EDGE LINES: WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

City of Ryde, like many other road authorities, is using unbroken yellow edge lines on the side of roads to indicate No Stopping zones. These painted yellow lines are more durable, easier to maintain and have less impact on the environment.

Drivers must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.

Road Rule 169 (No Stopping on a road with a yellow edge line) incurs an infringement of \$268 if not adhered to*. Police and Council rangers can enforce this road rule without any other road signs or indications required.

No Stopping zones need to be kept clear so that drivers and pedestrians have a clear view of each other and road safety is maintained.

**There are some exceptions in the case of emergencies or to comply with another rule.*

For more on road rules in NSW, visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

THREE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD ROAD RULES IN NSW

Road rules can be confusing, especially when traffic is moving quickly and coming from multiple directions. To give you a bit of a refresher, we've put together a list of three commonly misunderstood road rules.

1

WHO GOES FIRST AT AN INTERSECTION WITH MULTIPLE "GIVE WAY" OR "STOP" SIGNS?

A "Give Way" sign means that you must slow down and, if necessary, stop to give way to all traffic approaching, entering and travelling in the intersection. A "Stop" sign holds the same meaning, however, not only do you need to slow down but you need to come to a complete stop before the "Stop" line. Busy intersections often have a combination of multiple signs and it gets confusing when vehicles arrive at the intersection around the same time.

Drivers that don't encounter a "Stop" or "Give Way" sign or line have the right of way, provided that they give way to oncoming vehicles when turning. Once traffic is clear, the signs cancel each other out and drivers must give way to vehicles on their right.

2

WHEN TURNING INTO A ROAD, GIVE WAY TO THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING THE ROAD YOU ARE ENTERING.

When turning at an intersection with or without traffic lights, you must give way to pedestrians crossing the road you're about to turn into. The only exception is at roundabouts but be ready to stop if you see a pedestrian nearby. So next time you're turning into another road, remember to look out for pedestrians. Pedestrians should also take care and check their surroundings before crossing the road.

3

CAN YOU DO A U-TURN AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS?

When you're driving, there is a chance that you've missed a turn and need to head back in the opposite direction. You won't be able to make a U-turn at the traffic lights unless there is a sign that says "U-turn Permitted". U-turns are also not allowed where there is a "No U-turn" sign and on motorways. So when can you make a U-turn? U-turns are permitted on roads where there are no lane markings and where the dividing line closest to you is broken or is a dash line. When making a U-turn make sure that it is safe to do so, give way to traffic and pedestrians and allow ample time to complete the turn without obstructing traffic.



WORKS IN OUR CITY

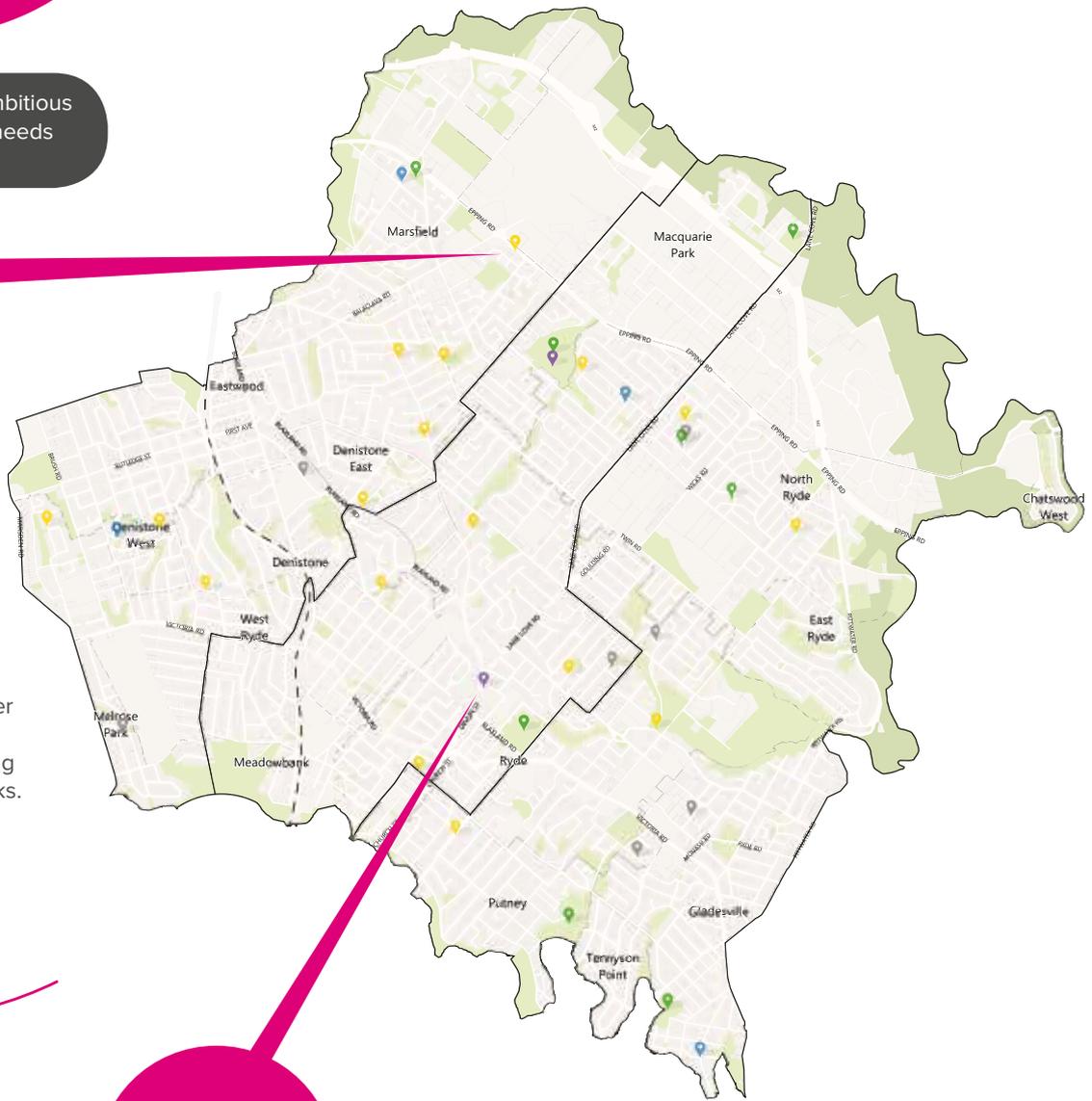
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The City of Ryde delivers an ambitious program of works to meet the needs of our growing City.

EPPING ROAD CYCLEWAY STAGE 2

As part of the Cycleway Construction Expansion Program, the City of Ryde is constructing a shared-user path on Epping Road, Marsfield. The works involve the construction of a new three-metre wide shared-user path between Herring Road and Balaclava Road, including associated landscaping works. Construction is due to be completed in January 2020, weather permitting.



RYDE LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

Ryde Library has been refurbished to increase the functionality of its spaces and to meet the growing needs of the local community. The upgrades include:

- Installation of new carpet
- Provision of new shelves, seating and furniture
- New service desk and self-service checkers
- New meeting rooms
- New water filling station
- New speakers stage
- A larger kids area.

Program	Completed
Roads, Bridges and Carparks	7
Building Upgrades	2
Stormwater Works	4
Parks, Playgrounds and Sportsfields	10
Traffic & Transport, Footpaths and Cycleways	18
Town and Neighbourhood Centres	0



MANAGING THE MONEY

In the interest of transparency and openness, Council provides audited financial statements that detail how we are managing our finances.

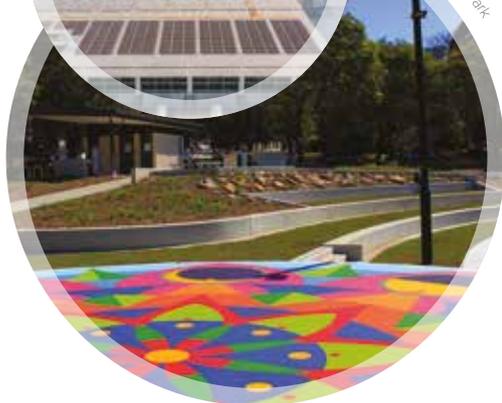
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SHOW RYDE IS IN A STRONG POSITION

The City of Ryde's 2018/19 audited financial statements have revealed a strong financial performance, with Council exceeding all of its financial and infrastructure key performance indicators while embarking on an ambitious infrastructure program for the community.

The audited financial statements show Council had a \$54.3 million operating surplus for the 2018/19 period, with net assets of \$1.5 billion and a balance of \$232 million in cash and investments.

Crucially, the City of Ryde has been able to achieve its strong financial performance as it invested more than \$123 million delivering services for the community in 2018/19 and also increased investment in community facilities and the environment.

Solar panels at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre



Upgrade of Wilga Park



Meadowbank Skate Park



Morrison Bay Seawall



West Ryde Plaza

Key projects delivered by the City of Ryde include:

- The **Meadowbank Skate Park**, which opened to extremely positive reviews. This first-class outdoor facility now provides the community with a range of components that cater to people of all ages and skill levels.
- The new **Morrison Bay Seawall** – known as 'Ryde's Barangaroo' – was unveiled to the public with sandstone blocks installed to preserve the natural character of the Parramatta River foreshore. Also included in the project was new seating and a shared-path for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The upgrade of **West Ryde Plaza**, which transformed the popular open space with the installation of shade sails, a new playground, public seating and infrastructure that will allow for activities such as pop-up events and live performances to take place.
- The installation of the **largest solar harvesting power station in North West Sydney at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre**. It includes 846 solar panels, generating approximately 12 percent of the centre's electricity usage and saving more than 315 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.
- The upgrade of **Wilga Park** with new amphitheatre terracing, amenities building and picnic area as well as improved path lighting and access paths.
- Reduced **annual greenhouse gas emissions** by 10 percent and continued divestment of fossil fuel-aligned financial institutions.

The City of Ryde also invested \$52.2 million on renewing and upgrading its infrastructure portfolio during the 2018/19 financial year. This included upgrading seven playgrounds and planting more than 400 trees in local parks and streets across the local government area in 2018/19.

The City of Ryde's strong financial performance in 2018/19 puts Council in a favourable position to continue with its ambitious infrastructure and environmental programs, including the Ryde Central project, while also allowing management to appropriately plan and invest in future infrastructure and services that will be required as the local population and economy grows.

For more information, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/financials



COMMUNITY MESSAGE



COUNCIL IN STRONG FINANCIAL SHAPE

Happy New Year to the entire City of Ryde community! Here at the City of Ryde, new leadership has brought new ideas and revised priorities.

As you will read in this newsletter our new focus – namely on community facilities, the environment and inclusion – has been executed with no negative impact on our financial position.

It shows councils can have a heart, while also being financially secure.

Encouragingly, Council's strong financial position, in which we are exceeding all financial and infrastructure key performance indicators, puts us in a great position to continue with our ambitious agenda in 2020.

This of course includes progressing with the Ryde Central project, which will deliver a four-fold increase in community space, while continuing to invest in infrastructure, open spaces and environmental programs that will benefit our growing community well into the future.

It is an exciting time and I look forward to what the next 12 months have in store.

MORE GREAT EVENTS FOR 2020

I may be biased but I truly believe that the City of Ryde has some of the best events you can find in Sydney, and the first three months of the year certainly do not disappoint.

The action kicks off on 26 January with our biggest Australia Day Family Concert ever which will be headlined by Thirsty Merc and also feature the popular Battle of the Bands competition.

Then in February, we will welcome in the Year of the Rat with the Lunar New Year Grand Celebration.

Anyone who has been to past Lunar New Year Grand Celebrations would know that they improve each year and I am expecting this year's event will be the most spectacular yet.

To find out about all the great events happening in our City visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/events.

Sincerely,

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