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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A MESSAGE FOR CITY OF RYDE



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

I may be biased, but I truly believe City of Ryde has some of the best events in Sydney, and none more so than the famous Granny Smith Festival.

That is why it is such great news that this year's Granny Smith Festival will return to Eastwood on Saturday 15 October after two years of COVID-enforced disruptions.

While the Granny Smith Festival allows us to celebrate the life and legacy of Maria 'Granny' Smith, the evolution of the festival means it also gives us the opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our wonderful diversity and culture.

It may still be early days but I am told that this year will be one of the biggest festival's yet, with many of the beloved traditional joined by new and exciting activities designed for all ages to enjoy.

You will find more information about this year's Granny Smith Festival in this magazine as well as at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gsf

I look forward to seeing everyone on the streets of Eastwood this October.

Sincerely,

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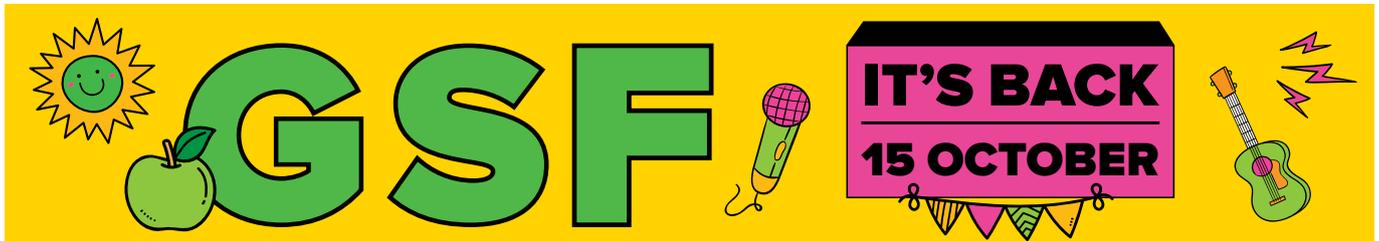
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GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL

It's back
in 2022!

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15 OCTOBER

EASTWOOD



The City of Ryde is delighted to confirm that the famous Granny Smith Festival will return to the streets of Eastwood on Saturday 15 October 2022.

After two years of cancellations this year's festival promises to be one of the biggest yet with fantastic entertainment, live music, kids' activities, gift and food stalls, the Grand Street Parade and much more.



The annual Granny Smith Festival celebrates the life and legacy of Maria Ann Smith – aka Granny Smith – who in 1868 grew the first batch of little green apples that bear her name on her Eastwood property.

The first Granny Smith Festival was staged in 1985 and has evolved to become one of the largest street festivals in Sydney with more than 90,000 people attending each year.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jordan Lane, said the Granny Smith Festival celebrates everything that is great about Eastwood and the City of Ryde.

“It is terrific that the Granny Smith Festival is back on the streets of Eastwood. I know that the Granny Smith Festival Committee and the City of Ryde Events team are working extremely hard to ensure this year’s festival will be one of the best one’s yet.

Having grown up in the City of Ryde, the Granny Smith Festival has always been the annual highlight for the community to come together and celebrate, and it is great that we get the chance once again after two years of cancellations.

The festival is now recognised as one of Sydney’s major community festivals that allows the City of Ryde to highlight our vibrant and diverse community.”

To keep up to date with all the latest announcements regarding the Granny Smith Festival, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gsf

Applications for stallholders, parade and performers are open now and will close on Sunday 7 August.

For general enquiries regarding Granny Smith Festival or if you are interested in sponsoring the festival, please contact events@ryde.nsw.gov.au

SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Entries are open for the annual 2022 Spring Garden Competition

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CITY OF RYDE

WED
31 AUGUST

ENTRIES
CLOSE



The Spring Garden Competition – one of the longest running annual events in the City of Ryde – is back for another year.

This year's competition is open to gardens of all shapes and sizes with winners to be announced over 10 different categories.

The competition is also designed to be inclusive for all, from experienced green thumbs to those who have just taken up gardening.

Entry is free and open until 31 August 2022. All entries are required to be located in the City of Ryde local government area.

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

Photo: 2021 Large Garden – Kathy Schofield – 1st Place.

SUSTAINABLE WASTE 2 ART PRIZE

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CITY OF RYDE

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31 JULY

Applications are now open for the City of Ryde 2022 Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP).

APPLICATIONS
CLOSE



Featured artwork:
Henrietta Robinson - *Junk House*
Anise Olah - *War on Waste*
Tracie Axton - *Diatoms*
Wendy Joyce - *Invasive Species*
Ben Gibson - *Are you gonna throw that out. If so, can I have it*
Alessandra Coulson - *Snowbird*

SWAP is a unique event in which artists who live, study, work or play in the City of Ryde are asked re-purpose rubbish and recovered materials into works of art.

At a time when reducing waste is more important than ever, SWAP presents a fun opportunity to explore the artistic potential of items that would normally be thrown away, while also learning new skills.

The City of Ryde will run a series of free workshops throughout the year and has also created online educational resources to assist artists with their entries.

Applications close on 31 July 2022, with the winners of each category to be announced on 1 September 2022. In addition, about 80 artworks and design objects will be selected for exhibition at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE until 15 September 2022.

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

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS

The 2022 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards were held at Curzon Hall in Marsfield on 19 May 2022.

The award winners were:

Individual: Sheena Smith

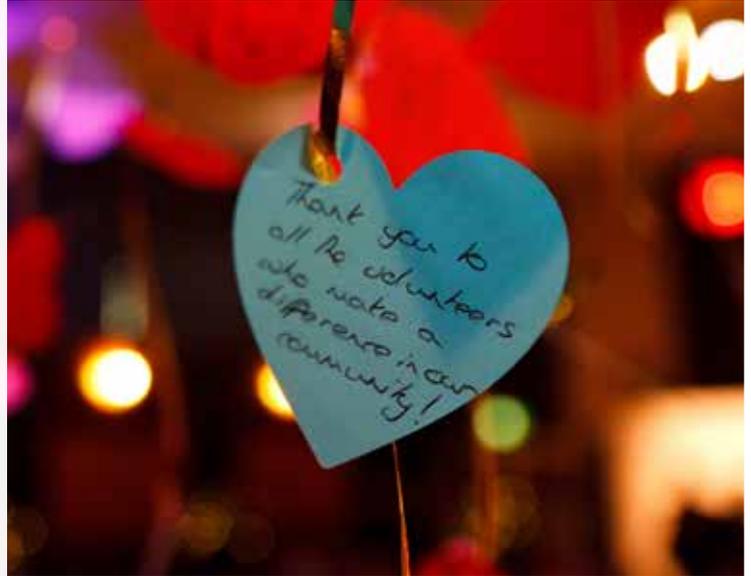
Young: Abby Hill

Young Special Commendation: Ella Marcellino

Group: Stryder Social and Shopping Bus Volunteers

This year's City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards featured a new Community Heroes award category, recognising community members – both past and present – who have contributed to the sense of community in the City of Ryde. The inaugural recipients of the Community Heroes award were:

- Barry Budd
- Philip Brown
- Leasa Clark
- Rochelle Keshishian
- Susan Nocom
- Kedarnath Pagaddinnimath
- Barry Parsons
- Helen Pegler
- Kathy Tracy
- Shaun Warden



Sheena Smith was named Individual Volunteer of the Year at the 2022 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards for her work with Riding for Disabled (RDA) in Marsfield. We asked Ms Smith to explain the benefits of volunteering and how important volunteers are to organisations like RDA.



Why do you volunteer for Riding for the Disabled (RDA)?

Initially, because of my love of horses. I became an RDA volunteer but soon realised that there were wonderful outcomes from the therapy programs and gained satisfaction from assisting riders, mainly children, to achieve those results.

What are your primary roles at RDA?

My primary role is to assist the delivery of the rider therapy program by assisting riders with disabilities to participate, preparing and mounting of riders, leading the horse through the program, side walking to ensure the safety of the rider or helping them complete the therapy activities.

Other tasks include caring for our horses such as feeding and grooming. Due to my experience I also coordinate volunteers, assist with their training and make new volunteers feel welcome.

With the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns, have the past two years been challenging for yourself and RDA?

The pandemic lockdown was hard at RDA. All our horses remained on site but therapy sessions stopped so all horses still needed ongoing care and exercise.

There was a loss of volunteer numbers and our income reduced due to there being no rider fees, no fundraising opportunities or grants, no sponsorship and donations.

Although our therapy sessions have resumed we are now desperate for new volunteers that need training plus we need some generous donations so we can bounce back.

What would be your advice to other people thinking about volunteering for organisations like RDA?

Volunteering is very fulfilling as you get the opportunity to learn new skills plus meet some lovely people who are friendly, caring and supportive. Although it can be hard work, you get plenty of free exercise, a good dose of fresh air and there is still time for lots of laughs with teammates. I love returning home at the end of a session tired but feeling very rewarded for the achievements our riders have accomplished.

TIPS TO REDUCE ENERGY BILLS

With winter well and truly here, it is easy for residents to be caught unaware by the costs involved to heat their home.

City of Ryde Home Waste & Sustainability Officer, Elizabeth Pearce, has put together a list of top tips to help you save money in the long term and improve the comfort of your home.

Electrify your home

Did you know that hot water heating can account for 30 percent of your home energy use? You can save around 70 percent of your hot water energy and costs by switching to a heat pump hot water tank, arguably the most energy efficient hot water system on the market.

Use your air conditioner for heating

A well-maintained air conditioner set to run at the recommended temperature ranges of 19-22 degrees Celsius in winter and 23-26 degrees Celsius in summer is the most efficient heater option. Don't forget to close your blinds and curtains by sunset to keep the warmth in your home.

Substitute the heater for an electric heated throw

Do you need to heat the whole room or just yourself? An electric heated throw is far more energy efficient than running a heater and can keep you just as cosy if you are on the couch or working from home.

Seal up your home to reduce reliance on artificial heating and cooling

Does your roof have full and complete insulation? A good R-value rating for the ceiling of Sydney homes is at least 5.0.

Also, seal up gaps around doors and windows with easy adhesive draught stripping and make sure that you have curtains or blinds for glass windows and doors – insulated, close fitting and preferably with pelmets which will prevent precious heat loss in winter.

Learn more

Ms Pearce has many more tips to help you save on your utility bills while making your home comfortable.

All City of Ryde residents — owners and tenants living in a house or an apartment — can book a free sustainability assessment to receive recommendations tailored for their home.

And as an added bonus, by booking a free assessment you could enter the draw to be one of three lucky winners to receive \$1,500 to spend on environmental improvements to your home.

To book a free assessment, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/hwsa



RYDE CENTRAL

The redevelopment of Council's site at 1 Devlin Street, Ryde – known as Ryde Central – has entered the next stage of delivery for the new state-of-the-art community and civic hub.

Award-winning architectural firm, Hames Sharley, has been engaged by the City of Ryde to lead the design component of the project along with a range of other appropriately qualified consultants.

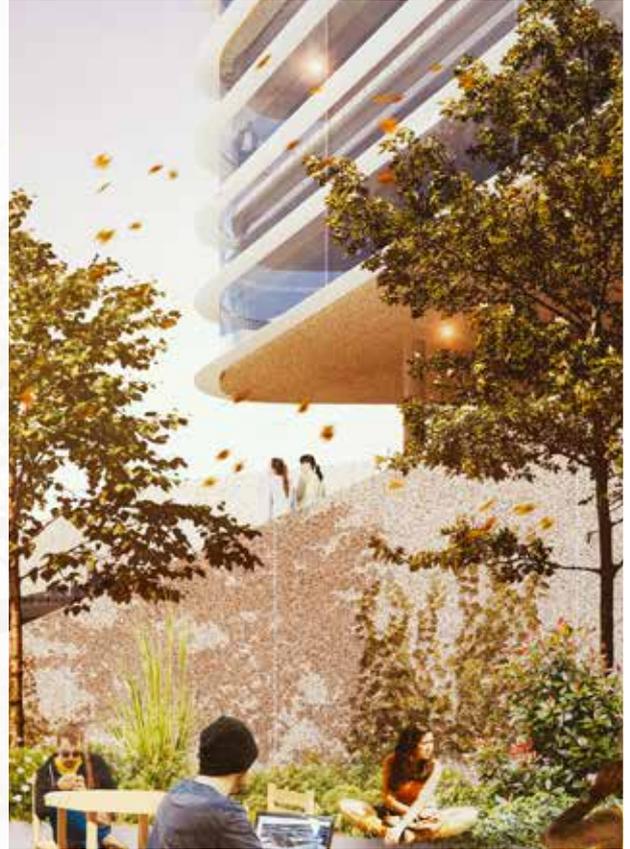
The centrepiece of Ryde Central will be a new multi-purpose community building that will include a dedicated community performance hall, public activity rooms, meeting rooms and other spaces for use by the community.

Other features of Ryde Central include a new civic hub with centrally located public plaza, extensive landscaping works, direct and accessible pedestrian links, as well as an on-site basement car park and a café.

As part of the next stage of works, residents may notice activity in and around the Ryde Central site as various investigations and enabling works required for the construction of the project are undertaken. In that regard, additional geotechnical investigations (for example core drilling to determine ground conditions) have already been completed in and around the site.

Planning work is now also underway in relation to the re-alignment of Parkes Street to improve vehicle and pedestrian access to and around the site. Notifications will be provided to the community with more detailed information on the staging of these road works as it becomes available.

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



BOOK LOCKER UNVEILED

GLADESVILLE LIBRARY, GLADESVILLE

New book locker for Gladesville Library

Library members from across the City of Ryde can now collect their borrowed library items 24 hours, seven days a week, with the introduction of the new book locker at Gladesville Library.

The new book locker, conveniently located at the rear of Gladesville Library next to the car park, is part of funding that Council has allocated for new library customer technology, and aims to ensure library members can collect their items at a time that is convenient for them.

To take advantage of the book locker, library members simply have to reserve an item via the online Library Catalogue and choose Book Locker – Gladesville as the pick-up location.

A QR code will then be sent to their mobile device which will allow them to retrieve their item from the book locker anytime they would like.

More information can be found at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/booklocker



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE VISIT BY CITY OF RYDE STAFF

WILCANNIA, NSW

Staff from the City of Ryde recently travelled to Central Darling Shire Council local government area to assess a development application for an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in Wilcannia, located in Far West NSW.



(From left) City of Ryde Assessment Officer Oliver King, Central Darling Shire Council Environmental Health Officer Geoff Laan, City of Ryde Senior Development Engineer Emily Lu and Central Darling Shire Council General Manager Greg Hill.

The collaboration is part of a new partnership between the two councils as part of efforts to assist one another and provide staff from both councils with new opportunities, while also expanding their skillset.

Central Darling Shire Council is a unique council in that it is the largest incorporated local government area in NSW in terms of land size – covering more than 53,000 square kilometres – yet has the second smallest population in the state with just over 1,800 people.

Oliver King and Emily Lu – who are both employed in the City of Ryde’s Development Assessment team – travelled to Wilcannia via a flight to Broken Hill to assess the Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Speaking upon his return, Oliver said the trip was a great way to see how other councils operate.

“Wilcannia is obviously a lot smaller than Ryde, but the trip provided us with a great insight as to how these small towns operate.

Everyone takes on several responsibilities, for instance the town’s hotel owner is also the town’s landscaper, plumber and concreter. And while it is a small council in terms of population, everyone is extremely proud of the area and are happy to call it their home.”

After conducting a site visit where the Aboriginal Cultural Centre is due to be built and meeting with Central Darling Shire Council staff, Oliver and Emily travelled back to Broken Hill – but not before they did some inadvertent sight-seeing.

“It was quite incredible to see emus and wedge-tailed eagles on our drive back to Broken Hill, as well as the expansive desert areas.”

Oliver said.

Emily also said it was heartening knowing that the work her and Oliver were undertaking had the potential to benefit the Central Darling community.

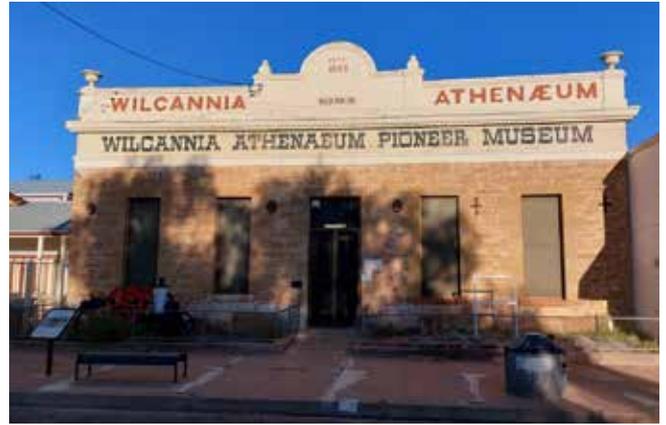
“The new Aboriginal Cultural Centre will be a really important development for Central Darling Shire Council due to its cultural significance as well as its potential to attract tourists to the region.

So understanding that as well as assessing a building that is very distinctive to the region is a very rewarding experience.”

The City of Ryde and Central Darling Shire Council will continue to explore opportunities to collaborate with one another over the coming months.



Central Darling Shire Council Chambers



Wilcannia Athenæum Pioneer Museum



Darling River



Street art on the high street of Wilcannia

A TALE OF TWO COUNCILS

City of Ryde



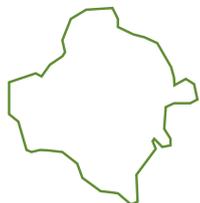
132,822

Population



3,281 persons per square kilometre

Population density



40,651 km²

Area



Professional, scientific and technical services, health care and social assistance, education and training

Primary economic activities

Central Darling Shire



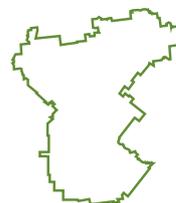
1,837

Population



0.03 persons per square kilometre

Population density



53,511 km²

Area



Pastoral, horticulture and agriculture services, mining and tourism

Primary economic activities

WORKS IN OUR CITY

WWW.RYDE.NSW.GOV.AU/PROJECTS

EASTWOOD PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LIGHTS

EASTWOOD Work has been completed on the new Eastwood pedestrian traffic lights at West Parade.

The pedestrian traffic lights will help reduce traffic congestion and improve road and pedestrian safety in the area.

They will also benefit local businesses by making it easier for shoppers to get around Eastwood town centre.

The installation of the pedestrian traffic lights was one of the major recommendations of the independent Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study. This study identified traffic congestion and pedestrian safety as major issues that have impacted the town centre's accessibility.



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

New synthetic field at LH Waud Oval

LH Waud Oval, located at Meadowbank Park, will be converted to a synthetic turf field as part of a major upgrade.

The new synthetic turf field will include multi-purpose features and be accompanied by new fencing, seating and tree planting for additional shade coverage.

The project has been possible after the City of Ryde received a grant from the NSW Government's Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund.

Work is due to commence in late 2022.

Ryedale Road town centre upgrade

The Ryedale Road town centre upgrade has enhanced the West Ryde commercial area with a rebuild of the entire streetscape.

Works undertaken were in line with community feedback and include a new raised pedestrian crossing at the entrance of West Ryde train station, new street furniture, the removal of old power poles and installation of multifunction poles, landscaping as well as footpath, drainage and road upgrades.

The upgrade is part of Council's Neighbourhood Centre Renewal Program which aims to assist in the provision of amenity, economic vibrancy and liveability within neighbourhood centres.

Ryde Secondary College road safety upgrade

Road safety around Ryde Secondary College has been improved with the City of Ryde undertaking a range of upgrades on Malvina Street and Forrest Road.

The upgrades include the widening of Forrest Road to allow for a new footpath adjacent to the school, as well as an expanded 'Kiss & Ride' zone to provide safer access for students to the school, while ensuring continuous traffic flow.

The upgrades were undertaken in consultation with representatives of Ryde Secondary College.

NEWS

CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATIONS

City of Ryde is changing the way it supports childhood immunisation by partnering with general practices in the area to support childhood immunisation clinics.

This will provide more flexible options for when and where you can receive immunisation. All services are bulk-billed via Medicare.

Childhood immunisation is an effective and safe way of protecting individuals and the whole community against disease.

For more information and a list of participating general practices, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

FIND THE RIGHT GRANT FOR YOU

Community groups, not-for-profits and businesses in the City of Ryde can now find and apply for grants more easily with the City of Ryde Grant Finder.

City of Ryde has partnered with GrantGuru to provide groups and businesses with the ability to search for funding opportunities. Grants can also be filtered by specifying location, industry and the type of project. Users can also sign up to email alerts and save grants to their favourites.

This is a free service which provides a comprehensive list to access funding money and grant opportunities across Australia.

For more information visit cityofryde.grantguru.com.au



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.

EV CHARGERS ROWE STREET EAST

Two Electric Vehicle (EV) charging spaces are now operational at the new Rowe Street East Car Park in Eastwood.

EV owners can presently charge their car for two hours free of charge at the car park by downloading the Exploren App via the App Store or Google Play, signing up and scanning the QR code at the charging station.

The installation of the EV charging spaces is part of Council's commitment to helping residents make the transition to more sustainable modes of transport

Find out about other Council EV charging stations available for community use at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/EVCharging

IMPROVEMENTS FOR ANZAC PARK

The City of Ryde has endorsed a new masterplan for Anzac Park, which has the potential to transform the West Ryde park into one of the leading open spaces in the region.

The masterplan involves significant improvements for all aspects of the park to ensure it meets the needs of the community over the next two decades.

Upgrades includes new fitness equipment, an exercise area dedicated to seniors, bike racks, picnic and barbecue facilities and an amenities building. In addition, an amphitheatre with terraced seating as well as other improvements will help ensure more community events can be held at Anzac Park.

Delivery of the masterplan is subject to the availability of funding and Council will seek funding support from the State and Federal governments to achieve many of the plan's objectives.

NEWS

STREET TREE PLANTING

The City of Ryde will plant 1,300 new street trees across the local government area.

The street tree planting is part of Council's commitment to increase tree canopy coverage by 40 percent by 2030.

Planting is scheduled to commence in September this year and will involve new tree plantings as well as the replacement of some existing street trees.

The project has been made possible due to funding Council received from the NSW Government's 'Greening our City' program



To view the streets selected for street tree planting, please visit Council's online interactive map by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/StreetTrees2022



STREET ART IN WEST RYDE

A bright and bold new mural has been unveiled in the pedestrian underpass at Victoria Road in West Ryde as part of the City of Ryde's 2022 Art Activation Project.

The mural is a collaboration between Council's City Activation Team, local community arts group Artisans Ryde and Transport for NSW.

Titled 'Our West Ryde' the mural features a variety of themes that celebrates West Ryde as a transport hub, an active and social town centre, as well as its open spaces and parkland.

The concept design for the artwork was developed via a public workshop, with more than 30 community members also helping paint the mural over three months this year.

