



City of Ryde

Lifestyle and opportunity  
@ your doorstep

# Your City

Summer  
January 2019



## Top-5 Ways

# TO KEEP COOL

# THIS SUMMER IN RYDE

As the jacarandas drop the last of their vibrant lilac-coloured blooms, summer takes the place of spring and with it comes a host of new ways to enjoy our City.

Despite being just 12 kilometres from the CBD of Australia's largest city, the City of Ryde is home to stunning parks, expansive bushland and sparkling rivers, complemented by an extensive range of Council facilities and services.

This makes it the perfect spot to keep cool during the warmer months and we've put together a list of a few recommendations to inspire you!

# 1

## Park yourself in one of our many parks



With more than 200 parks and open spaces in our City, there's always a shady spot to read a book, walk the dog or make use of the free outdoor fitness equipment. All of our parks and sportgrounds are available for hire and we don't charge fees for the use of the gazebos, barbecues or open grass areas (but you'll need to get there first to get the best spot!).

Not sure where to go? Search by park type, suburb or features using our online Park and Sportsground finder at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/recreation](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/recreation)

# 2

## Take a refreshing dip in the pool



There's no better way to cool down than to take a dip in the pool. Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) was one of the host facilities during the 2000 Summer Olympics, and for good reason! This indoor complex is home to a 50-metre pool, leisure pool, indoor stadium, onsite café, spa and sauna. On weekends and school holidays there's also a wave pool and giant slide, as well as a giant inflatable operating on the last Sunday of every month. There are regular swimming classes, including our Learn to Swim program, in addition to a variety of sporting programs and camps during the year.

To find out more, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ralc](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ralc)

# 3

## Fill up for free using our water refill stations



Those hot days can really work up a thirst. Thankfully we have filtered water stations dotted across the City near walking paths and sportsgrounds. BYO water bottle to save money and reduce waste – fill up for free using the bottle refill point. Our new stations also feature a dog bowl, so your pooch can keep hydrated too!

To find one near you, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waterstations](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/waterstations)

# 4

## Let your inner water baby shine at Putney Park's water play area



Set on the banks of the beautiful Parramatta River, this expansive waterfront park has shaded picnic facilities, barbecues, a cycle way and walking paths. But the real highlight for kids is the water-play playground. With a super slide, paddling pools, beach area and climbing equipment, it's the perfect spot to enjoy a family fun day out.

There are also plans in the mix to make Putney Park a swimming site by 2025 as part of the Parramatta River Masterplan.

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

# 5

## Join up and join in at our libraries



Libraries have evolved considerably to become vibrant, exciting spaces catering to all ages, abilities, cultural backgrounds and interests. Kids will enjoy the activities, books, DVDs, toy library, science kits and Curiosity Cabinet. There's also free computer and internet access, meeting rooms, photocopying, printing and scanning facilities and more. Events include everything from author talks to workshops, musical performances and school holiday activities. Membership is free, as are most of the events and facilities on offer. Better yet, all five branches are air conditioned, so they're a great place to escape the summer heat.

To find out more, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library)

## Upcoming Events

### AUSTRALIA DAY



26  
Jan

# Aus Day



On Australia Day, we come together as a nation to celebrate our diverse society and landscape, our remarkable achievements and our bright future. It is also a chance to reflect on our nation's history, and to consider how we can make Australia an even better place in future. The community are invited to our Australia Day Family Concert. The concert will start from 5.00pm at North Ryde Common, corner of Twin and Wicks Road, North Ryde.

There will be rides, sports, food trucks, thong throwing competition and a great line up of entertainment.

#### Entertainment includes:

- The 2019 Battle of the Bands finals.
- Jay Parrino and the Ozzy Iconics and the JC All Stars.

The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9.00pm.

### WEST RYDE EASTER PARADE & FAIR



13  
Apr



The traditional Easter Parade commences at 9.00am on Saturday 13 April and there will also be market stalls with a range of international foods and local information. For families and kids there will be rides, games, entertainment including an animal farm, reptiles and a big slide.

Competitions include Best Decorated Wheels Competition (bicycles, prams, scooters etc), Bonnet Competition and the Singing Star Contest.

### LUNAR NEW YEAR



16  
Feb

### Kung Hei Fat Choi – Celebrate Lunar New Year in Eastwood

Join in the colour, fun and excitement as the entire Ryde community comes together to welcome in the Year of the Pig at the annual Grand Celebration Day on Saturday 16 February.

This year's Grand Celebration Day will be held at a new location, with the event moving from Eastwood town centre to Eastwood Oval for the first time in its 11 year history.

The event will include cultural music and dance performances, an impressive lion high pole performance, traditional fire crackers and a visit from the God of Wealth. There will also be a vast array of kids rides, a Peppa Pig show as well as a spectacular fireworks display at the conclusion of the event.

The Grand Celebration Day in Eastwood has become one of the largest Lunar New Year festivals in Sydney. The event is run by the Eastwood Lunar New Year Organising Committee and proudly supported by the City of Ryde.

For more information, including the schedule for the Main Stage, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear)



#### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Pig is part of the Chinese zodiac which assigns an animal and its reputed attributes to each year in a repeating 12-year cycle. The 12-year cycle is an approximation to the 11.85-year orbital period of Jupiter.
- 2019 is the Year of the Pig, which occupies the last position of the 12 Chinese Zodiac animals.
- Personality traits of people born in the Year of the Pig are happy, easy-going, honest, trusting, educated, sincere and brave.
- Lucky numbers for people born in the Year of the Pig are 2, 5 and 8.
- Years of the Pig include: 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031.



To find out more, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfestival)

In focus

## PLANNING NEWS

### Council rejects planning proposal for Talavera Road

The City of Ryde has recommended that a planning proposal, which seeks to amend the building height and floor space ratio for 112 Talavera Road, Macquarie Park, be refused.

The planning proposal – submitted by Meriton – initially sought to increase the building height to 63 storeys, however, this was reduced to 42 storeys as part of an amended proposal by Meriton following concerns expressed by the community relating to height.

Despite the amended proposal, Council did not support the planning proposal for the following reasons:

- The proposal does not meet community expectations identified in the objections received during the exhibition period;
- There is a lack of supporting infrastructure provided by the State Government;
- The increase in height and density is not in the community interest noting the recent growth and development experienced in the wider Local Government Area;
- The proposal is not required for the City of Ryde to meet its housing target set by the Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan.

During community consultation on the planning proposal, Council received more than 400 submissions, of which the vast majority were against the proposal.

As Council has never had the power to refuse or approve the proposal, its recommendation has been forwarded to the NSW Government, which is the consent authority for the proposal.

To find out more, visit

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/Past-Have-Your-Say](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/Past-Have-Your-Say)



Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) and Sydney North Planning Panel established.

**NOVEMBER 2015**



The City of Ryde receives a planning proposal application from developer Meriton to provide approximately 390 additional dwellings, accompanied by a letter of offer to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) to provide affordable housing and funding for open-space improvements.

**MAY 2016**



**7,600**

GSC releases North District Plan with 7,600 new dwellings target for Ryde by 2021.

**MARCH 2018**



The City of Ryde submits the planning proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for Gateway Determination. Gateway Determination is a process during which the DPE determines whether a planning proposal has sufficient merit to proceed.

**NOVEMBER 2017**



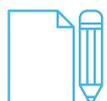
Department of Planning and Environment issues Gateway Determination for the planning proposal, with instructions for the City of Ryde to include more information in the planning proposal and consult with government agencies such as the RMS prior to commencing community consultation.

**MARCH 2018**



The City of Ryde, at the instructions of the Department of Planning and Environment, makes updates to the planning proposal and consults with government organisations.

**APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2018**



**400+**

Community consultation closes. More than 400 submissions are received in relation to the planning proposal with the majority opposed.

**NOVEMBER 2018**



Meriton reduced the Planning Proposal application to 42 storeys and the offer for the VPA remains the same.

**NOVEMBER 2018**



Community consultation on the planning proposal begins, with 5,500 letters sent to landowners, notices appearing in the local newspapers and drop in sessions offered.

**OCTOBER 2018**



The City of Ryde recommends that the State Government refuse a planning proposal which seeks to amend the building height and floor space ratio for 112 Talavera Road, Macquarie Park.

**DECEMBER 2018**



The State Government must now decide whether it will uphold Council's recommendation or whether it will allow the proposal to proceed.

**DECEMBER 2018**

## In the spotlight

### NEWS

### IN BRIEF



## Heritage assured

The NSW Government has supported a City of Ryde recommendation and listed a historical Eastwood house as an item of local heritage significance.

The house at 330 Rowe Street was built in 1907 and has been described by a heritage consultant as a site of local historical significance and evidence of the early development of the Eastwood area. It is also an example of work of the prominent local architect Charles Robert Summerhayes.

An item of local heritage significance indicates a place or object that intends to be kept for future generations. Owners of such places or objects need to make a special application to a consent authority before they can make changes to the item. The consent authority must take the heritage significance into consideration when considering development applications.



## Eastwood car parks

A concept plan will be developed by the City of Ryde that would support the creation of a new shopper car park on the western side of Eastwood as well as a new open public space and community facilities.

Under the concept plan, the existing Glen Street car park would be relocated to the Shaftsbury Road precinct at the edge of Eastwood town centre. The Glen Street car park, meanwhile, would be transformed into a public plaza, creating a more vibrant open space for the community.

The move by Council to address the chronic traffic and parking issues in Eastwood comes after the release of the Draft Eastwood Traffic and Parking Study.

The new car park on the western side of Eastwood would be in addition to the new multi-storey short stay car park that Council will build at 53-71 Rowe Street, on the eastern side of the town centre.



## Council reaffirms support for Christie Park upgrades

The City of Ryde has reaffirmed its commitment to undertake significant upgrades at Christie Park that will turn the venue into one of the leading sporting facilities in Sydney.

This year, Council unveiled the first round of significant upgrades (known as Stage 1) at the venue with two new FIFA-accredited synthetic fields opening to the public, guaranteeing consistent playing surfaces all year-round. A new tiered seating section for 500 spectators was also installed.

The future upgrades will occur over two stages. Stage 2 of the Christie Park expansion will include a first-class amenities building that will service the two fields currently in place at the venue, as well as additional futsal courts.

Stage 3 will result in a third synthetic field being installed with a new car park underneath.

Oct - Dec 2018

# WORKS IN THE CITY

## Our Active and Healthy City

- ANZAC Park Flagpoles (pictured)
- Morshead Park, North Ryde (local playground upgrade)
- Peel Park, Gladesville (sportsfield renewal)
- Upgrade to Eastwood, West Ryde and North Ryde libraries (Eastwood pictured)
- Wendy Park, West Ryde (local playground upgrade)

## Our Connected and Accessible City

- Bus seats (new various locations)
- Dunmore Road (road resurfacing)
- Eastwood to Macquarie Park cycleway
- Frances Road (road resurfacing)
- Gwendale Crescent (footpath construction)
- Kerb and gutter renewal (various locations)
- North Road (footpath construction)
- Rene Street (road resurfacing)
- Hibble Street, Tarrants Avenue, Third Avenue, Waterloo Road (road resurfacing)
- Wentworth Road, West Parade, Winbourne Street (road resurfacing)
- Grand Avenue, Haig Avenue, Parklands Road, Wattle Street (road resurfacing)
- Thelma Street, Torrington Drive (road resurfacing)
- Station Street (road resurfacing)
- Acacia Avenue (road resurfacing)
- Lansdowne Street (road resurfacing)
- Parry Street (road resurfacing)
- Rhodes Street (road resurfacing)
- Truscott Street (road resurfacing)

## Our Natural Sustainable City

- Morrison Bay Park, Putney (field 3 upgrade)
- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (solar energy installation) (pictured)
- Fernvale Avenue, West Ryde (stormwater works)

## Our Smart and Innovative City

- Macquarie Park (planting embellishment program)

## Our Vibrant and Liveable City

- Avon Road Neighbourhood Centre





## City of Ryde

# SUSTAINABILITY / WASTE NEWS

## Ryde leads renewable push

The largest solar harvesting power station in the north-west area of Sydney has been unveiled at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre. Key facts for the new solar harvesting power station are:

- A total of 846 solar panels installed
- More than 300 kilowatts of power generated
- A saving of close to 66 equivalent tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year

The new system is one of the ways that the City of Ryde is reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.

Even prior to the installation of the new solar harvesting power station, the City of Ryde reduced its carbon footprint in 2017/18. Council's CO<sup>2</sup> emissions for the year were 12,614 gigajoules (GJ), a 10 percent reduction on Council's annual greenhouse gas emissions in the previous 12-month period which amounted to 14,082GJ.

Looking forward, Council will also commission a report to investigate how a Renewable Energy Target could be mandated by June 2030, which would possibly ensure at least 60 per cent of electricity usage for which the City of Ryde is responsible for is delivered from renewable energy sources.



### WASTE SMART TIP

The City of Ryde offers subsidised worm farms and compost bins to residents. Turn your food waste into treasure, save money and give back to your environment. Contact Customer Service on 9952 8222 to order yours today.

## City of Ryde

# LIBRARY NEWS



## Join Up, Join In

Have you joined up and joined in to enjoy the benefits that a City of Ryde Library membership brings you?

This includes free Wi-Fi and access to PCs, an online library and ancestry research tools.

You also get the opportunity to attend a range of entertaining events and programs designed for people of all ages. You can become a library member by signing up at one of our five branches in the City of Ryde.



### SUMMER READ

*Ryde's World War I House Names: Homes for the living and memorials to the dead.*

By Angela Phippen.  
206 pages

Tells the story of house names in the Ryde Local Government Area named in honour of World War I.

Available to purchase or loan from all Ryde Library Service libraries.

## Eastwood Library upgrade

Late last year, Eastwood library underwent an upgrade to its layout and facilities.

The highlight of the upgrade is a new digital reading table, which provides the community with access to thousands of magazines from across the world in a variety of languages.

There is also a theme throughout the library's new layout which celebrates Eastwood's rich history.

# THE HIVE DIGITAL MEDIA LAB

The Hive offers do-it-yourself digital solutions free with your Library membership.

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

There's a buzz about the new Hive Digital Media Lab.

Ryde Library Service has an exciting new feature for its members with the official launch of The Hive Digital Media Lab this February. To find out more about The Hive Digital Media Lab, we asked Libraries what benefits it will bring to members.

### What is The Hive Digital Media Lab?

The Hive Digital Media Lab is a new and free library service for members, offering individually bookable iMacs and PCs. The Hive offers creative and industry standard software for design, 3D modelling, web and app development as well as image, audio and video editing software.

### Where will it be located?

The Hive is located at West Ryde Library, 2 Graf Avenue, West Ryde.

### Who can use it?

The Hive is available to all City of Ryde library members and operates seven days a week during West Ryde Library's opening hours.

### What can be done in The Hive?

The Hive allows members to create an array of creative projects, including web pages, business cards, as well as edit music, film and images, without having to pay the high costs of creative software licences.

Coming late February 2019. See website for further updates.

# COMMUNITY MESSAGE

## A new year often brings with it new ambition and 2019 is no different.

Looking ahead over the next twelve months, here are six key areas I want our Council to focus on:

**Tackling overdevelopment.** We will continue to put pressure on the State Government to stop targeting Ryde with unfair housing targets. This includes repeating our calls for the government to abolish its priority precincts, which will result in 15,000 extra dwellings in Macquarie Park and North Ryde. We will continue to oppose the introduction of the Medium Density Housing Code in the City of Ryde, which once introduced in 2020 could lead to an additional 60,000 residents in low density neighbourhoods.

**Delivering vital infrastructure and upgrades.** Council has a number of projects either underway or in the pipeline that will bring enormous benefits to the residents, businesses and workers in the City of Ryde. This includes upgrades being completed on the new West Ryde Plaza in the first half of 2019 as well as work beginning on Eastwood car park later this year.

**Promoting inclusion.** We want to build on the good work Council has done in this area to ensure every member of our community feels that they have a voice. This will be achieved through stunning cultural events such as the Lunar New Year celebrations and events supported by the City of Ryde such as the Korean Festival. We are also undertaking new policies that promote and enhance social inclusion within our entire community.

**Protecting the environment.** We have made large strides in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions (dropping 10 percent from the last financial year), divesting from fossil fuel-aligned institutions (done with no impact on bottom line)

and investing in renewables (see article "Ryde leads renewable push") but there is still a lot of work to do in this space. I am particularly excited about a report Council has commissioned to investigate how we could mandate a Renewable Energy Target of up to 60 percent by 2030. That report is due to Council in June 2019.

**Providing more recreation and open spaces.** We are not far off cutting the ribbon at the new skate and scooter park in Meadowbank, which will provide the community with a state-of-the-art outdoor facility that people of all ages can enjoy. Building on this I am looking forward to plans on the new Kings Park (formerly the Denistone East Bowling Club) progressing as well as continuing to act on the terrific work of the Playground Panel in making our playgrounds the best that they can be.

**Advocating for the community.** Our community have identified that some of the main issues that face our City are due to State or Federal Government inaction. Instead of throwing my hands in the air, or passing the buck, I'll be encouraging Council to be your voice and force action from all levels of Government for our benefit.

Obviously this is just a snapshot of what Council will be undertaking in 2019, but as you can see it is going to be another busy year and I look forward to interacting with all members of the community throughout the next 12 months as we continue to make Ryde a great place to live, work and play.



Sincerely,

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