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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Welcome to the latest edition of Macquarie Park Ryde BC News.

After a challenging year of lockdowns and Covid-19, we are ready for 2022 – ***Moving Forward 2022.***

But first, let's take a look at some final moments of excitement and cheer for the end of 2021!

Three of our members were nominated for the 31st Annual Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence (WSABE) awards:

- Excellence in social enterprise – Andrew Hill, SportsSTAR
- Excellence in micro business – Tony Newby, Corporate Imagery
- Excellence in customer service – Emma Allen, Active Property Investing

The winners were announced at the WSABE event on Tuesday Wed 24 Nov @ Roseville Gardens Racecourse. Although our three nominees didn't win, it was still a great honour to be nominated.

MPRBC welcomed members of the Gladesville Chamber of Commerce (GCC) with a joint celebration with a Business After Hours event on Monday 6 December at the Bayview Hotel, Gladesville. The event was well-attended with lots of networking. Some of our re-elected Ryde Councillors (Cllrs Bernard Purcell, Penny Pederson) even made their appearance.

We welcome Max McFarlane and Ranika Dawson from the GCC to our Committee. Max McFarlane will be VP – Gladesville and will look after the Gladesville area. We also welcome Smita Khakhar to the Committee. Smita has made significant contribution to MPRBC and is highly valued for her drive to help the Chamber.

Our last Committee meeting was on Thursday 9 December followed by 'Happy Hour' at Holiday Inn Express, Macquarie Park. Some of our members came along for a drink and networking. Thank you to Jasmine Harris for the sumptuous spread.

With an increased Committee, we are looking to better service our members moving forward. We have organised some great events and education sessions for 2022 in line with our core three pillars,

Connect | Collaborate | Communicate

We also wish to acknowledge Ryde Council for their ongoing support and in particular Jan Bouhali for her contribution and attendance at our events.

A big thanks to Mark Kimber, our Administration Officer for his valuable contribution to keep the Chamber going.

Our office will be closed from 21 December 2021-10 January 2022.

Stay safe and enjoy the holiday period to refresh for an exciting 2022.

Warmest regards,
Your MPRBC Committee

Latest News

Ryde Council Elections Update

Following the recent Ryde Council elections, the final makeup of the 12 Councillors will not be determined until preferences are distributed and results declared from 21-23 December.

The current situation is as follows:

- Labor – 5
- Liberals – 4
- Roy Maggio - 1:
- Remaining 2 spots - uncertain

Getting back to business post Covid lockdown

MPRBC Platinum Member, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers, have dedicated a lot of time and effort to creating materials to assist businesses within our community feel prepared and confident when returning to business post Covid lockdown.

Recent Webinars

- National webinar on Covid Vaccinations and other related workplace issues [watch here](#)
- NSW Recovering post COVID lockdown [watch here](#)
- China - A challenge and an opportunity [watch here](#)

Articles

- <https://www.hunthunt.com.au/services/employment-and-workplace-relations/stapled-super-funds-do-you-have-your-procedures-in-order/>
- <https://www.hunthunt.com.au/services/corporate-and-commercial/new-director-identification-number-requirements-coming-soon/>
- <https://www.hunthunt.com.au/services/family/its-time-now-to-make-arrangements-and-plans-for-the-children-over-the-summer/>

International Day of People with Disabilities 2021 (IDPWD)



Friday 3 December was International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD), a United Nations observed day aimed at increasing public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.

Each year a theme is announced by the UN, providing an overarching focus on how society can strive for inclusivity through the removal of physical, technological and attitudinal barriers for people with disability.

The theme for IDPwD 2021 is 'Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world' and Jo-Anne Hewitt GAICD, CEO of Achieve Australia and Platinum Member of Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber has a message for our community.

Upcoming Events



Macquarie Park Ryde BC Monthly Members Event with Geoff Anderson

'Pitch Your Business'

Monday 20 December 2021

Online via Zoom

6:00pm - 6:30pm

[Register now](#)

Member Updates

New Members

With over 25 years' experience in writing, marketing, communications, mentoring, and social media, **Alison Hallworth** is a powerful communicator, an unapologetic connector and has a proven track record in delivering value to the people and organisations she works with.

Focusing on areas of copywriting, training and strategy, Alison provides workshops, content and copy, as well as coaching to businesses of all sizes and industries.



With 10 years' experience in the cleaning industry between Adelaide and Sydney, **Carefully Done** has a growing reputation in the local Macquarie Park Ryde region offering both home and office cleaning services.

Through their three core values, "Be Thorough, Be Proactive, Be Consistent", they are known for their high quality of service and professionalism.



With a relaxing and rejuvenating essence, **Designs by Karizma Hair** offer a wide range of services encompassing all hair and beauty needs.

Based in Gladesville, they are strong advocates of sustainability, proactively supporting recycling of plastic packaging and all other materials, donating proceeds to OzHarvest and KiwiHarvest, as well as contributing to not-for-profits specialising in the creating of wigs for those suffering from cancer or alopecia.



Family owned and operating since 1991, **Floral DeVine** is one of the longest-lasting and most successful businesses of Hunters Hill.

With customers going back three generations, they are known as the go-to florist providing services to individuals as well as organisations across New South Wales.



Insurance Advisernet was founded in 1996 with a clear and powerful aim: to provide high-quality risk management advice that business owners can trust.

With a presence in 150+ locations across Australia and New Zealand, this business is known for being customer-centric and a proactive member of their local communities.



Based in Gladesville, **Olympic Locksmiths** has over 40 years of experience delivering locksmiths services to the wider Sydney area.

From residential and commercial security solutions through to safes and Gaming machines, they take care of all security needs.



The Happy Hens Social Enterprise Inc is an incorporated entity operating as a not-for-profit organisation, registered with the ACNC.

Their ethos is "growing connections" by gardening, sharing a coffee or just engaging in community, and hence aim to serve the community and connect people of all generations by providing activities that are all inclusive.



Founded in 1989, **Vincents'** mission is to work with their stakeholders to deliver comprehensive insights into complex situations and enable them to control of decisions and get the best possible results.

As a firm of highly specialised experts with a unique focus on meeting specific accounting and business needs, they have researched and developed systems and processes that allow them to provide true expert advice that is both timely and cost efficient.

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Since 2005, **Artisan Promotional Products** has been providing businesses with the ability to communicate their image or product in a fun, exciting and interactive manner by offering a wide selection of promotional gifts and incentive items.

No matter what quantity your business is looking for, their quality service and efficiency is what makes them unique.



Led by Gurvir Singh Makkar, **Erudite Advisers and Accountants** is a sought-after firm known for servicing locals and the wider business community in all aspects of accounting and tax planning services.



With a purpose to deliver customised treatments and honest advice to clients craving achievably beautiful skin, **Flawless You** is customer-centric salon based in Hunters Hill.

Founded and led by Tatyana Tinetti, they offer robust menu of treatments for both men and women with a uniquely personalised approach.



Founded in 2018 by Yvonne and Alex Kelly, **Glow Up Careers** helps "everyone on earth build the career of their dreams".

With over 20 years' experience in the recruitment industry, they work with individuals to find the right job, and with organisations to build high performing and engaged teams.



With over 20 years' experience as a counsellor and a coach, **Janice Williams** specialises in mother-daughter relationship coaching, offering both in-person and online consulting services throughout Australia and worldwide.



Shobha Designs was established in 2002 by Nilesh Munot, a qualified and registered architect and urban designer with over 18 years of industry experience.

Through a creative yet practical approach, Nilesh and his team are committed to achieving client satisfaction, design excellence and an effective management of their work through experience, intellect, and the use of up-to-date technology.



Established over 12 years ago with an aim to provide finance solutions that are as individual as each of their customers are, **Strategic Loans & Investment Services** assists in obtaining the home loan that best suits the circumstances and needs of their customers.



By providing quality music education designed to cater for each individual student's learning style and interests, **Tutti Music Academy**, based in



the heart of Gladesville, is passionate about sharing a love of music with its students.

Exclusive Member Offers

Happy Hour is back at Holiday Inn Express Macquarie Park!

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4PM TO 6PM

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Christmas Lunch at Eden Gardens

Eden's hospitality team have put together delicious Wine & Dine and group Christmas menus for your enjoyment. Relax in our indoor / outdoor setting when dining at the Gardens Restaurant and Terrace Bar. Christmas menus start from \$35 per person.

For more information about Eden Gardens and what's on visit us on <https://edengardens.com.au/>



Sydney Caribbean Festival 2022

Hope Kidd of Jamaican Products promises you a fabulous afternoon of Caribbean culture at the 2022 Caribbean Festival in North Ryde on 26 February, with unique food offerings and live music. Find out more and book at <https://sydneycaribbeanfestival.com.au>

JAMAICAN PRODUCTS PRESENTS

2022 Sydney Caribbean Festival

SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY

1PM - 8PM | NORTH RYDE SCHOOL OF ARTS, 201 GOXS ROAD, NORTH RYDE NSW 2113

TICKETS

Online tickets:
Adults (18+) \$25
Teens (6-17) \$15
Kids (5 and under) Free
Family (Parents + 3 children) \$80

At the door tickets:
Adults (18+) \$35
Teens (6-17) \$25
Kids (5 and under) Free
Family (Parents + 3 children) \$75

Book online now:

Caribbean Rhythms

Dancing

Food & Drinks for sale

Caribbean Arts & Crafts

We are asking patrons to bring toiletries for donation to local charity WWI2Live. A financial donation will be made from ticket sales to a local charity.

SEE MORE AND BOOK AT [SYDNEYCARIBBEANFESTIVAL.COM.AU](https://sydneycaribbeanfestival.com.au)
STALL ENQUIRIES: EVENTS@SYDNEYCARIBBEANFESTIVAL.COM.AU

Travel is Back!



Meet Me at 'The Coffee Club' in Top Ryde City Shopping Centre
EVERY TUESDAY from 2.00pm till 4.30pm as your travel concierge for your next holiday.

Come and say "Hello" to Lydia.



Contact Lydia at Helloworld Travel Top Ryde City on 9808 3019 or 0413815830.

EMAIL; toprydecity@helloworld.com.au

I look forward to seeing you there!

Council News

This month, City of Ryde have a plenty of good news to share and have arranged a variety of initiatives with their continued objective of supporting our business community!

Council Services Update

The Ryde, Eastwood, Gladesville and West Ryde library branches have all reopened, in line with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions by the NSW Government.

The Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) has reopened for all purposes. This includes lap swimming, swimming lessons, squad training, rehabilitation activities and community sporting groups in the stadium.

The Customer Service Centre is open and operates Monday to Friday between the hours of 10am to 4pm.

[Find out more here](#)



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