



# Monthly News

February 2022

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Welcome to the latest edition of Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber News.

We are 6 weeks into 2022, and what an exciting and fulfilling 6 weeks it has been! From welcoming new members to our growing community, to recognising long-time member Geoff Anderson as the latest addition to your Chamber committee, to hosting a successful first Business After Hours event of 2022 with Hunt & Hunt Lawyers!

Wait till you see what is in store for the next week and every week after that! Keep reading, follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook & Instagram, and check your emails - there's a lot more excitement coming your way!

Warmest regards,  
Your MPRBC Committee

## Latest News

### Business After Hours February 2022 with Hunt & Hunt Lawyers

Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber held its first Business After Hours Networking Event for 2022. Our Platinum member, Hunt and Hunt Lawyers who were the hosts for the evening, presented a panel of legal experts with opportunity for members to ask questions, particularly in relation to employment law, property, wills and estates and family law matters. The panel consisted of Sarah Cappello, Joe Dominello and Vicki Colmer-Ridge. We had over 65 attendees in spite of rain and Covid restrictions.

Much interest was also focussed on relevant business matters and offered valuable advice to our small business owners will also hand out free resources and information that you can utilise within your business.

Managing Partner Brett Hearnden spoke about the history of Hunt & Hunt who originated in Eastwood. The firm originated from Sydney but has since grown to a national status and have



enjoyed being part of the Ryde community for over 90 years. Hunt & Hunt remains community focused and are honoured to continue to assist the businesses and residents of the Ryde district area. With an office strategically located in Macquarie Business Park, the firm offers services such as commercial, property and conveyancing, wills and estates, family law, employment law, environmental and planning and disputes.



New Ryde Mayor Jordan Lane, Council Rep Jan Bouhali and Ryde local member Victor Dominello MP added gravitas to the event.

The Mayor reiterated the Council's support to local business, while also promoting the incredible professional diversity of the new Council. about the need to inject a new culture and tone to Council - one that works constructively with Government and

local stakeholders to benefit our local community. The event was a huge success and was well-attended with positive feedback from our members. Great networking evening with delicious food provided by MGSM centre. A big thanks to Hunt & Hunt for the lucky door prize, a food hamper won by our member Ghazal Gholam Hossein from Mayfield Property Buyers.

We look forward to our ongoing relationship with Hunt & Hunt Lawyers, and to our next event.

[See the full event gallery here](#)

### Shen Yun 2022 - "Experience China Before Communism"

**Treat yourself and your loved ones to an unforgettable night of exceptional beauty, wisdom and hope.**

Be transported to heavenly realms by this epic production through elegant Classical Chinese dance, original orchestral works, and 3D interactive backdrops. Moving stories of love and loss, of humour and heroic deeds, of divine intervention, all come to life on stage.



Experience superb artistry. Experience Shen Yun 2022.

#### Experience China Before Communism

Steeped in 5,000 years of wisdom with deeply spiritual roots, Chinese culture was said to be inspired by the heavens. Yet for decades, this soul of the nation has been systematically destroyed by communism, leading to terrible suffering. Today we are bringing it back to life for you.

In the story-packed new production, discover the deep wisdom and stunning beauty of China before communism. Treat your friends and family to an incredible journey that will leave everyone feeling rejuvenated for the new year.

[For event details and bookings, click here](#)

### "Meaningful inclusion for people with disability" - an event not to be missed!

MPRBC Platinum Member, Achieve Australia, will be hosting the upcoming Business After Hours event on Monday 7 March!

Achieve Australia have enjoyed being part of the Ryde community for 70 years. Being an NDIS-registered provider, they provide services to people with disability across greater Sydney and in the Northern Rivers region of NSW. Achieve champions social inclusion, focusing on the individual needs and lives of the people they support.

In 2021, Achieve Australia established The Achieve Foundation, to fund and commission research and innovation designed to remove barriers to inclusion for people with disability. The Foundation wants people with disability to experience belonging and is focused on two key drivers of inclusion: housing and supports for people with complex disability and shifting community attitudes to people with disability.



Join Achieve Australia at the next Business After Hours event to hear from their senior leaders and be introduced to The Achieve Foundation. The presentation will include a panel that will discuss corporate social responsibility and the benefit of small to medium-sized enterprises to philanthropy.

[For event details and registration, click here](#)

## Upcoming Events



**Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber**  
**'Pitch Your Business'**  
Monthly Members Event hosted by  
**Geoff Anderson**  
Monday 21 February 2022  
Online via Zoom  
6:00pm - 6:40pm

[Register now](#)

**Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber**  
**Business After Hours March 2022**  
hosted by  
**Achieve Australia**  
Monday 7 March 2022  
The Epping Club  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

[Register now](#)





**Get Connected -**  
**Smart Ideas for Small Business**  
hosted by  
**City of Ryde & MPRBC**  
Wednesday 16 March 2022  
Optus Macquarie Park  
5:00pm - 8:00pm

[Register now](#)

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## Member Updates

### New Members

Since 1875, **Heritage Bank** has continued to grow to be one of the largest customer-owned banks in Australia.

With the NSW branches led by Odette Quine, the latest Heritage Bank location will be opening it's doors at Macquarie Centre on Tuesday 1st March 2022.



## Exclusive Member Offers

### 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>



## MPRBC Blog

A place for sharing updates, general interest articles, tips & tricks, musings and so much more, we welcome you to contribute as well as subscribe and spectate some great content. Check out the [MPRBC Blog](#)!

If you would like to contribute, please reach out to [marketing@mprbc.com.au](mailto:marketing@mprbc.com.au)

### What to do if you catch Covid-19 while on annual leave



**Contributed by Benjamin Keyworth, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers**

If you fall ill (whether by COVID-19 or otherwise) during a period of scheduled annual leave, it's possible to swap out your annual leave for paid personal leave. Rather than having to endure a wasted period of annual leave ...

[Read more](#)

### Updated COVID-19 Hearing Protocols in the FCFCOA and the COVID list



**Contributed by Sarah C, Joey T, Margaret G & David T, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers**

The Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) has again updated its COVID-19 protocol in response to the changing COVID-19 situation around the country ...

[Read more](#)

## Council News

This month City of Ryde have a plenty of great events to welcome you to and have arranged a variety of initiatives with their continued objective of supporting our business community!

### 22 February 2022 - Macquarie Park Space Innovation Summit. 8am - 9.30am via Zoom.

The Summit is organised by a joint committee under the umbrella of Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District (CMPID). It will bring together industry, government and academia in the local aerospace, space defence and space imaging sectors; to celebrate local achievements, create collaborative networks and to highlight the positive impact of the sector. [Register here.](#)

### 1 March 2022 - Clean Up Australia Day for Business.

Business Clean Up Day encourages businesses and their employees to take to their local park, bushland, streets or business premise and help collect rubbish. A Business Clean Up Day is a great way to increase team cohesion via a low-cost team building exercise and fulfil your corporate social responsibilities. [Find out how to get involved and register here.](#)



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