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Good morning,

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

"You can get excited about the future. The past won't mind." - Hillary DePiano, playwright and author

Have you noticed anything different this month when driving to your local shopping centre? Or when stopping at your favourite coffee shop on the way to work? Or maybe you've noticed it when you've walked into your office and bumped into a colleague? Is it just the usual buzz before Christmas? Or is it something more?

It's definitely something more. That buzz is pure excitement. Excitement to open the doors to our businesses and welcome in customers, both old and new. Excitement to see our colleagues in person and have a chat by the coffee machine. Excitement to see family and friends across the bridge. Excitement to kick-start 2022 with a bang!

We at MPRBC cannot wait to show you what we have in store for 2022. From the return of the crowd-favourite Monthly Business After Hours, to the newly established membership levels delivering quantifiable value and seamless ROI, to the innovative additions to our annual events calendar providing opportunities for personal and professional development, to the initiatives we are introducing to proactively support our members, MPRBC is excited to kick-start 2022!

Watch this space.

Warmest regards,
Your MPRBC Committee

Latest News

Gladesville is joining the Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber

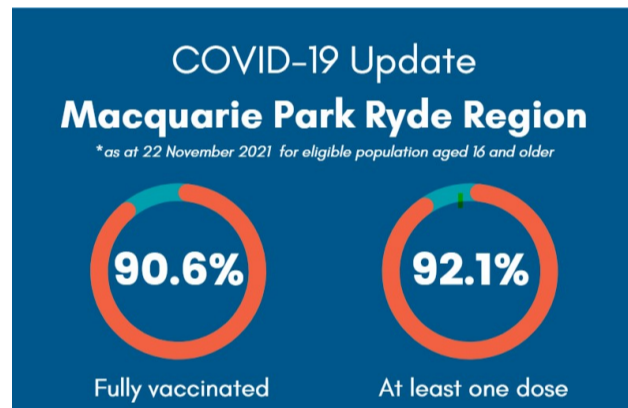
The past couple of years have been challenging for many within our business community, and the need to come together and work collaboratively has become more important and valuable. To that end, we are proud to announce that the Gladesville Chamber will be joining forces with the Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber and contributing to our ongoing mission to deliver more support, more value and more benefits to our members and growing community.

Our final Business After Hours event for 2021, "Welcome to Gladesville & Merry Christmas!" on Monday 6th December 2021, will welcome our new members from the Gladesville region and be an occasion to celebrate challenges overcome in the past year and goals to achieve in the coming year over drinks, nibbles and merry conversations. We hope to see you there! For more details, click [here](#).

Covid-19 Vaccination Rates in Macquarie Park Ryde

As of 22nd November 2021, the Macquarie Park Ryde region has achieved a huge milestone with over 90.6% of people living in our LGA double dose vaccinated and 92.1% of people living in our LGA vaccinated with at least one dose! Let's keep up the great work and support our peers and council!

Source: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-local-government-area-lga-22-november-2021>



Introducing the MPRBC Blog!

In line with our continued efforts to boost collaboration efforts and share knowledge across our community, the Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber is excited to introduce the [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.

If you would like to contribute, please reach out to marketing@mprbc.com.au

Returning to (the new) Normal



Contributed by Sabrina Ferguson, Arion Productions

With lockdown restrictions easing, the extroverts among us can't wait to get back to the office and face to face business meetings, not to mention networking events. For the not-so-extroverted, lockdown has provided an opportunity to do business from ...

[Read more](#)

Are you making an impression at your online meetings?



Contributed by Soraya Raju, Migrate Success

Covid-19 isolation has led us to review our ways of networking and conducting business meetings and interviews. We may not be able to meet face to face so how do we create a lasting impression in online meetings? Treat online meetings as face-to-face ...

[Read more](#)

The latest Business Conditions Survey by Business NSW



"Business confidence suffered a hit in the last quarter, but there is cause for optimism as the state re-opens, according to the latest Business Conditions Survey conducted by Business NSW.

The survey, which has been conducted each quarter for the past 20 years, canvassed the thoughts of almost 1700 business owners across regional and metropolitan NSW in recent weeks as restrictions were coming to an end."

[NSW Business Conditions Reports](#)

Upcoming Events



Macquarie Park Ryde BC Business After Hours 'Welcome to Gladesville & Merry Christmas'

Monday 6 December 2021
Bayview Hotel Gladesville
5:30pm - 7:00pm

[Register now](#)



Join your MPRBC Committee for Happy Hour at Holiday Inn Express Macquarie Park

Thursday 9 November 2021
Holiday Inn Express
4:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register now](#)



Macquarie Park Ryde BC
Monthly Members Event with
Geoff Andreason
'Pitch Your Business'

Monday 20 December 2021

Online via Zoom

6:00pm - 6:30pm

[Register now](#)

Member Updates

New Members

Working in banking, BFG saw the effects and revelations of the Royal Banking Commission. With a deep sense of responsibility and desire of creating a better world, Benevolence Financial Group was founded with the sole thought "What if the most mistrusted industry became the leading force for sustainable change in the world?".

Led by Samuel Philipos, Benevolence Financial Group is the first social enterprise mortgage brokerage firm in Sydney specialising in home loans with a purpose, where 50% of profits made are invested to build affordable housing for families in need.

BENNELONG LEGAL

Canale Tax and Accounting, founded by Nicole Canale - a qualified and talented personal, business and trust accountant, aims to provide guidance for individuals, sole traders, small to large businesses and trusts in all of the business requirements from bookkeeping to accounting to advice.

Canale Tax and Accounting may be based in the heart of Putney just a stone's throw from Ryde & Gladesville, but our client base stretches Australia wide thanks to online accounting.

cloudberry

Led by Stephen Morse, Unchained Solutions inspires Australian organisations to be leaders in making an impact on modern slavery. Their vision is to see the Modern Slavery Act implemented in every board room in Australia so that organisations can make a lasting social impact upon survivors.

Unchained offers a full range of professional services to help business leaders not just meet the compliance regulations of the Modern Slavery Act 2018, but to go beyond compliance, including assessing the risks of modern slavery, and the opportunities to remediate and invest in communities that are vulnerable to the human rights abuse of modern slavery.



Located in the Top Ryde City Centre and the Platinum Building in Erina, Bennelong Legal provides personalised legal services and guidance in a range of core areas such as family law, criminal law, commercial litigation and agreements, debt collection, etc.

Since starting the business in 1981, John Law's focus and objective has always been to provide personal service to every client, no matter how large the corporation, or how poor the individual.

CANALE

tax and accounting

Cloudberry Solutions is a leading provider of software solutions to the Health international insurance sector, helping many of today's most forward-thinking Insurance Companies, Reinsurance Companies, TPAs, Medical Service Providers and self insured organisations transform for the future.

Their enterprise-driven software solutions provide data exchange, management and processing of insurance policies and claims, billing, with integrated business intelligence and insurance analytics.



Happy Hour is back at Holiday Inn Express Macquarie Park!

AN IHG® HOTEL
SYDNEY
MACQUARIE PARK

HAPPY HOUR HAPPENS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
4PM TO 6PM

\$5
ALL HOUSE BEERS & WINES

10 BYFIELD STREET, MACQUARIE PARK NSW 2113

What's On at Eden Gardens!

Eden Unearthed

6 month exhibition Nov 21 – April 22

Eden Unearthed, the largest privately funded exhibition of its kind in Australia, has returned to Macquarie Park's Eden Gardens from November for 6 months.

The 35-installation strong showcase spanning over 2.5 acres prides itself on upholding the three pillars of sustainability: economic, environmental and social and is a free exhibition.

For more information click [here](#).



Christmas at the Gardens Restaurant

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/>



Christmas Artisan Markets

Sunday 12th December, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Eden Gardens is hosting its seasonal artisans market with a selection of bespoke products created by local artisans. Enjoy this open air market on our café terrace. Jewellery, notes and cards, ceramics, paintings and terrific tea towels, cushions and accessories.

For more information click [here](#).



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](#)

Cinema in the Park - Christmas Edition

Come down to the park with your family and friends to celebrate the festive season with a family-friendly Christmas movie! Watch The Polar Express on Friday 10 December 2021 at Ryde Park in Ryde, or enjoy Elf on Saturday 11 December 2021 at Fontenoy Park in Macquarie Park.

The movies start at sundown (around 8pm) but you're invited to come by earlier for soft serve ice-cream, inflatable slides and obstacles courses. There will also be dinner options and special appearances by giant candy canes and bouncing elves.

Don't miss the free popcorn, which will be handed out until stock runs out. This is a free event and registrations are essential.

[Find out more here](#)



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