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# NEWSLETTER

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## Community Fire Units

The NSW Rural Fire Service now has a **Fires Near Me NSW** Mobile App, which provides information on bush fire incidents in NSW and a **firesnearme.com** Mobile site, which provides fire information from participating Australian and NZ fire agencies. For more details on the above and further information about the NSW Rural Fire Service on the net visit the following link:

[http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp\\_content.cfm?cat\\_id=131251](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_content.cfm?cat_id=131251)

At a well attended CFU fire drill in Albert Drive old and new residents met, discussed priorities over summer and practised with the equipment. Residents noted the recent distribution of the "Fire and Rescue Red Bushfire Emergency Must Have Bags" and the Prepare – Act – Survive message. This included the Leave Early message in circumstance of **Catastrophic** conditions, if property has not been prepared or if there are elderly, children or disabled. A question was raised regarding congestion in the street (Albert Drive) due to number of cars parked, including on corners, which may impede Fire Trucks and egress. No solution was found although parking on only one side was suggested. An issue for residents to be aware of and on high fire danger days to park off street where possible.

## M2 Motorway

Construction of the southbound ramp on the M2 from Ryde Road will commence soon. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have rejected our request to have a barrier or earth mound constructed to attenuate the M2 road noise. RMS maintain that the noise is within limits and the new ramp will not increase noise levels. If you have any concerns over excessive noise coming from the M2 please contact the Group.

## Area Security

There has been a report of a break-in and robbery in Albert Drive. All residents are reminded to be extra vigilant and to report anything suspicious.

## Nominations For 2014 Committee

Nominations are called for the 2014 Committee. If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member please contact Cec Morgan for a Nomination Form. Nominations close on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

## 2014 Subscriptions

Due to our healthy Balance Sheet and since no significant expense is foreseeable the Committee has determined that the \$10.00 Subscription will again be waived for existing members. Existing members will automatically continue their membership next year without payment of a 2014 subscription.

## **Ryde Waste Management And Recycling Centre**

Since processing of greenwaste at the Centre has been discontinued and the waste is not being stored on the site for an extended period of time we have not been experiencing an odour problem over the past 6 months.

To ensure this standard is maintained it is important that if you detect an annoying smell or noise coming from the Centre DECCW (131 555) and SITA (1800 062 086) should be notified as soon as possible.

The Ryde Waste Management And Recycling Centre is now a drop zone for receiving E Waste free of charge. For a full list of accepted and not accepted items see adjacent notice.

As 98% of E Waste deposited at the site is recycled residents are urged to use this free service rather than discarding E Waste on Council's kerbside cleanup service.

The Centre is also a drop zone for Bikes4life, an organisation that repairs and sends bicycles to underprivileged persons all over the world. So if you have a bicycle that you no longer want consider donating it to Bikes4life. For further information on Bikes4life visit <http://www.bikes4life.com.au/project-overview/>.

The operators of the Centre SITA, has a Community Grants Programme which provides grant payments of up to \$5,000 for projects that have a positive impact on the local community. For further information visit <http://www.sitacommunitygrants.com.au/>.

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Cec Morgan



### **Recycle TVs and Computers for FREE!**

Electronic waste, or 'E-waste', is growing three times faster than any other type of waste in Australia and up until recently only about 17% of it was being recycled.

Thanks to the new *National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme*, residents and small businesses can now recycle their unwanted TVs, computers and computer parts for FREE!

Make the drop for FREE at one of over 300 Drop Zones located across Australia. Visit [www.dropzone.org.au](http://www.dropzone.org.au) to find your nearest Drop Zone.

#### **What's accepted**

- ✓ All types of televisions
- ✓ Computer monitors
- ✓ Personal computers and parts
- ✓ Laptops, notebooks, palmtops and tablets
- ✓ Computer peripherals such as mice and keyboards
- ✓ Printers and scanners

#### **What's not accepted**

- ✗ Mobile phones
- ✗ Game consoles
- ✗ DVD and video players
- ✗ Radios / stereos
- ✗ Set top boxes



#### **Our promise to you**

- ♻️ Our local and national recyclers are exceeding the environmental targets set by the Federal Government
- ♻️ Over 95% (minimum) of the product is recycled
- ♻️ Supporting social enterprises through employment opportunities
- ♻️ First globally operating logistics company to set concrete CO<sub>2</sub> efficiency targets

For a full list of products accepted please visit [www.dropzone.org.au](http://www.dropzone.org.au)

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