

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### MEMBERSHIPS:

- Eastwood Progress Association
- Meadowbank-West Ryde Progress Association
- Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club
- North Ryde RSL
- Eastwood Rugby Union Club
- Richmond AFL Club
- Balmain Leagues Club
- Balmain Leagues Swimming Club
- Balmain Rugby League Football Club
- Sydney Cricket Ground

### PERSONAL HISTORY

- Born at St Margarets Hospital, Darlinghurst – April 1965
- Primary education – St Therese Denistone
- Secondary education – St Patrick's College, Strathfield
- Tertiary education – Retail and Marketing Certificates, both completed at Meadowbank TAFE.
- Previously resided at:
  - Curzon Street, Ryde (2 years)
  - Florence Avenue, Eastwood (23 years)
  - Bank Street, Meadowbank (8 years)
  - Currently residing at Darwin Street, West Ryde
- As a member of the Taffa Family, my career has been in sales and retailing. My employers have included:
  - Taffas Hardware
  - Woolworths
  - David Jones
  - Waters Trading Company
  - Igloo Deli
  - George Weston Foods
  - Australian Bureau of Statistics
  - Arthur Anderson
  - South Sydney Leagues Club
  - North Ryde RSL
  - Pizza Hut

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### INTERESTS:

- Macquarie University Aust. F. C.
- Balmain Aust. F. C.
- Inaugural President, Richmond Tigers GSSC
- Aston Villa FC
- Chelsea FC
- Chairman, Treasurer of Body Corporate
- Church duties at St Michael's Meadowbank Parish
- Tram, train enthusiast
- Tennis, gardening enthusiast
- Epping Toastmasters Club
- Bronze Star Medallion

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Your assistance would be appreciated for Polling Day, Saturday September 11, 1999.

Please call Victor on (02) 9804 0249 if you are willing to assist in the following areas:

- Letterbox distributions
- Pre-Poll assistance
- Preparation for Polling Day refreshments.
- Distribute How-to-Vote leaflets.
- Scrutiny of the Count.
- Celebrate at election night party.

VOTE **1** RATEPAYERS  
FOR A  
POPULARLY ELECTED MAYOR

**1** VICTOR TAFFA

**2** DAVID CRAWFORD

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Saturday September 11, 1999.



West Ward  
Ryde City Council Elections

*Because all Politics  
is Local*



# PUTTING RYDE RATEPAYERS FIRST

## ADMINISTRATION

With an aging population comes increasing pressure on Ryde Council to address the concerns of ratepayers. To address this situation adequately, a **DIRECTOR OF AGED CARE AND DISABILITY** be deployed by Ryde City Council.

## CURB, GUTTER, DRAINAGE AND FOOTPATH WORKS:

- Adelaide, Darwin Streets West Ryde – drainage.
- Miriam Road, Denistone – road surface.
- Florence Avenue, Eastwood – road surface, gutter, drainage.
- Darwin, Huxley, Deakin & Hibble Streets, West Ryde – footpaths.
- East Parade, Denistone – curbing, drainage works required.
- West Parade at Denistone Station - new safety fence.
- Lawson Street, Brush & Terry Roads Eastwood – drainage.
- Dayman Place, Marsfield – curbing, drainage required.
- Culloden Road, Marsfield – curbing, drainage, road surface.

## Does your street need improvement?

Victor cares and wants to hear from you!  
Call the Street Improvement Hotline on 9804 0249.



Light rail vehicle in Hay Street, Sydney

## ELECTORAL REFORM

### WARD BOUNDARIES

The abolition of ward boundaries ensures elected councillors are responsible for 100% of the City of Ryde.  
The abolition of ward boundaries should occur in September 2000.

### POPULAR ELECTION OF MAYOR

A referendum of all Ryde City ratepayers as to whether or not a popular election for mayor of Ryde City Council be held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000, and if approved, a mayoral election be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2000. The first popularly elected mayor of Ryde would serve until the second Saturday of September 2003. Elections for mayor and councillors would be held together three years thereafter.

### REDUCTION OF COUNCILLORS

The number of Ryde City councillors be reduced to nine effective from September 2003.

### ENVIRONMENT

Electricity and pay television cables to be placed underground throughout the City of Ryde over a ten year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000.

### HERITAGE

The establishment of a **HISTORIC HOUSES TRUST** to maintain, furnish and co-ordinate tours with tourist operators and promoted in conjunction with Tourism New South Wales.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Construction of an underground rail line from **EASTWOOD** to St Leonards with a **WEST RYDE** 'Y' link.
- Bus shelter required at Parer Street Terminus, Melrose Park.
- Bus shelters needed all along routes 511, 513.
- Ferry wharf needed at wharf road, Melrose Park.
- Light rail network to commence construction in November 2000
- Car parking built above **WEST RYDE** and **EASTWOOD** Railway Stations.



Light rail stop at Haymarket, Sydney

### ROADS

- Complete review or removal of all speed humps, roundabouts and other traffic calming devices.

### PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

- Epping and Balaclava Roads, Marsfield.
- Epping & Herring Roads, Marsfield.
- Victoria Road, West Ryde

### INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- Culloden and Waterloo Roads, Marsfield.
- Florence Avenue and Denistone Road, Eastwood
- Blaxland and Balaclava Roads, Eastwood
- Epping and Balaclava Roads, Marsfield.
- Victoria and Chatham Roads, West Ryde

### TRAFFIC LIGHTS

- Florence Avenue and Blaxland Road, Eastwood
- Wharf Road and Lancaster Avenue, Melrose Park
- Marsden Road and Lawson Street, Eastwood
- Agincourt and Balaclava Roads, Marsfield

### SPORTS

All Council owned playing fields be adequately drained. This will enable sporting clubs to use them without interruption and insure those grounds do not turn to quagmires.

More recently, Victor supported the proposed amalgamation of Eastwood Rugby Club with North Ryde RSL.