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Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Ryde Chili Dinner and Cook-Off



It was a fine evening on January 14<sup>th</sup> that saw more than forty-five people come out for the annual Chili Dinner and Cook-off at the Ryde Community Centre. The dining room was filled with eager judges waiting to sample the cook-off entries and render their judgment on the finest of Ryde Chili offered that evening. Fourteen people, including one young Ryde resident who decided to enter as an adult, responded to the challenge issued by Co-op President, Terry Pilger and brought their favourite chili to the dinner. In addition to the traditional ingredients used, turkey and venison along with other secret ingredients such as the prize winning Boken maple syrup made for an impressive variety of chili. Judging was lively and determining a favourite chili was a daunting task for some as all were very tasty. When the votes were tallied, a new Ryde Chili Champ was declared – Shawn Kerswell whose venison Chili was the hit of the evening. First runner-up was Jennie Nice who made a tongue tingling chili and the second runner-up was Vicky Groves. Vicky was our lone junior entry but her decision to pit her chili against the adult contestants proved she could hold her own in the competition. It was a well-fed group who left that evening!

Our thanks to all of those who helped make the evening such a success as well as to Ann Marie and Andrew Taylor for embroidering and donating the prize aprons.

Once again, we were pleased to see that other members stepped up to help with all aspects of putting this event together ensuring that the Ryde Community had another enjoyable event. 🍴

## Coming Events

- ✓ Bid Euchre Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1 pm
- ✓ Quilter Fabric Exchange Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm
- ✓ Foot Care Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 am

Be sure to check the [calendar](#) on the website for additional information and new events

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Remember to submit news items to [rydernews@bell.net](mailto:rydernews@bell.net) for the next Ryder Newsletter by February 23<sup>rd</sup>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### • Holy Manger Anglican Church

Services will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

### • Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church

**Feb. 12** - - The Annual Winter Picnic will be held after the morning service. The time is to be arranged, but you're invited to attend church dressed for this outside event. Kids 12 & under need to be accompanied by an adult. Bring hot dogs to roast, sleds, crazy carpets, etc.  
*Questions? Please call 705-687-3005.*

### • St. Paul's Anglican Church - Washago

**Feb. 21** - The annual Pancake Supper is being held on Shrove Tuesday from 4 to 6 pm.  
*Free Will Offering*

*Do you know of special events or occasions happening in our community? Please send it to: [rydernews@bell.net](mailto:rydernews@bell.net).*





## Welcome Spring!!!

A group of at least thirty people met for breakfast at Summerland General Store to toast the Groundhog's prediction on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It's official – we will be enjoying an early spring! ☺

## Foot Care Opportunity

On February 1<sup>st</sup> the first Ryde Centre Foot Care morning was held and six neighbours took advantage of its convenient location. Diane Bradley will be holding these on the first Wednesday each month. With comments like: "Oh, my feet feel so wonderful!" "I'll be back next month", and "I learned how to head off future foot problems" ... we can be sure that this program is a keeper.

Some folks enjoyed checking out the library before leaving. It was nice to see that happening, and some books selected to be perused at home.

We took time to enjoy coffee, tea, cookies, and muffins and to enjoy the social opportunity as well. It was a relaxing way to connect with new folks and old friends. We think this will be a popular new event at the RCC. The Next Foot Care will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am. The cost is \$15.00 for RCC members. *To book your time, please phone Diane Bradley at 705-687-4743.* ☺



## Quilters!

Just a little reminder that the fabric exchange will take place at the Ryde Community Centre (a.k.a. Ryde School) at 1642 Barkway Rd., where the dinners are held. There is no entry fee and no cash will exchange hands. There will be a free will donation. Please bring only cotton or poly-cotton fabrics, bundled separately. Use the following as a guide:

**15 – 5" x 5" squares have the same amount of fabric as 7 – 2 1/2" x 21" strips**  
OR **1 – 18" x 21" fat quarter.**

**30 – 5" x 5" squares have the same amount of fabric as 7 – 2 1/2" x 42" strips**  
OR **2 – 18" x 21" fat quarters.**

If you wish to exchange yardage of other sizes, please try to trade equal amounts. We're expecting some mild - maybe even sunny weather, so we hope you'll join us on Saturday, February 11. The coffee will be hot, the tea will also. Refreshments are \$2. See you there! *For more info, email [oknala@bell.net](mailto:oknala@bell.net) or call 705-867-0843.* ☺

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Sunday School for Grades SK thru 7 – 10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship Service with Jr. Church – 11:00am  
Prayer Meeting – Wednesdays, 8:00pm Check the website or call for location.

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