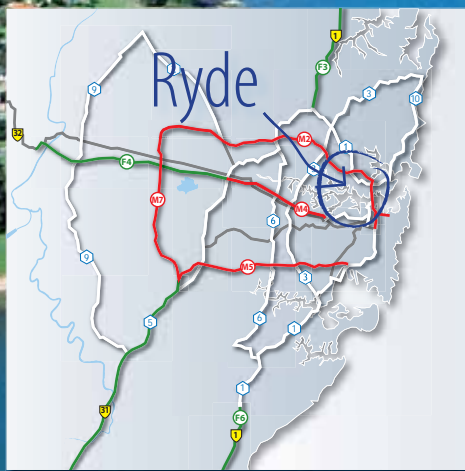
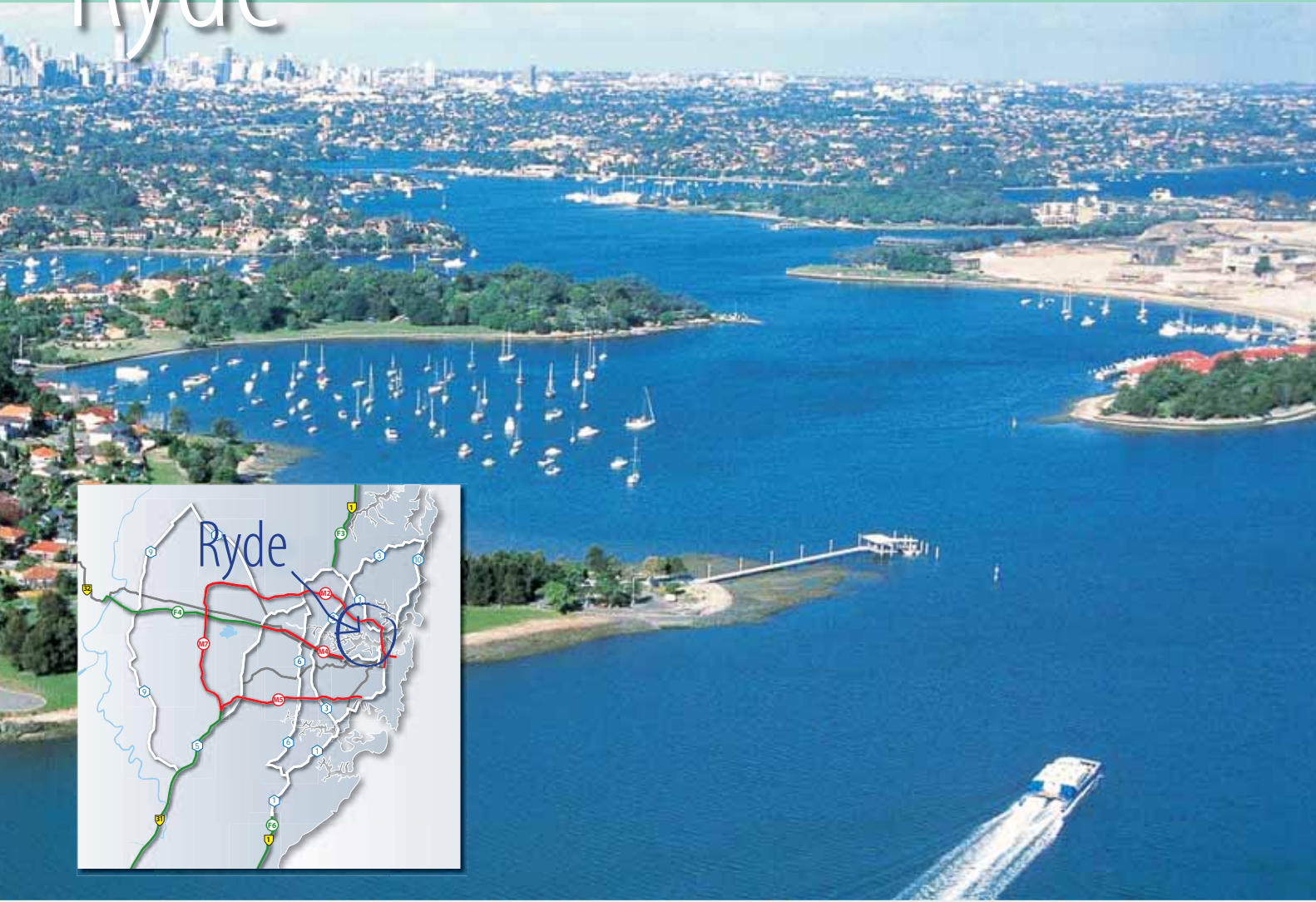


Ryde



> Mangroves by the Lane Cove River

All roads lead to Ryde...

The City of Ryde, just 12 kilometres from the Sydney CBD, is connected by rail, bus, road and two RiverCat terminals to Sydney's major attractions.

Ryde is so close to Sydney Harbour, Sydney CBD, Darling Harbour, The Rocks, Parramatta and Sydney Olympic Park, home of the annual Sydney Easter Show. It is at the centre of much that happens in and around Greater Sydney.

Stay in Ryde and take the time to visit the local attractions, including the many fine heritage buildings such as the beautifully restored colonial mansion, Brush Farm House built by explorer Gregory Blaxland. You will find a broad-range of quality accommodation to choose from, including luxury 3 and 4 star hotels and resorts and Lane Cove River Tourist Park set in a relaxing bushland setting.

In Ryde you can eat your way around the world in restaurants serving a wide range of international cuisine or explore Ryde's varied dining, shopping and entertainment precincts at Eastwood Town Centre and Macquarie Shopping Centre, North Ryde and the recently revitalised West Ryde Marketplace. Enjoy music in the Eastwood Plaza, a bistro lunch in Gladesville or a relaxing dinner in a riverside, bushland or historic setting.

Ryde has many beautiful parks, natural reserves and scenic waterways, offering a range of outdoor activities including bushwalking, cycling and water-sports. On weekends yachts, sailing dinghies and fishing boats ply the Parramatta River while families enjoy the many parks and walkways that line the foreshore. The "Putney Punt" across Parramatta River is the sole survivor of a by-gone transport era and should not be missed.

Lane Cove National Park is a 400ha park with a natural bushland and river setting and is one of Sydney's favourite places for picnics, BBQs or bush walks. Hire a rowboat or canoe and meander through this picturesque river park. 9412 1811 www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

The charming vintage riverboat, "M. V. Reliance" departs from the nearby jetty at Fullers Bridge for picnic cruises of the Lane Cove River.

Eden Gardens in North Ryde is a new and innovative gardening centre providing an inspirational gardening experience.

Home to the award-winning Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Ryde caters for all sporting interests with some of the region's finest golf courses, tennis, squash, lawn bowls, walking, sailing and swimming. Try ice-skating and ten-pin bowling.