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RYDE TO HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMENS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

City of Ryde has won its bid to host the 2010 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) National Conference in November.

"We are delighted to announce that the City of Ryde has won the bid to host the ALGWA National Conference," ALGWAs NSW Branch President Councillor Karen McKeown said.

On hearing the news, the Mayor C/r Michael Butterworth, said he was delighted that the City of Ryde's bid had been successful. "2010 is the Year of Women in Local Government and we are honoured to be chosen to host this National Conference.

"The City of Ryde is proud of its progressive agenda of supporting women in the workforce through increased paid parental leave and in the community through the recent establishment of our Status of Women's Advisory Committee.

"We also have a sound record of representation of women in our community through the election of councillors such as Edna Wilde OAM, Ryde's first female Mayor, and current serving councillors Nicole Campbell and Gabrielle O'Donnell, who has been elected Deputy Mayor on a number of occasions in recent years.

"This significant event will not only showcases our City to the nation, but will also provide a financial boost to the local economy."

The three day national conference will be the centre piece of the year long celebrations, drawing attendees from all aspects of the Local Government workforce, including managers and staff, elected councillors and mayors.

City of Ryde Councillor Nicole Campbell said, "Ryde Council is very excited to have been selected as the host for the National Conference. We are ready to hit the ground running to deliver a fantastic event to celebrate women in Local Government.

"Ryde's dynamic culture, central location, quality conference facilities and proximity to many of Sydney's unique attractions, make it an ideal host city for this conference," she said.

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