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## CITY OF RYDE SUCCESS AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

City of Ryde had an early success at the annual National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra this week when its motion to promote a National Community of Interest network across Australia was unanimously adopted by the delegates.

The motion calls on the Australian Government to ensure that future national urban policy takes a 'place' based planning approach, and one that puts citizen engagement at its core.

[https://www.conferenceco.com.au/nga\\_reg/businesspapers2011.pdf](https://www.conferenceco.com.au/nga_reg/businesspapers2011.pdf)

The Mayor, Clr Artin Etmekdjian, said: "This Community of Interest model has the ability to build alignment between all levels of government, ensuring that active community engagement is used to shape the future of Australia's growth."

The NGA brings together around 700 representatives from Councils across Australia to develop local government policy ideas and to debate key issues affecting local government in Australia.

The theme for this year's NGA is Growing with our Community: Place, Position and Partnership and is aimed at stimulating Councils ability to develop new ways of doing business to better meet the needs of local communities.

At the official NGA dinner, Clr Etmekdjian Mayor was formally presented with the 'Women in Local Government National Award for Excellence' for the City of Ryde's leadership role in promoting gender equity in local government.

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