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2011 Citizen of the Year – Judy Harris

2011 Young Citizen of the Year – James Camilleri

At an Australia Day ceremony today, City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Artin Edmekdjian, announced the 2011 City of Ryde Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, in recognition of their service to the local community.

The recipients are:

Mrs Judy Harris – Citizen of the Year

Mr James Camilleri – Young Citizen of the Year

In acknowledging their outstanding contributions, Cllr Etmekdjian said the two winners exemplified the character and fine qualities of the people who make up the City of Ryde.

“Both Judy and James deserve the admiration of the community and to be acknowledged as role models with these, our highest civic awards,” the Mayor said.

“Both winners have added enormous value to the lives of so many in our local area, showing once again that community spirit and leadership is thriving in the City of Ryde.”

Later in the day Judy Harris and James Camilleri were introduced on stage to the large audience at the Australian Day Family Concert at North Ryde Common.

Judy Harris - 2011 Citizen of the Year

Judy Harris is a highly valued member of our community who gives her time and expertise freely to many organisations and causes. As a member of the Ryde Crime Prevention Committee, she has advised on a new Crime Prevention Action Plan that is now on public exhibition. The Plan provides strategies and guidelines to ensure that crime remains low and that the City of Ryde continues to be a safe community for all.

Judy has also been a member of the Lions Club for two decades, and her association includes multiple times as Club President and other senior roles.

Her fund raising activities have benefited countless members of the community to lead more active and fulfilling lives.

Other voluntary roles include Red Lantern, Eastwood Community Aid, Farrar School for the Deaf, Weemala and Scouts.

James Camilleri - 2011 Young Citizen of the Year

James has been an active member of the Ryde Youth Advisory Council for many years and advocates for young people both at school and in the wider community.

James also volunteers at a local dementia centre and church.

His many achievements include:

- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Silver Excellence and Effort in Science
- Edmund Rice Oratory Award.

James represented Ryde in the 2010 'Shift This' Youth Parliament and is short listed to take part again in 2011.

Photos attached: Judy Harris, James Camilleri

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