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## **SEMINAR FOR POTENTIAL WOMEN COUNCILLORS** **Tuesday 29 November Ryde Library 5.30pm**

In a move to boost the number of women standing for public office at the next Local Government election, the City of Ryde will hold a series of information seminars, with the first targeting potential women councillors.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, said: “This seminar is a good example of how we actively promote gender equity, both politically and at managerial level.

“Our Women’s Advisory Committee has given local women a voice on community issues and it was the City of Ryde’s ground breaking action in 2008 of first adopting 18 weeks paid parental leave that led the Federal Government to introduce this as a right for all Australian workers.”

The seminar will include a presentation on “Getting Women Elected” by City of Ryde Councillor and Australian Local Government Women’s Association (ALGWA) City Vice President, Nicole Campbell.

Councillor Campbell said: “The statistics for women in Local Government are stark – there are significant gender equity issues that need to be addressed. Equality does not occur spontaneously. It takes hard work by committed women and men to establish gender balanced policies, opportunities and conditions for our workplaces and our community.”

A Q & A panel session and networking opportunities are also on the seminar agenda.

The first of four Councillor Information Seminars will be held on Tuesday 29 November (5.30pm, Ryde Library). For more information and booking go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au)

City of Ryde won the *2011 Women in Local Government Excellence Award* for its gender equity platform.