

Tuesday 27 March 2012

LOCAL SCOUTS SUPPORT NEW CITIZENS

A group of twelve Scouts from the Putney Scout Group will officially take part in the Citizenship Ceremony this Thursday 29 March 2012 (7.30pm) at the Ryde Civic Hall.

The involvement of local Scouts and Girl Guides in Citizenship Ceremonies is a move by the City of Ryde to involve young people in civic events that demonstrate the diversity and inclusive spirit of our community and democracy in action.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, welcomed the initiative. "Involving young members of our community in our monthly Citizenship Ceremony is a unique opportunity for them to witness this history-in-the-making moment for 120 locals, from over 30 countries, as they solemnly take their pledge to become Australian citizens.

"In the City of Ryde we have one of the most diverse populations in the country, with 38% of residents born overseas and at our Citizenship Ceremonies we celebrate our unified and harmonious nation, our culture and our laws.

"Australia is unique because it is one of the few countries where all cultures and races are respected for who they are and are treated as equals."

The Scouts' duties will include escorting the Mayor with the Ceremony Flags, assisting Council staff in greeting and ushering attendees to their seats and with service of tea and coffee after the ceremony.

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