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MAYORAL ELECTION 2012

Clr Ivan Petch – Mayor, Clr Justin Li - Deputy Mayor

At a meeting of the full Council on Tuesday 25 September 2012, Councillor Clr Ivan Petch was elected as Mayor of the City of Ryde for a 12 month term. Councillor Justin Li was elected Deputy Mayor.

Clr Petch thanked his fellow Councillors for their support: “I am extremely honoured to accept the role of Mayor of the City of Ryde and pledge that I will proudly serve this community.

“The past 12 months have been challenging and the new team’s agenda is simple; to provide clear leadership and to make sure that the community’s views are well represented.

“I am privileged to lead a team of Councillors who bring with them a blend of experience, wisdom, enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

“I also welcome the opportunity of working closely with Clr Li as the new Deputy Mayor. He has demonstrated sound judgement and fairness in his role as a Councillor.”

Clr Li thanked his colleagues for their support: “I am honoured to have the opportunity to serve as Deputy Mayor and I look forward to working closely with the Mayor and my fellow Councillors.

“We live in a wonderfully culturally diverse community. I want all of our boys and girls to grow up believing this local community will give them the opportunities to succeed in their goals and dreams,” he added.

The new Council’s first action was to rescind a previous decision and declare that it does not intend to proceed with the Ryde Civic Precinct Redevelopment project.

The next Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 October 2012, at 7.30pm, in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Footnote: Clr Petch first entered public life in 1977 as an Alderman for the Ryde Municipal Council. From 1980-87 he served on the Sydney County Council and was chairman 1984-85. He was twice elected State MP for Gladesville in 1988 and 1991. He has previously served five terms as Mayor of the City of Ryde in 2000-1, 2001-2, 2005-6, 2006-7 and 2007-8. In 2009 Clr Petch received the Emeritus Mayoral Award from the Local Government Association for services to the Ryde community.