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RYDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT 2014

City of Ryde will host an Affordable Housing Summit on Tuesday 18 November bringing together members of the community, government agencies, not-for-profit organisations and local council experts to discuss housing affordability in the Ryde LGA.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said: “The summit will bring together key stakeholders to discuss all aspects of affordable housing. The Council is taking a leadership role on this important issue for our community and from these discussions we hope to lay the foundations of an Affordable Housing Plan for the City of Ryde.”

Following the release of a ‘Rental Affordability Snapshot’ report prepared by Anglicare, highlighting that the Ryde Statistical Area was ‘among the least affordable in Greater Sydney,’ the City of Ryde Council resolved to hold a summit on rental stress. At the time of writing the report there were no affordable rental properties for people on income support and only two rental properties for households earning the minimum wage. (Kemp, Paleogos, King & Bellamy, 2014.)

There will be three short talks on the topic on housing affordability including:

- *The provision of affordable housing in Sydney and Ryde* by Tony Gilmour
- *Local Government’s role in the provision of affordable housing* by Professor Peter Phibbs
- *Options Ryde Council could explore in affordable housing* by Dr Judith Stubbs.

Following the three talks there will be a Q&A session with the expert panel consisting of:

- Dr Tony Gilmour from Housing Action Network
- Professor Peter Phibbs from Sydney University
- Dr Judith Stubbs from Judith Stubbs & Associates
- Andrew McAnulty, CEO of Link Housing
- Angela Hines, Strategic Planning Manager from Waverly Council.

Nathan Moulds from the Ryde Salvation Army, said: “The Ryde Housing Affordability Summit is a fantastic opportunity for the community to learn about and discuss the issue of housing affordability from some of Australia’s best speakers. I commend council for hosting this event and I’d strongly encourage anyone with an interest in housing affordability to attend.”

A report detailing the outcomes of the Summit will be considered by Council in early 2015.

Ryde Affordable Housing Summit, Tuesday 19 November 2014, 9.00am – 12 noon. Ryde Civic Hall, Bookings are essential www.ryde.nsw.gov.au (this is a free events).