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DESIGN OUR RYDE WINNER
BEIJING INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN (CHINA)

The *Design Our Ryde* international architectural competition for the Ryde Civic Hub Precinct, has been won by the Beijing Institute of Architectural Design, China, with a striking, multi-functional destination design concept.

The winner was announced by the Jury chair, Peter Poulet, after an eight month search which saw 175 architectural firms from 47 countries, including 42 from Australia, submit their design for a civic structure that encapsulated the urban identify of Ryde's iconic gateway site.

Peter Poulet said: "Great architecture can rejuvenate a city and the jury members have been impressed by the diversity and range of design responses."

> *Jury's comments Winning Design Entry 572 Beijing Institute of Architectural Design (China)*
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> *The design is a realistic and well considered concept that demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the urban context. It represents an opportunity for positive change and enhances and nourishes the notion of the garden suburb and has a character that is uniquely Ryde.*
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> *It provides excellent connectivity and high quality sustainability features such as positive building orientation, maximising natural ventilation, use of rainwater collection, green roofs and green walls and the proposition of low-e glass.*
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> *Its singular form is a unique plan to create a new place for Ryde in a way that is different from other areas in Sydney. It is a place for people and will make a significant contribution to the liveability of the surrounding neighbourhood.*

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said: "The civic hub precinct has been a compelling part of Ryde's history and skyline since early settlement. The winning entry from Beijing Institute of Architectural Design has responded with a design that will ensure that this site will remain iconic in our City."

The Beijing Institute of Architectural Design entry, which has won the *Design Our Ryde* $150,000 first prize, was selected from four shortlisted contenders:

Entry 16   Team2 & Arcadia Landscape Architecture (Australia – St Leonards
                NSW/Hawthorn East VIC) People's Choice Winner
Entry 299   Architensions (USA – New York)
Entry 392   MORQ (Australia/Italy – Perth WA and Rome)
Entry 572   Beijing Institute of Architectural Design (China)

Jury Members: Chair, Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect; Shaun Carter, President NSW Chapter, Australian Institute of Architects; Maria Atkinson AM, Greater Sydney District Commissioner and Sustainability Strategist.

Design Our Ryde was conducted in accordance with the Australian Institute of Architects *Guidelines for Architectural Competition* and the NSW Government *Design Excellence Guidelines*.

For more information go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/designourryde

To view fly through of Winning Entry 572: http://bit.ly/DOR572

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