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RYDE COUNCIL'S SEVENTH GOLD ANNUAL REPORT AWARD

For the seventh year in a row, City of Ryde Council has taken out a Gold Award for its Annual Report 2015/16, at the Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA), the premier benchmark in government and corporate reporting.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering said: "This is an unprecedented run of Gold Awards and shows clearly that Ryde Council adheres to the highest possible standards in its reporting and governance practices.

"This peer review, in competition with much larger and more sophisticated organisations, with big budgets, proves that 'size does not matter' when standards of excellence in accountability, openness and effective communications are the criteria."

The Australasian Reporting Awards Inc., is an independent not-for-profit organisation supported by volunteer professionals from the business community and professional bodies concerned with the quality of financial and business reporting. They are modelled on the Global Reporting Initiative and reflect the GRI Sustainability Reporting Guidelines.

To achieve an ARA Gold Award an Annual Report must:

- Achieve overall excellence in annual reporting
- Provide high quality coverage of most aspects of the Australasian Reporting Awards criteria
- Provide full disclosure of key aspects of its core business
- Address current legislative and regulatory requirements
- Be a model for other peer reports.

The City of Ryde has achieved Gold Awards for its Annual Reports 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16. To view the reports go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/annualreport

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