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## **CLR SIMON ZHOU ELECTED AS DEPUTY MAYOR FOR CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL**

Clr Shuo (Simon) Zhou has been elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor of the City of Ryde following an Extraordinary Council Meeting tonight.

Clr Zhou - an independent from the West Ward – was elected Deputy Mayor for a one-year term. He replaces Clr Christopher Gordon, who did not stand for re-election as Deputy Mayor.

Prior to the election for Deputy Mayor, Council determined to hold the vote as an open vote, with Clr Zhou being the only councillor to nominate for the role.

Clr Zhou said he was honoured to be elected as Deputy Mayor for the City of Ryde.

“I promise that I will continue to work hard, listen to the community’s concerns and be a good example to all members of the community in Ryde,” Clr Zhou said.

“We have wonderful staff here at the City of Ryde and I look forward to working with them and my fellow councillors as we continue to achieve the best outcomes for this city.”

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said he looked forward to working with Clr Zhou over the next 12 months.

“Clr Zhou has shown to be a proactive and productive councillor and I congratulate him on his election as Deputy Mayor,” Clr Laxale said.

“I would like to thank Clr Gordon for his work as Deputy Mayor and the assistance he has offered me during this time.

“He has opened my eyes on a range of issues and I am sure he will continue to work hard for the community and be a voice for local arts and environmental issues.”

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