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CITY OF RYDE SIGNS REFUGEE WELCOME SCROLL

The City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, has signed the Refugee Welcome Scroll, underlining Council's support for the successful resettlement of refugees in Australia.

The Refugee Welcome Scroll was established by the Refugee Council of Australia and Rural Australians for Refugees and aims to confirm the commitment from local councils that they support refugees settling in their local communities.

The scroll has been touring Australia for more than a year and has now been signed by 113 Refugee Welcome Zone councils.

Cllr Laxale said he was proud to sign the Refugee Welcome Scroll and promote inclusion in the City of Ryde.

"It is my honour as City of Ryde Mayor to join with the 113 Refugee Welcome Zone councils participating in the project and sign the Refugee Welcome Scroll. The scroll illustrates how local governments across our nation come together to show our commitment to welcoming refugees to our communities and our role in building a future for all," Cllr Laxale said.

"The City of Ryde declared itself a Refugee Welcome Zone in 2013 and has since then undertaken a number of programs designed at assisting refugees in the community, including staging regular workshops, support programs and making vital information easily accessible.

"The City of Ryde is one of the most culturally diverse communities in Australia with more than 110 different nationalities living here. We are proud of this and as a council we will continue to do more to promote our diversity and foster inclusion to the benefit of the entire community."

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