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NEW PARTNERSHIP RECOGNISES IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

City of Ryde will become a signatory of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) recognising the importance of local and regional Aboriginal heritage.

The document formalises a five year partnership between the City of Ryde, the Aboriginal Heritage Office and a group of neighbouring Councils to collectively fund and employ an Aboriginal Heritage Manager to assist in the effective conservation and protection of Aboriginal heritage sites.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Michael Butterworth said: "The City of Ryde is honoured to be included in this partnership.

"It represents a genuine mark of respect for Aboriginal cultural heritage and is also a very practical way to foster stronger links with Aboriginal communities and expand our understanding of indigenous culture."

In the first year of the partnership, the City of Ryde and the AHO will work to produce an Aboriginal Sites Management Plan and a report on potential Aboriginal archaeological deposits and sites. Specialist training will be provided to City of Ryde Planners and Assessment Officers.

In subsequent years the AHOs Schools and Community Education Program, that includes free presentations on Bush Tucker, Aboriginal Culture, Aboriginal sites and Mock Archaeological Digs will be implemented.

Photo Opportunity

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Michael Butterworth, and City of Ryde General Manager, John Neish, at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with Aboriginal Heritage Office
Wednesday 24 March at 1.00 pm, Aboriginal Heritage Office, 39/137-145 Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge.

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