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CITY OF RYDE WINS INAUGURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENDER EQUITY AWARD

City of Ryde joined with councils from across Australia to be awarded Bronze Awards in the ALGWA 50:50 Vision Councils for Gender Equity Program at the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) national conference held in the City of Ryde late last year.

The councils are the first to achieve the Bronze Award in this prestigious national program, said ALGWA President CLR Darriea Turley: "The City of Ryde is to be congratulated for its leadership role in working towards increasing representation of women in senior management roles and as elected representatives.

"In many ways, Local Government offers outstanding opportunities for women and they account for about 52% of the 558 strong Council workforce nationally. However, only around 7% of CEOs and 21% of Mayors are women, so the statistics speak for themselves."

City of Ryde General Manager, John Neish, accepted the award on behalf of the Council.

The awards were presented by Glenys Beauchamp, Secretary, Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

In presenting the awards, Ms Beauchamp congratulated each of the winning Councils and noted that they would serve as fine examples for Councils not already enrolled in the program and to the wider community.

She emphasised the commitment of her department to gender equity in local government, and said that local government could not hope to represent the community it serves, or meet future staffing challenges without greater diversity.

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