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City of Ryde General Manager Resigns

After over three years in the role, the General Manager John Neish and the City of Ryde have reached a mutual agreement to part ways.

Mr Neish will effectively leave Council on 22 February 2013.

In announcing his departure, Mr Neish stated that it was his view that the recently elected Council should have the ability to select the General Manager of its choice.

This view was echoed by the Mayor, Councillor Ivan Petch, who stated that Mr Neish had provided excellent service to the Council as evidenced by his past two years' performance assessment.

Mr Neish stated that "The City of Ryde is fortunate to have the dedicated staff that it does. Over the past three years we have focussed on building a strong internal culture of service and improvement to the way our internal systems work together.

"The industry of local government is about to go through rapid change and I leave the Council in a much better position than when I arrived," Mr Neish said.

"We have also delivered some real tangible community benefits and our efforts have been recognised in the industry by a long list of awards.

"Opening the Livvi's Place Playground last week reminds me of the benefits of close collaboration with our community and partners in delivering great outcomes for the City. That's what we have been focussed on".

City of Ryde Mayor, Councillor Ivan Petch, said that his vision for the City shows there is still lots to do. He announced that Ms Danielle Dickson will be the Acting General Manager.

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