

Wednesday 24 April 2013

COUNCIL HOSTS THE MAYOR OF MARTONE

Last night Councillors of City of Ryde welcomed to their meeting Georgio Imperatura, the Mayor of Martone from the Locride Region of Calabria in southern Italy.

In welcoming Mr Imperatura, City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch said: “City of Ryde has a long standing friendship agreement with the Locride region of Italy. This agreement is based on recognition of the role that the Italian community from that particular region has played in the development of Ryde. Today the reputation and respect that we have for the Italian community from the Locride Region, earned through their hard work and dedication, is second to none”.

Cllr Petch also presented to Council letters from Dr. Francesco Giacobbe OAM, Senator of the Republic of Italy (one of two Australians serving in the Italian Parliament) and Mr David Ritchie AO, Australian Ambassador to Rome. Both letters praised the value of Council’s friendship agreement with the Locride Region and recognised the significant contribution of people from this region on many aspects of our professional, political, business and community life.

Mr Imperatura addressed the meeting, speaking in Italian, and confirmed his commitment to the friendship agreement and to working together in mutual respect and collaboration.

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Photo attached: Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch receives a plaque from Georgio Imperatura (L-R Mayor of Martone, Georgio Imperatura, Mayor of City of Ryde Cllr Ivan Petch)
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Mayor Ivan Petch receives a plaque from Georgio Imperatura, Mayor of Martone

