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MAYORAL ELECTION 2014 **Mayor - Clr Bill Pickering / Deputy Mayor - Clr Roy Maggio**

The City of Ryde has a new Mayor following elections held in the Council Chambers last night.

Central Ward Councillor Bill Pickering was elected Mayor, with East Ward Councillor Roy Maggio elected as Deputy Mayor.

In taking up the office, Mayor Pickering thanked all those who supported him, while stating he wanted to work with those who didn't vote for him, and earn their respect.

"I am humbled to have been elected to the position of Mayor and promise to do all I can to make my term a successful one. I would also like to congratulate the election of Clr Roy Maggio as Deputy Mayor.

"In taking on this role, my biggest focus will be to work with all Councillors and staff to put in place the building blocks for creating a sustainable financial future for the city.

"Our major challenge will be to put behind past differences, and to look to new and innovative ways to address revenue shortfalls and major backlogs in infrastructure maintenance and renewal."

The Mayor said the City of Ryde is unique with a diverse mix of people, thriving neighbourhoods, prosperous business precincts, a proud cultural heritage and an abundance of open spaces and recreational facilities.

"The individualism of our city gives us a sense of pride, history and cultural awareness and a feeling that Ryde is truly a place of opportunity.

"I will work hard to build on all we have achieved and focus on delivering what is best for our community as a whole."

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mayor Pickering and his fellow Councillors for entrusting him with the role of Deputy Mayor. "I look forward to serving both the Council and the community in this new role. I believe the most important thing we can do as a community is to connect with each other, to work together. That way we will achieve the best results for all."

The next full meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 23 September 2014, Council Chambers, 6th Floor, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde, commencing 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.