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## **DESIGN OUR RYDE LURES STRONG INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE**

A strong response from the international design community to *Design Our Ryde* Civic Hub competition, has prompted Ryde Council to extend the registration date to 18 March 2016 to cater to architecture students and graduates following the holiday break.

Since it was launched in January the competition has attracted more than 200 registrations from 20 countries including Australia, France, Italy, Spain, the UK, Hong Kong, China, Peru, Russia, Mexico, Kazakhstan, India, Iran, Indonesia and the United States.

NSW Government Architect and *Design our Ryde* jury chairman, Peter Poulet, said: “We are delighted with the response from the international community.

“Similar competitions have also revealed previously undiscovered new talents and we hope the lure of \$150,000 prize money and the scope of the competition will also attract many young, emerging architects to test their ideas against more established industry figures.”

*Design our Ryde* aims to transform the gateway Ryde Civic Hub Site (1 Devlin Street) with an iconic vision that will rejuvenate Ryde’s civic, commercial and cultural heart from the best creative minds.

*Design our Ryde* will be conducted in 2 Stages with the general public asked to identify its preferred design to add to the independent jury’s selection. In Stage 2, three or four shortlisted concepts will be exhibited for public comment and site name suggestions.

Entrants who are shortlisted will receive a grant to help them prepare for Stage 2, one of which will become the declared winner.

### **Design our Ryde Key Dates 2016 (2 stages)**

Stage 1 Open Competition

Registrations of Interest 11 January – 18 March

Submissions 11 January – 30 March

Public Exhibition for People’s Choice community polling 14 April – 5 May

Jury identifies 3 or 4 shortlisted entries by 13 May

Stage 2 Invited Competition for shortlisted entries

Submissions 14 May – 27 June

Public exhibition for community polling 11 July – 1 August

Winner Announced 8 August

**Jury Members**

(Chair) Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect

Shaun Carter, President NSW Chapter, Australian Institute of Architects

Maria Atkinson AM, Sustainability Strategist

*Design our Ryde* will be conducted in accordance with the Australian Institute of Architects 'Guidelines for Architectural Competitions' and the NSW Government's 'Design Excellence Guidelines'.

For more information go to [www.designourryde.com.au](http://www.designourryde.com.au)

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