

Monday 19 September 2016

NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY ELECTED TO CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL

Mayor – Cllr Bill Pickering / Deputy Mayor – Cllr Jane Stott

The City of Ryde has a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor following elections held in the Council Chambers on Friday night (16 September 2016).

Central Ward Councillor Bill Pickering was elected Mayor. Cllr Pickering previously held the Mayoralty in 2014. East Ward Councillor Jane Stott was elected as Deputy Mayor.

In taking up office, Mayor Pickering thanked those who supported him, adding that he now had the sad honour of probably being the last Mayor of the City of Ryde given the likely amalgamation of Ryde with Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Councils.

“It is a great privilege to serve a second term as Mayor and I promise to do all I can to make it a successful one. My biggest focus will be to work with all councillors and staff to continue the work I started in my last term to secure a sustainable financial future for our city.

“I will also progress the development of the new civic centre precinct, and promote the public benefit to Ryde in the areas of key worker housing and community amenity in return for the significant development construction taking place locally. Most importantly, I have the job of preparing and best positioning our city for the impending amalgamation.”

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

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mayor Pickering and her fellow Councillors for entrusting her with the role of Deputy Mayor. Cllr Stott said: “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 and work together.”

The next full meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 27 September. It will be held in the new Council Chambers on Level 1a, 1 Pope Street, Ryde, (above Ryde Library), commencing at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/councilmeetings

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