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CITY OF RYDE SAYS 'THANKS' TO LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

City of Ryde Council has joined organisations around the nation to celebrate National Volunteer Week with a gala event on Thursday 11 May, to say 'thanks' to the thousands of local volunteers who help put a smile on people's faces.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said: "The City of Ryde recognises the valuable contribution of the estimated 15,000 people who volunteer in our City. Without them we would not be able to assist the community through the provision of services such as community transport, youth initiatives, community festivals, lifestyle programs, aged support and meals on wheels.

"Our Volunteer Recognition Awards give us the chance to say 'thank you' and to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our volunteers."

Twenty individuals and groups have been nominated for the 2017 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards in the following categories:

Individual Award

Presented to an individual who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution and who through their volunteering has made a significant impact in their community.

Nominees: Yohans Bastian, Kit Chan, Dominic Fonti, Jaysoorah, Maxwell Kingston, Melissa Kong, Rita Lepedjian, Bonnie Lui, Janet Makardi-Masihi, Sandra Munro, May Peters, Kevin Shaw, Norman Wong.

Youth Award

Presented to an individual aged 16 – 25 years who has made an outstanding voluntary commitment and who through their volunteering has positively impacted on the lives of others.

Nominees: Eden Lee, Natasha Skvorc, Carmen Yih.

Group Award

Presented to a group of volunteers who have provided innovative leadership through best practice.

Nominees: Chinese Community Learning Centre, Eastwood Lunar New Year Celebration Committee, Royal Rehab Lifestyle Choir Volunteers, The Habitat Network

The City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards will be held on Thursday 11 May 2017, 6.30pm Ryde Civic Hall.

For more Information about local volunteering, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/volunteering or go to Volunteering Australia's website www.volunteeringaustralia.org

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