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## **CITY OF RYDE AWARDED 'EMPLOYER OF CHOICE'**

City of Ryde Council has been awarded the prestigious title of Employer of Choice in The Australian Business Awards 2017.

The highly sought after accreditation is recognised as a tick of approval for an organisation that is a leader in its field and provides an innovative workplace that looks after its people through career development, opportunity and work-life balance.

Council's Acting General Manager, George Dedes, said the recognition was extremely rewarding given the recent difficult time the Council had faced during the threat of forced amalgamation.

"Ryde has worked hard to ensure the best possible workplace environment for its staff," he said.

"We place priority on continually improving employee conditions by supporting flexible hours, health and safety, employee development and engagement.

"This, coupled with a progressive work culture driven by our leaders and a dedicated HR team, are what has led us to this point.

"We truly live up to our City of Ryde tagline "... a great place to live, work and play", Mr Dedes said.

City of Ryde Council underwent a rigorous nomination process for the title Employer of Choice and is now eligible to be considered for the International Business Awards.

City of Ryde Council joins other leading organisations as 2017 Employer of the Year Award recipients including Brisbane Airport Corporation, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Hesta and DHL Express.

City of Ryde is a medium sized council with a multi-faceted, sustainable workforce, more than 30% of whom live in the local government area. Employees consist of full time, part time and casual workers in a wide variety of roles which includes senior managers, coordinators, engineers, designers, town planners, financial experts, librarians, environmental and marketing specialists, tradespeople and emergency work crews.

If you would like to work at the City of Ryde, go to <u>www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/careers</u>

In 2016 City of Ryde was awarded the Local Government Engineers' Association Employer of Choice.

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