
**MM12/16 OPPORTUNITY FOR USE OF RYDE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS - The Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale**

File Number: MYR/07/10/7 - BP16/967

I have received a request from the NSW Police Force regarding the temporary use of the soon to be former Council Chambers (Civic Centre) at Ryde.

I support this request and would recommend that, following the cessation of the use of the building by Council and its staff and the removal of all items of value, that the Acting General Manager grant approval to the request from the NSW Police Force.

A letter providing further detail of the proposal is **attached**.

RECOMMENDATION:

That following cessation of the use of the building by Council and its staff and the removal of all items of value and subject to the approvals from the relevant authorities, the Acting General Manager grant approval to the request from the NSW Police Force to use the former Council Chambers (Civic Centre) as a training venue and to conduct a variety of other exercises.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Opportunity for use of Ryde Council Chambers - 1 Devlin Street as training venue

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**Councillor Jerome Laxale
The Mayor**

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ATTACHMENT 1

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From: Bryan Hallett <hall1bry@police.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 22 July 2016 2:07 PM
To: The Mayor
Subject: TRIM: Opportunity for use of Ryde Council Chambers - 1 Devlin St, Ryde as training venue [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: Ryde council chambers NSWPF request.docx
HP TRIM Record Number: D16/97165

Clr Jerome Laxale – Mayor
City of Ryde Council
1 Devlin Street
Ryde, NSW

Dear Sir,

Please find attached a representation on behalf of the NSW Police Force in relation to the temporary use of the soon to be former Council Chambers at Ryde.

I have asked Sergeant Andrew McIntosh to represent me at the Council meeting on Tuesday 26th July 2016, and to be available for any questions that maybe raised at the Council meeting.

Should I be able to assist further in this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I thank you for the opportunity presented in relation to the building.

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NSW Police Force

Clr Jerome Laxale – Mayor
City of Ryde Council
1 Devlin Street
Ryde, NSW
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RE: Use of 1 Devlin Street, Ryde NSW as NSW Emergency Services and Defence training venue.

Dear Mr Laxale,

I understand the current City of Ryde Council chambers are due to be vacated in August 2016, with the building standing vacant for a period of time until its demolition and redevelopment. The NSW Police Force - Counter Terrorism Capability Support Unit are interested in exploring the possibility of using the building as a training venue to conduct a variety of exercises during the period it is unoccupied.

The Counter Terrorism Capability Support Unit is focused on support of the National Counter Terrorism Capabilities. As part of this role the unit works closely with State and National capabilities, including the Emergency Services and the Australian Defence Force.

Suitable training venues of this nature are not readily available for use and if the opportunity were to be made available would present a significant opportunity for a number of Emergency Services and Defence Agencies to further train, exercise and test their capabilities.

The purpose of this letter is to formally request that Council consider allowing the NSWPF and partner agencies to use the premises, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde for the period it is vacant.

The NSW Police Force hold a certificate of currency – NSW Treasury Managed Fund (TMF) which provides broad protection for all assets and liability exposures in accordance with the TMF Statement of Cover. NSW Police Force, and their employees and volunteers, are fully covered for their legal liability to any third part arising out of their operations, worldwide. Activities undertaken by Defence and partner agencies are covered under similar arrangements.

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