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## Test driving a Net Zero Emissions future

City of Ryde took delivery of a brand-new Hyundai Mighty Electric truck last week for a three-day trial that furthers Council's commitment towards becoming Net Zero Emissions by 2035.

The light-duty 7.3-tonne truck, which delivers high performance and zero tailpipe emissions, was delivered to Council's Meadowbank Operations Centre, and was put through its paces by a number of drivers, including City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Sarkis Yedelian OAM.

This impressive vehicle has an estimated working AER (All Electric Range) of up to 200km when fully loaded, fully charged and with the air conditioning running and when connected to an 800V ultra-rapid (DC) charger, the battery can be replenished from 8% to 100% in just 71 minutes.

Council is currently developing an implementation strategy for the electrification of the entire light vehicle fleet, which will assist in achieving the Net Zero Emissions target of 2035 (or sooner) for council operational emissions and 2040 (or sooner) for community emissions.

Cllr Yedelian said the Mighty Electric truck was an exciting glimpse into the future.

"It was great to meet Hyundai Australia's Chief Operating Officer John Kett, Director of Sales Gavin Donaldson, and Senior Commercial Manager Shahab Anwar and I was even able to enjoy a test drive of this futuristic vehicle," he said.

"The fact that Hyundai is proud to have its Australian headquarters in our booming Macquarie Park innovation district makes this collaboration even sweeter."

Hyundai's Mr Kett said he was impressed with City of Ryde's commitment to Net Zero.

"We are excited about City of Ryde's trial of our Mighty Electric truck as part of Council's ongoing transition to zero emissions transportation," he said.

"Headquartered as we are at Macquarie Park, Hyundai Motor Company Australia is here to fully support the City of Ryde's decarbonisation efforts and we salute their progressive thinking and broad-based commitment to tackling climate change.

"We trust the Mighty Electric will meet all of the City of Ryde's needs and we look forward to collaborating in further trials of Hyundai zero emissions truck variants as they come to market."

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