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## **CITY OF RYDE TO IMPLEMENT 10 DAYS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE**

The City of Ryde will take steps to implement 10 days of paid domestic violence leave for its staff members.

Council unanimously resolved to support the move, which would build on other initiatives recently adopted by the City of Ryde to assist victims of domestic violence.

Last year Council implemented a Family and Domestic Violence Leave Policy, which supports staff experiencing domestic violence by providing five days of paid domestic violence leave as well as flexible work arrangements, access to counselling and other support services.

In addition, the City of Ryde is also on track to achieve White Ribbon accreditation status by the end of this year. White Ribbon accreditation recognises workplaces that take active steps to avoid violence against women.

A City of Ryde spokesperson said introducing 10 days of paid domestic violence leave recognised the immense toll domestic violence can have on its victims.

“Providing 10 days of leave will enable staff experiencing domestic violence to attend court and other proceedings, to source new housing arrangements and undertake other activities to ensure their safety, all without the fear of losing income.”

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