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CITY OF RYDE WINS 'WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT' EXCELLENCE AWARD

The City of Ryde has won the 'Women in Local Government' category of the 2011 National Award for Excellence in Local Government.

The Award announced today recognises the City of Ryde's leadership role in promoting gender equity in local government.

City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Artin Etmekdjian said: "This Award is a fitting endorsement of the City of Ryde's work towards achieving gender balance within the Council, both politically and at managerial level.

"I believe that the Council and the wider community has benefited from our gender equity program, in particular through the formation of a Women's Advisory Committee giving local women a voice in community issues, and the provision of women-friendly workplace environment and facilities.

"It should also be remembered that was the City of Ryde's ground breaking action in 2008 of first adopting increased paid parental leave, and later endorsed by other Councils, that led the Federal Government in 2010 to introduce this as a right for all Australian workers."

As a Category Winner, the City of Ryde will now be eligible to be considered, along with 17 other councils for the overall 2011 National Award for Excellence in Local Government to be announced in June.

The City of Ryde was recognised for its gender equity platform at the Australian Local Government Women's Association national conference in November 2010, and was highly praised

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