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An informal meeting of civic and corporate leaders last week has laid the foundation for a stronger relationship between Council and the business community.

Under the auspices of the City of Ryde Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Ryde CEO Luncheon brought together a diverse mix of corporate, education, retail and local business identities to network, discuss and exchange ideas.

The Mayor Clr Artin Etmekdjian said: "We welcome every opportunity to sit down with the business community to discuss the future prosperity of our City.

"Hearing what people have to say about our Community Strategic Plan and identifying opportunities that our City can benefit from will help deliver thriving urban centres, a more dynamic corporate sector, job creation and sustainable economic growth."

The City of Ryde Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) has developed a strategy to provide a framework for the sustainable economic growth of the City based on the adopted themes:

Marketing the City • Employment Generation • Building Partnerships

The Chair of EDAC, CIr Jeff Sylvestro-Martin, said it was important for Council to build its working relationship with the business community. "We want this City to be sustainable, smart and economically viable and what better way to achieve these outcomes than to call on the collective expertise of our most talented entrepreneurs."

Goodman International, General Manager Property, Tony D'Addona, said: "Goodman is a major owner and manager of commercial property in the Macquarie Business Park precinct, and we see City of Ryde's open dialogue and active engagement with the business community as a positive initiative and valuable opportunity to contribute to the realisation of EDAC's vision for the City."

Ryde CEO Lunch Attendees

AMP Capital Shopping Centres Bryan Hynes

(Macquarie)

Banna Property Group Brad Chan Cincom Australia Greg Mills Goodman International Anna Maras Goodman International Tony D'Addona Holdmark Sarkis Nassif Macquarie Shopping Centre Philip Spence Meadowbank TAFE Elizabeth Webb Lydia Scuglia Elizabeth Smith

Ryde Business Forum

Ryde TAFE

Snowden Parkes

Stocklands

Lydia Scuglia

Elizabeth Smit

Tony Abboud

Natalie Myatt

Representing City of Ryde

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