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Residents eager to be part of new Advisory Committee

Fourteen local residents have been invited to sit on the newly formed City of Ryde Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee.

Mayor Cllr Ivan Petch said the Committee will provide advice, feedback and recommendations to shape a new Community Engagement framework. "This will be a partnership in which residents have influence in the Council's community engagement practices.

"This innovative step taps into grass roots knowledge and adds value to existing community engagement methods. It also assures the public about the transparency and thoroughness of Council operations," he said.

The Committee, the initiative of its Chairperson Cllr Denise Pendleton, is made up of a diverse mix of residents. Their wide ranging expertise includes governance, town planning, public relations, project management, public service, policy, broadcasting, education, research and business operation.

Members of the Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee

Sherie Barton

Julia Bovard

Philip Brown

Graeme Cordiner

Gerard Lee Cummings

Shaun Gilchrist

Richie Howitt

Lindsay Mar

Bianca McDermott

Jasmina Moltter

Jennifer Noble

Alan Patrick

Philip Peake

Gaetano Stufano

"The one thing all the members have in common is a genuine interest in shaping the future of our City and we wholeheartedly welcome their contribution," the Mayor said.

Under the terms of reference the new Committee will sit for a fixed term to September when they will present their recommendations to the Council for consideration.