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ENGAGING CITIZENS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

At the monthly meeting of the City of Ryde's Citizens Engagement Advisory Committee this week, representatives of the Council's 12 other advisory committees met to take part in roundtable discussions on ways to enhance the effectiveness of community committees.

Discussion centred on the current structure of the committees, communications and the valuable role well-managed committees play in local government.

Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee Chair, Cllr Denise Pendleton, said: "Council places great value on its various advisory committees which provide an opportunity for local residents and relevant organisations to contribute to the day-to-day operation of the Council.

"All our advisory committee members are engaged and passionate volunteers who freely donate their time to help make the City of Ryde a better place, which makes their contributions all the more significant."

The Citizens Engagement Advisory Committee will use insights from the discussion to inform its report on Council's community engagement practices, which will be considered by Council early next year.

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