

Wednesday 26 June 2013

DEPUTY MAYOR TAKES OVER DUTIES OF MAYOR

At last night's meeting of Council, the Deputy Mayor Cllr Justin Li was asked to take over the duties of the Mayor while Cllr Petch took a three month leave of absence, effective immediately.

In accepting the role Cllr Li said that while these were unusual and challenging circumstances, he looked forward to working with everyone and hoped that the Council would emerge stronger at the conclusion of the ICAC hearing.

"Given this Council's long history of governing democratically, I believe we will overcome the difficulties we are facing at the moment," he said.

Cllr Li took the opportunity to remind the meeting of the many great and positive achievements made by Council recently, including this week's launch of free WiFi in Eastwood Plaza, which is the first outdoor free WiFi zone in the metropolitan area installed by a Council.

As the last Council meeting before the Winter recess, all matters on the agenda of 24 items were resolved, including:

Endorsement of Council's 4-year Delivery Plan, including one year Operational Plan.

Council's Submissions (3) to the State Government on - New Planning System for NSW White Paper; Future Directions for NSW Local Government; NSW Local Government Act for NSW Discussion Paper.

Gateway development 1-3 Wharf Road, Gladesville DA2012/417, 7-storey mixed use building – Joint Regional Planning Plan to be advised that Council had given in principle support to the Voluntary Planning Agreement offer of the developer that includes provision of a publicly accessible plaza (on private land) and a new public laneway.

Lease agreement of the Kotara Park and Olympic Park Tennis Centres.

Report on proposed changes to existing legislation on how Councils regulate boat trailer (and other trailer) longstay parking in suburban streets.

Council's response to High Speed Rail Study – recommendations include support for a station at Olympic Park as a second City Centre station and further analysis for a peripheral station at Macquarie Park.

Endorsement of a motion to support Australian made vehicles in Council's passenger vehicle fleet.

For a full report on Council meeting 25 June 2013 go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/meetings
Next meeting Tuesday 23 July 2013.