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Civic Centre Five Year Maintenance Program Begins

A schedule of works to upgrade the Ryde Civic Centre to an acceptable standard is currently being prepared as part of a five year maintenance program.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch, said: “Years of uncertainty over the future of the Civic Centre saw maintenance on the 1960s building come to a standstill, leaving a substantial list of unattended works.

“Our first priority is to ensure that people using the Civic Centre have a safe and healthy environment in which to work or visit.”

Costed at \$4.85million, the five year program is designed to invigorate the building and prolong its civic life. The work will be funded from the Council’s Investment Property Reserve and at no cost to ratepayers.

“We are focusing on the safety of basic building services and facilities in the short term, with fire services, air quality, work environment and accessibility issues receiving first attention. Electrical and hydraulic systems as well as structural and cosmetic matters will be investigated and dealt with later,” the Mayor said.

The maintenance schedule will be undertaken in two stages: Short Term Year 1, FY2013-14; Medium Term Years 2 – 5, FY2014-18.

Ends

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