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2015 CITIZEN & YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Australia Day Ceremony, Monday 26 January, Civic Hall, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde, from 10.00am

A unique group of local heroes, who have earned the admiration of the community, will be honoured on Australia Day when the 2015 City of Ryde Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are announced.

The seven nominees, whose ages range from teens to seniors, represent the high values and diversity of our community. They include volunteers, academics, students, IT professionals and community leaders.

Citizen of the Year Nominees

Mrs Knarik Barati
Dr Peter Mitchell OAM
Mr Vincent Yu

Young Citizen of the Year Nominees

Aidan Fisher
Sophie Lara-Watson
Mitchell Stubbs
Wiley Ye

City of Ryde Mayor Bill Pickering said these Awards are our City's way of acknowledging those individuals whose commitment, passion and a willingness to help others have strengthened our community.

"From the quiet achiever, to the successful professional and the leaders of the future, all have left their mark on an appreciative community.

"The qualities they show and the broad range of their achievements made this year's selection very difficult," he said.

Choosing one individual over another is always difficult but what is very clear is that a strong commitment to serve and community spirit is thriving in the City of Ryde.

The Citizen of the Year Awards recognise those who have shown outstanding community service and whose dedication in their chosen field has made a positive and lasting difference to the community.

Fifty new Australian citizens, all local residents hailing from countries around the globe, will also be welcomed as part of the Australia Day ceremony.

The day will end with the annual Australia Day Family Concert and Fireworks Spectacular at North Ryde Common (5.00 – 9.30pm). Lead act for the evening is The Whispering Jack Show – a tribute to the music of John Farnham.

For full details go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

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