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SURF RYDER WINS NSW PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Ryde Council's Surf Ryder project management team has won two prestigious awards at the 2015 Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) Achievement Awards, including the hotly contested NSW Project of the Year <https://www.aipm.com.au/awards/past-pmaa-winners/2015>.

The Council also took out the AIPM Award in the NSW Community and/or Development category for the Surf Ryder from highly established organisations such as Sydney Trains, Broadcast Australia, AGL and NSW Public Works.

Both Awards recognise best practice in project management for works undertaken on the installation of the Surf Ryder and Forecourt Construction at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC).

The \$3.5 million Surf Ryder is the State's first community owned surf attraction. It was delivered on time and within budget by a team collaboration across all units of the Council. It was fully funded from RALC reserves, at no cost to the community.

The Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said: "The AIPM excellence awards represent an outstanding achievement for the City of Ryde, its residents and the broader community.

"Congratulations to the staff who have once again demonstrated their skills and high level of professionalism in delivering this outstanding community asset that is enjoyed by so many."

As the NSW AIPM Project of the Year winner, City of Ryde's Surf Ryder will be up against other State recipients of the Award included Queensland Police Service for *G20 – Global Summit (Brisbane)*, Department of Infrastructure NT Government for *Cyclone Recovery Works Phase One* and Public Transport Authority of WA. The National Awards will be announced in October 2015.

About Surf Ryder

Surf Ryder is a state-of-the-art, heated surf simulator that delivers the perfect wave every time, from a 90,000 litre holding tank. It is a functional, innovative and sustainable piece of civil infrastructure that incorporates public art components, including a tensile membrane shade structure that is unique in design.

Framed by carefully crafted landscape, the Surf Ryder provides a 'sense of place' for family and community gatherings that evokes the cultural values and aesthetics of surf and seaside lifestyle, which are core to Sydney's identity. *If you can do it in the ocean, you can do it on the Surf Ryder!*

Book the Surf Ryder now. Phone 8878 5111. Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde.
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