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DESIGN OUR RYDE PEOPLE'S CHOICE REVEALED

Four architectural concepts from Australia, China, Italy/Australia and the United States have been shortlisted as contenders in the DESIGN OUR RYDE design competition to guide the future of the Ryde Civic Hub.

The four shortlisted entrants were announced today by Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, and Chair of the Design our Ryde Jury, Mr Peter Poulet. The four contenders, which include the People's Choice Winner, were chosen from 175 entries from 48 countries, including 41 from Australia.

The shortlisted entries are:

- Entry 16 **Team2** (Australia – St Leonards NSW & Hawthorn East Vic) People's Choice
- Entry 392 **MORQ** (Australia and Italy – Perth WA and Rome)
- Entry 299 **Architensions** (USA – New York)
- Entry 572 **Beijing Institute of Architectural Design** (China)

The Australian public was invited to vote for the People's Choice during a three week public exhibition and online gallery. 2653 votes were received.

Mayor Laxale said: "Top Ryde has always been a place of civic and community integration and these four design concepts stay true to that philosophy."

Design our Ryde Jury Chair, Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect said, "I believe that this competition has caught the imagination of the both the architectural profession and the local community.

"Ryde is a green city, a garden city community and the four designs have responded to the brief with solutions that are unique."

The shortlisted architects will be invited to submit more illustrations, extensive details of their design, a digital 3D model and video animation of their proposal. They will each receive \$50,000 upon the receipt of the work to cover the cost of the extra effort involved.

Final design submissions will be on public display from 11 July – 1 August. The winner will be announced in the week beginning 8 August.

Jury Members: Chair, Peter Poulet, NSW Government Architect; Shaun Carter, President NSW Chapter, Australian Institute of Architects; Maria Atkinson AM, Greater Sydney District Commissioner and Sustainability Strategist.