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## NEW DEPUTY MAYOR FOR CITY OF RYDE

Central Ward councillor Cllr Shweta Deshpande was voted City of Ryde's Deputy Mayor during an open vote held at a Council meeting held yesterday evening.

The first Deputy Mayor of South East Asian heritage, Cllr Deshpande will serve in the role until September 2023.

As a leader and strategic marketer within the pharmaceutical industry, Cllr Deshpande has won innovation awards for lateral thinking and providing solutions to effectively manage cross-functional teams. She holds an MBA and an undergraduate degree in English Literature.

Cllr Deshpande said she was honoured to be elected as Deputy Mayor for the City of Ryde.

"As a local mum of two kids, I am a strong advocate for community safety and will continue to work collaboratively with our Mayor, fellow Councillors and staff to build a sustainable City that holds promise for this generation and beyond", Cllr Deshpande said.

City of Ryde Mayor Cllr Sarkis Yedelian OAM congratulated Cllr Deshpande on her election.

"It is a great privilege to have Cllr Deshpande serving as Deputy Mayor. Her education, skills and experience are a great asset to our City. She has already achieved a significant amount since her election to Council in 2021 including under former Mayor Cllr Jordan Lane, and I look forward to furthering our progressive reform agenda together", he said.

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