

Wednesday 14 September 2011.

**MAYORAL ELECTION 2011**  
**Clr Artin Etmekdjian - Mayor**  
**Clr Gabrielle O'Donnell - Deputy Mayor**

At the full meeting of Council on Tuesday 13 September, Councillor Artin Etmekdjian was re-elected as Mayor of the City of Ryde for a 12 month term. Councillor Gabrielle O'Donnell was elected Deputy Mayor.

Clr Etmekdjian thanked his fellow Councillors for their support. "It is an honour to accept the role of Mayor of the City of Ryde for a second term.

"The past 12 months have been both challenging and rewarding and I am excited by the prospects ahead.

"Earlier this year, following a lengthy and indepth consultation with all levels of the community, our ten year Community Strategic Plan was formalised by Council.

"The plan articulates a ten year vision that our City is recognised by residents, visitors and businesses as a great place to be where lifestyle and opportunity are available close to where people live, work and play.

"To achieve this vision we will continue to work together to face the challenges of delivering quality services, of nurturing a rich social and cultural life, of strengthening our local economy and taking advantage of our unique assets."

Clr Etmekdjian thanked his fellow Councillors for their support and welcomed working with the new Deputy Mayor: "Our pledge is to work as a unified team with the General Manager and staff for the betterment of the community.

"I welcome Clr O'Donnell's experience and long tenure as a Councillor. I am confident we can achieve real progress."

Clr O'Donnell said she was honoured to be elected Deputy Mayor: "I look forward to working closely with the Mayor and my colleagues in taking the City of Ryde towards our vision of a safe, unified and sustainable City."