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ALGWA EXECUTIVE MEMBER COUNCILLOR GABRIELLE O'DONNELL ELECTED AS DEPUTY-MAYOR OF RYDE!

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ALGWA Executive member Councillor Gabrielle O'Donnell has been elected by a margin of 7:5 as Deputy Mayor of Ryde Council for the next year in the Council ballot held on 13 September 2011. This is the second time that Councillor O'Donnell has been elected as Ryde's Deputy Mayor.

ALGWA NSW President, Councillor Julie Griffiths said, "ALGWA is delighted that Gabrielle O'Donnell has been elected as Deputy Mayor for Ryde. Gabrielle is a strong voice for her local community and her depth of experience as a Councillor as well as her passionate advocacy for women and gender equity will deliver strong outcomes for the Ryde community."

The final ballot for Mayor was between Liberal Councillor Artin Etmekdjian and Councillor Petch and was decided 7:5 in Councillor Etmekdjian's favour with the support of Councillor Gabrielle O'Donnell and Councillor Nicole Campbell.

The vote for Deputy Mayor became a head to head contest between Labor Councillor O'Donnell and Labor Councillor Salvestro-Martin after Liberal Councillor Bill Pickering decided to withdraw his nomination. Councillor O'Donnell was elected 7:5 in the first round of voting.

Councillor O'Donnell congratulated Councillor Artin Etmekdjian, on his re-election as Mayor of Ryde for a second term and said of her own election, "I am humbled and honoured to have been selected by the majority of Councillors for the role of Deputy Mayor. I will carry out my duties with vigour and passion and I will continue to work hard for the people of Ryde".

Councillor Nicole Campbell said, "Gabrielle's passion for this community is inspiring! She is a very experienced Local Government Councillor and she knows this community very well. I am delighted Gabrielle has been elected as Ryde's Deputy Mayor, she will do an outstanding job".

Priorities for Councillor O'Donnell over the coming year will be to continue her work with Councillor Campbell on initiatives to encourage more women to consider standing for Local Government and other programs to support women and families in the Ryde community.

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