

Ryde Mayor Bill Pickering elected

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Ryde Mayor Bill Pickering. Picture: Justin Lloyd

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BILL Pickering has been elected mayor of Ryde, and said he expects to have the sad honour of being its last.

Councillors elected the Liberal member to the top role ahead of former mayor, Labor Cr Jerome Laxale, by seven votes to five at an extraordinary meeting at the Civic Centre tonight.

Cr Pickering was mayor 12 months ago, prior to Cr Laxale, and said it was a great privilege to be elected to a second term.

“I will have the great honour of helping steer our city forward before its inevitable amalgamation,” he told the meeting.

“I have the sad honour of being the last mayor of Ryde.”

The NSW Land and Environment Court is considering its decision on Hunters Hill and Lane Cove councils’ court challenge to a state government proposal they merge with Ryde.

The mayor’s role carries a salary of \$87,590.

Cr Jane Stott, another Liberal, was elected deputy mayor.

Cr Pickering and Cr Stott both thanked Cr Jeff Salvestro-Martin for his vote in their speeches.

The independent’s vote was crucial in helping the Liberal bloc of councillors win the voting over the Labor-independent bloc.

All councillors participated in the meeting.

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