Purpose of role
The Director, Macquarie-Ryde Futures Project manages non-statutory relationships with Ryde Council, local governments and communities and communicates the reciprocal value of these to the University community.

Nature and Scope
Macquarie is a university that aspires to be:

- a destination of choice for students and staff who share our values
- ranked among the highest performing research universities of Australia and, for key disciplines, to be recognised for our pre-eminence
- an innovation nexus where Macquarie and our partners contribute solutions to the world and develop lasting relationships
- a vibrant and sustainable campus, clearly at the centre of a rapidly changing neighbourhood in the international, cosmopolitan city of Sydney

_Our University: A Framing of Futures_ reflects the fundamental mission of education, research and community engagement.

This role operates within the Office of the COO and across the academy. It is responsible for engaging with University community in building deep, broad and coherent relationships with local governments and communities to advance mutual interests through research, teaching and advocacy.

Reporting Relationships
The Director reports directly to the DVC & COO to consider community and University priorities in alignment with the University’s strategic framework and direction.

The incumbent will be an academic employee who will continue to carry a substantive position within their respective faculty.

Duration
The duration of the position is 2 years with a view to extend this if appropriate.

Key Responsibilities
1. Build and sustain relationships across the Council and local community in order to demonstrate the University’s community citizenship.
2. Co-ordinate the Macquarie-Ryde Futures Project.
3. Provide a nexus for arising issues and where there is an opportunity for engagement by the Council with the University and visa versa.
4. Build the University’s reputation as a preferred education destination through engagement with local community organisations and Council.
5. Broker research activity with the local community and/or council and University faculties.
6. Deepen the research relationship with local government to advance mutual interests and engagement.
7. Support the identification learning opportunities to deepen PACE’s relationship of with the community and local government.
8. Provide leadership and mentoring to professional staff by ensuring the ‘academic voice’ is considered in designing and operationalising strategy.