

PACE DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME 2012

Evaluating the PACE Relationship with the City of Ryde

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TITLE / NAME OF PROJECT LEADER:

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SUMMARY OF PROJECT:

The project will evaluate development of the relationship between PACE and City of Ryde. Developing PACE capacity to work effectively with local partners which can accommodate large student numbers across a wide range of fields is essential to PACE's success. Yet managing relationships with such partners presents challenges. PACE procedures aim to address those challenges, and the relationship with City of Ryde offers an opportunity to evaluate them rigorously and pilot implementation of responses to lessons from initial evaluation. The particular case of the City of Ryde also allows evaluation of the links to institutional goals in research. The project will be delivered within the framework developed by the University's research-focused initiative in the Macquarie-Ryde Futures Partnership (MRFP). MRFP is supported by MRDG funding that provides full-time teaching relief for Professor Howitt (2012-13) and makes his expertise available to implement this PACE research project as part of his duties. The project will interview students from a number of participation units who are placed at Ryde in Session 1 and 2, 2012 and their industry and academic supervisors as well as reviewing activity development, student placement, supervision and reporting processes, contact and activity management in Tracker, and the effectiveness of both discipline-based activities and multi-disciplinary or research-based activities.