



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC AGENDA - SUPPLEMENTARY B

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in PHIVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER) COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 5 PARRAMATTA SQUARE, PARRAMATTA on Monday, 12 February 2024 at 6.30PM.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
SUBJECT	Vale The Hon. Michael Egan AO
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09305664
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Welcoming

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to acknowledge the death of the Hon. Michael Egan AO, and express Council's sincere condolences to his family and friends.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledge the death of the Hon. Michael Egan AO, former NSW Treasurer, Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Ministers for Energy, Gaming and Racing, and State and Regional Development, and Member for Cronulla, on 1 February 2024.
- (b) That Council express its sincere condolences to the Hon. Michael Egan AO's family and friends at this sad time.

BACKGROUND

1. The Hon. Michael Rueben Egan AO was the state's longest serving Treasurer, giving nearly 10 years in the role in service of the people of NSW. Mr Egan distinguished himself through his economic and fiscal competence, returning the budget to surplus, drastically reducing net government debt and investing in essential services, infrastructure and hosting the Sydney Olympic Games.
2. During his 35-year parliamentary career, he made many significant contributions to the system of responsible government in NSW through positions in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly. He served as Leader of the Government, Leader of the Opposition, Ministers for Energy, Gaming and Racing, and State and Regional Development, and Member for Cronulla.
3. After his retirement from Parliament in 2005, Mr Egan was the longest-serving Chancellor of Macquarie University from 2006 to 2019, overseeing a record 43,000 students' graduations.
4. He also had roles as the Chairman of the Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine and Cell Biology, Chairman of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority Commission, Chairman of the Australia Day Council of NSW and Governor of the Woolcock Medical Research Institute.
5. Council expresses its sincere condolences to his family and friends.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

6. There are no new financial implications for Council as a result of this Lord Mayoral Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
SUBJECT	Vale Ms Trish Keating
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09305652
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Welcoming

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to acknowledge the death of Trish Keating, and express Council's sincere condolences to her family and friends.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledge the death of Trish Keating on 31 December 2023, former Auburn City Council employee, Secretary of the City of Parramatta Art Society and Old Government House and Experiment Farm volunteer and National Trust Parramatta Branch Member.
- (b) That Council express its sincere condolences to Trish Keating's family and friends at this sad time.

BACKGROUND

1. Ms Trish Keating died on 31 December 2023 after battling pancreatic cancer. Ms Keating served as a former Auburn City Council employee, Secretary of the City of Parramatta Art Society (CPAS) and Old Government House and Experiment Farm volunteer and National Trust Parramatta Branch Member.
2. As CPAS Secretary from 2019-2022, she guided the Art Society through the pandemic, ensuring the health and safety of its members and adherence with government regulations.
3. Ms Keating was a valued staff member at Auburn City Council, holding positions as Personal Assistant (PA) to Director and Managers: Urban Design and Planning (2004-2008), PA to the Mayor (2008 - 2012), Events/Projects Support Administrator (2012 - 2017) and Events and Civic Officer roles (2017 – 2018).
4. Council expresses its sincere condolences to her family and friends, including her son Adrian and his wife Kerry, her grandchildren, Chloe and Noah, and her brother Christopher.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

5. There are no new financial implications for Council as a result of this Lord Mayor Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
SUBJECT	2024 Citizen of the Year Awards and 2024 Australia Day Honours
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D09299392
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Thriving

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to recognise and congratulate recipients of City of Parramatta's 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards, and the Order of Australia's 2024 Australia Day Honours, for their contributions to the Parramatta community. This Lord Mayoral Minute also celebrates the success of the popular City of Parramatta Australia Day weekend events and congratulates all staff involved on their fantastic efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council congratulate the winners of the City of Parramatta's 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards, who received their awards at the ceremony held at Parramatta Park on 25 January 2024:
- a. Julie Crane – Citizen of the Year
 - b. Nass Aoun – Young Citizen of the Year
 - c. Ronda Gaffey – Senior Citizen of the Year
 - d. Support Organisation for Homeless and Asylum Seekers (SOHAS) – Community Group Award
- (b) That Council congratulate the following recipients of the Governor General's 2024 Australia Day Honours for their contributions to the Parramatta community, being:
- a. Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)
 - i. The late Emeritus Professor Robin William King AO
 - b. Member (AM) in the General Division
 - i. Emeritus Professor Michael John Eyles AM
 - ii. Professor Christopher Gerard Maher AM
 - iii. The Honourable Justice Grant Theo Riethmuller AM
 - c. Medal (OAM) in the General Division
 - i. Mrs Lilian Margaret Ries OAM
 - ii. Mr Peter Bacha OAM
- (c) That the Lord Mayor write a letter of congratulations to the recipients of the 2024 Australia Day Honours.

- (d) That Council celebrates the success of the popular City of Parramatta Australia Day events held on 25 and 26 January 2024 and congratulates all staff involved on their fantastic efforts.

BACKGROUND

1. Council celebrates the success of the popular City of Parramatta Australia Day events held on 25 and 26 January 2024 and congratulates all staff involved on their fantastic efforts. Both family-friendly events were well-attended by members of the Parramatta community and received positive feedback.
2. It was an honour to recognise and celebrate the following outstanding City of Parramatta Citizens of the Year at the Award Ceremony held on 25 January:
 - a. **Julie Crane**, Citizen of the Year
 - b. **Nass Aoun**, Young Citizen of the Year
 - c. **Ronda Gaffey**, Senior Citizen of the Year
 - d. **Support Organisation for Homeless and Asylum Seekers**, Community Group Award
3. On 26 January 2024, as part of the 2024 Australia Day Honours List, the Governor-General recognised the following recipients who have made notable contributions to the City of Parramatta:
4. Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)
 - a. **The late Emeritus Professor Robin William King** was named an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division for distinguished service to engineering, to tertiary education, and to professional organisations through executive roles. Professor King was involved with the Australian Council of Engineering Deans, Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering NSW Division, Engineers Australia, as well as academic institutions, the University of South Australia, University of Sydney and University of Technology Sydney. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of NSW (2019), Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, United Kingdom (2015), Distinguished Member and Hall of Fame inductee of Australasian Association of Engineering Education (2014) and received the Leadership Award and served on the International Advisory Board for International Network for Engineering Education (2008).
5. Member (AM) in the General Division
 - a. **Emeritus Professor Michael John Eyles** was named a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to tertiary education, and to science. Professor Eyles' research focuses on food science and technology, with substantial experience leading change management in science-based organisations including CSIRO, Food Safety Information Council, Australian Institute of Food Science and technology, Food Science Australia. Professor Eyles has held leadership positions at the University of Technology Sydney including Assistant Deputy Vice-Chancellor in science, strategy integration, research, engineering, IT and innovation.

- b. **Professor Christopher Gerard Maher AM** was named a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to physiotherapy as a researcher, clinician and mentor, particularly in the field of pain management. Professor Maher is internationally recognised for his clinical research in lower back pain, and holds the positions of Professor in Sydney School of Public Health, founding Director of the Institute for Musculoskeletal Health and Co-Director of Sydney Musculoskeletal Health, Fellow of the Australian College of Physiotherapy, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences and NHMRC Leadership Level 3 Fellow.
 - c. **The Honourable Justice Grant Theo Riethmuller AM** was named a Member for the Order of Australia for significant service to the judiciary, and to the law. Justice Riethmuller began his legal career in Queensland, passing the bar in 1989 and contributing to the North Queensland Women's Legal Service, Townsville Community Corrections Board, James Cook University, Townsville and Relationships Australia, Townsville. He has served as a Judge in Division 1 of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia in Parramatta since 2021, and previously was a Judge in Division 2 in Melbourne from 004-2021. He also authored and edited several family law publications.
6. Medal (OAM) in the General Division
- a. **Mrs Lilian Margaret Ries OAM** received the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community health. A resident of Northmead, the centenarian was recognised for her 26 years of volunteer service for Ronald McDonald House, Greater Western Sydney in Westmead from 1996-2022.
 - b. **Mr Peter Bacha OAM** received the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to football, and to the community. President of Rydalmere Lions Football Club since 2000, he is a Life Member, former coach, player and Founding Member. He is also a Life Member of the Granville District Soccer and Football Association and was awarded the Laurie Ferguson Shield in 2011. Mr Bacha was awarded the Parramatta Community Contribution Award in 2023, Rotary Club of Carlingford Community Service Award in 2022 and City of Parramatta Local Citizen of the Year in 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

There are no new financial implications for Council as a result of this Lord Mayor Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
SUBJECT	Acknowledgement of Service – Ms Donna Davis MP
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09305962
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Thriving

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to acknowledge Ms Donna Davis MP's resignation from Council after seven years of service to the City of Parramatta and thank her for all she has achieved for the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledge the resignation of Ms Donna Davis MP from the City of Parramatta after serving as Councillor for seven years, including as Lord Mayor from January 2022 to May 2023; and
- (b) That Council thank Ms Donna Davis MP for her service to the community and congratulate her for all she has achieved.

BACKGROUND

1. First elected to City of *Parramatta* in September 2017 as a Councillor for the Epping Ward, Cr *Donna Davis* MP served as *Lord Mayor* from January 2022 to May 2023, and was the third female *Lord Mayor* in Council's 160 year history. Ms Davis resigned from her position as Councillor on 23 January 2024. She will continue to serve as the State Member for Parramatta, following her election to the role in March 2023.
2. Council thanks and congratulates Ms Davis for her service to the community during her time on Council. Key projects and programs Ms Davis championed for the Epping Ward include: the upgrade of [Epping Pool](#), upgrades to Oxford Street, improvements to Somerville Park and the construction of a West Epping Dog Off Leash Park. Cr Davis also championed local issues such as the inclusion of Wistaria Gardens in Parramatta Park, a 10 year lease of Carlingford High School sports fields, the construction of the Peninsula Park at Wentworth Point and sports field at Newington Reserve.
3. As Lord Mayor, Cr Davis focused on promoting Parramatta as a destination to live, work, study and visit. This included advocating for increased funding for Parramatta's arts and culture industry, including upgrades to the Riverside Theatre.
4. Ms Davis has been immersed in the local community for over 25 years - living, working, volunteering and raising a family in Parramatta. Prior to being elected to Council, Ms Davis was involved in the community campaign to Save Willow Grove, Save Parramatta Pool and advocacy for the Female Factory.

5. Ms Davis continues to be a passionate advocate for Parramatta's heritage, advocating for appropriate development that complements and respects the existing built and environmental heritage across the City of Parramatta.
6. Council acknowledges Ms Davis' seven years of service to the City of Parramatta and thanks her for all she has achieved for the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

7. There are no new financial implications for Council as a result of this Lord Mayoral Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.5
SUBJECT	Thank You to Council Staff for Working During the Christmas Close Down and New Year Period
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D09296551
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Thriving

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to recognise City of Parramatta staff who worked over the Christmas close down and New Year period and thank them for their efforts staging events and keeping the City running.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council thank the City of Parramatta staff who continued to work and provide services to our community over the Christmas close down and New Year period.

BACKGROUND

1. Council acknowledges the City of Parramatta staff who worked over the Christmas-New Year period and thanks them for their efforts in keeping the City running.
2. In particular, Council acknowledges our Events Team for the amazing New Year's Eve celebrations in Parramatta Park, all of our City Assets and Operations colleagues who continued to provide front line services across the LGA, the Customer Care Team for continuing to answer community enquiries, the Riverside Team for an amazing opening of Bananaland to kick off the Sydney Festival season, the PHIVE Team for the successful opening of Sea of Life at Town Hall, our Library and Community Care Teams and everyone involved in the school holiday programs.
3. Council also acknowledges the hard-working staff at Parramatta Aquatic Centre, Epping Pool and Lake Parramatta, who continued to welcome customers throughout the holidays.
4. Council acknowledges our staff for their commitment to service, especially when others are enjoying holidays, and for making Council's events and services such a success over the summer period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

5. There are no new financial implications for Council as a result of this Lord Mayoral Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.6
SUBJECT	Celebrating Lunar New Year - Year of the Dragon
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09306753
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

CSP THEME: Welcoming

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to celebrate Lunar New Year and its significance to many diverse cultures and communities within the City of Parramatta.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council celebrates the Lunar New Year, ushering in the Year of the Dragon and its significance to many diverse cultures and communities within the City of Parramatta.
- (b) That Council note the popular Lunar New Year festivities held on 10 February 2024 at Parramatta Square and Centenary Square from 4-10pm, featuring family friendly entertainment, culture and food such as dragon and lion dancing, music, lanterns and a giant interactive dragon installation.
- (c) That Council commends all staff involved in delivering the Lunar New Year event on 10 February and associated celebrations including calligraphy, stamp carving, textiles, amuletic cards, traditional food-making workshops and walking tours at PHIVE.

BACKGROUND

- 1. Lunar New Year is a significant cultural celebration held annually based on the lunar calendar year, dating back to the Xia or Shang dynasties of China up to 4,000 years ago. Lunar New Year is celebrated by many Asian countries and diaspora communities, including China, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Cambodia and Indonesia.
- 2. City of Parramatta recently celebrated Lunar New Year with a family-friendly event held on 10 February 2024, featuring traditions and customs symbolising good luck and prosperity for the Year of the Dragon.
- 3. The evening featured decorations, celebrations, food and live entertainment such as dragon and lion dancing, music, lanterns and a giant interactive dragon installation. PHIVE also hosted associated cultural celebrations during February including calligraphy, stamp carving, textiles, amuletic cards, traditional food-making workshops and walking tours.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

4. There are no further financial implications for Council arising as a result of this Lord Mayoral Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

ITEM NUMBER	8.7
SUBJECT	Opening of Oatlands Memorial Garden
REFERENCE	F2024/00282 - D09313834
REPORT OF	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE: Nil

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Lord Mayor Minute is to recognise the opening of a permanent memorial garden honouring the four children who tragically died in a motor vehicle accident in Oatlands in 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council acknowledge the opening of permanent memorial garden honouring the four children who tragically died in a motor vehicle accident in Oatlands in 2020.
- (b) Further, that Council note the actions taken by City of Parramatta to improve pedestrian safety on Bettington Road, Oatlands.

BACKGROUND

1. On Saturday 3 February 2024 a public ceremony was held in Oatlands to mark the unveiling of a permanent Garden Memorial honouring the four children who tragically died in a motor vehicle accident in 2020. Over 200 people attended the ceremony, which was hosted by the Abdallah and Sakr families, including Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, NSW Premier Chris Minns and former Prime Minister Scott Morrison.
2. The tragic loss of four innocent lives touched the hearts of the Parramatta community and people across Australia. Council continues to offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of Antony, Angelina and Sienna Abdallah and Veronique Sakr who tragically lost their lives in the accident.
3. Council continues to recognise the emergency service workers and local community members who were first responders to the accident, as well as the longstanding impact of the tragedy on the local Oatlands community and survivors.
4. Following the accident, Council undertook a range of upgrades to Bettington Road to manage traffic speed and improve pedestrian safety, including:
 - An inspection of the site was undertaken by Council Officers following the accident, which confirmed that line markings are readily visible to drivers, 50 km/h speed limit signage is in place in appropriate locations and street lighting is in place.

- In March 2020, a guardrail was installed on the Bettington Road bend, to assist with deflecting vehicles from potentially mounting the footpath.
- In late 2020, a roundabout was installed at York Street, approximately 50m north of the bend, to assist to slow traffic approaching the bend and make it easier to exit York Street.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL

5. There are no new financial implications for Council as a result of this Lord Mayoral Minute.

Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

PUBLIC FORUM

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
SUBJECT	PUBLIC FORUM: Item 13.1 Adoption of the Parramatta Bike Plan 2024
REFERENCE FROM	F2024/00282 - D09317767 Simon Cook

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors

I wish to speak before you this evening in regard to Item 13.1 before Adoption on of the Bike Plan 2024.

It is noted from many submissions a cluster of modifications to the routes were made around Sydney Olympic Park, across the City and for example removing Regional Route from State Heritage Wistaria Gardens at the request of Parramatta Park Trust.

I speak for the Friends of Toongabbie Creek Network of Bushcare and ecology groups that is to be part of the Parramatta River Landcare Network shortly. We had submitted and requested a lengthy modification to the sketched route through the similarly State Heritage Listed Old Toongabbie Government Farm (since 1791) and either side through rare, endangered Woodlands in Winston Hills. The requests are reasonable and informed by a precautionary principle that we expect also from Council's public documents.

The Bike Plan brings many benefits yet through Winston Hills and Toongabbie we found erroneous sketch routes were exhibited without any Environmental data or locality guidelines specifically supplied by Council's Natural Resources unit. We were advised previously the Natural Resources Unit had "no input" to the Bike Plan or Route locality, yet we read in the 'Online Map Comment Responses' that "no objection was raised by councils Natural Resources team".

In this absence, and given we requested the Route be modified with reasonable detail, there is no reason not to embrace clear "community sentiment" which is well founded on the existing site details, remnant endangered woodlands and trees, and archaeological context. There is no benefit in "best practice" to perpetuate a flawed blind-siding of these constraints until a future time of detail resolution, as Councils intensions need to be clarified, from disregard to proactive support.

We seek from Council an Amendment to modify the 2024 Plan, as has been made already to the 2023 Refresh version, now in principle to as we submitted,

- align the Shared Path Route with the Transmission Easement;
- avoid the Endangered Ecological Woodland of Caber Park;
- complement the Toongabbie Govt Farm Archaeological site topography;
- utilise the McCoy Basin ridgeline.

STAFF RESPONSE

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS:

1   State Archaeological Sites









