



**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, 26 February 2024 at 6.30PM.

Gail Connolly PSM  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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## MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>SUBJECT</b>	International Women's Day 2024
<b>REFERENCE</b>	F2024/00282 - D09332349
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

**CSP THEME:** Thriving

**WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE:** Nil

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Lord Mayor Minute is to recognise International Women's Day 2024 and note the program of supporting activities being delivered by Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council notes International Women's Day 2024 is taking place on Friday 8 March, and this year's global United Nations Women theme is "Count Her In: Accelerating Gender Equality Through Economic Empowerment." The day celebrates women's achievements whilst raising awareness about discrimination and progress towards gender parity.
- (b) That Council notes that to celebrate International Women's Day in 2024, the City of Parramatta is running a series of events showcasing women's leadership and influence in our community.
- (c) That Council notes the ongoing work being undertaken by the City of Parramatta to promote gender equality and prevent domestic and family violence.
- (d) That Council considers a suitable way to commemorate the first female alderman to be elected to Parramatta Council, Ms Anne Walker, who served from 1971-74, as well as our first female Lord Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Wearne.
- (e) That Council allocate \$12,000 from the Office of the Lord Mayor and Councillor Support Budget to facilitate International Women's Day 2024 events.

### **BACKGROUND**

1. International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually around the world on 8 March. The day builds awareness of women's issues, seeking to increase the visibility of women's achievements in the community and promote gender equality. The first IWD celebrated in Australia was in 1928.
2. This year's [campaign theme](#) is "Count Her In: Accelerating Gender Equality Through Economic Empowerment" which examines the pathways to greater economic inclusion for women and girls everywhere.
3. To celebrate IWD in 2024, Council is running a series of events showcasing women's leadership and influence in our community. This includes a coordinated communication campaign, a series of workshops, activities and one-off events for the community and Council staff.

4. On Thursday 7 March 2024, Council will be hosting an International Women's Day event at Parramatta Town Hall for invited community members and Council staff. The event '*City of Parramatta IWD 2024: Invest In Western Sydney Women*' will feature a keynote speech from Dr Ronda Itaoui, Director of Centre for Western Sydney and a Q&A with Parramatta Eels NRLW team co-captain Rachel Pearson. A panel discussion with City of Parramatta CEO Gail Connolly PSM, Aunty Julie Jones (Webb), Dr Rhonda Itaoui, Rachael Pearson, and Luke Magee (President of the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce) will also discuss pathways for greater economic inclusion of women and girls.
5. Council is also running online events as well as events at PHIVE and at the Riverside Theatre. Events include:
  - A 'Financial Wellbeing' online session run by Sarah Pyke, which aims to address the typical financial pitfalls faced by women;
  - A free lunch time talk at PHIVE on 01 March that jointly commemorates IWD and Mardi Gras, featuring Dr Quah Ee Ling;
  - A free facilitated car maintenance workshop on March 05;
  - From 06-27 March, stalls at the Parramatta Farmers Market will be provided at no-cost to emerging women-lead small businesses, selected via an EOI process;
  - On 13 March, Council will host three different community workshops lead by local artists at PHIVE;
  - A morning tea on 15 March, 'Inspire Inclusion – IWD Celebration,' delivered by CoP in partnership with Parramatta Mission and Lisa Harnum Foundation with Joanne Yates, Chair of the Centre for Women's' Economic Safety as a keynote speaker; and
  - The Riverside Theatre will host two special screenings, including 'Pushing the Boundaries: The Mavis Bramston Show' and 'Wit by Margaret Edson,' a Pulitzer Prize winning play written and directed by and about a woman.
6. Council will use its website and social media channels to draw awareness to IWD activities and promote gender equity throughout March. Council's website will draw together information on IWD and link to all events. Council's social media channels will also promote the City of Parramatta's program of activities in support of IWD.
7. The City of Parramatta continues to promote gender equality and inclusion through its programs and activities including:
  - Taking steps to adapt a primary prevention framework to the prevention of domestic and family violence through CoP's *Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence Action Plan 2022-2025*, which centers gender inequality as a driving factor in the prevalence of violence against women;
  - Increasing public participation of women and girls in community networks, sports clubs and support groups;
  - Promoting gender equality within Council's workplace, including through the adopted *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy* for staff;
  - Providing support to staff experiencing domestic and family violence;
  - Training and supporting community workers, community leaders and advocates to prevent domestic and family violence;
  - Providing grants for not-for-profit organisations to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence;

- Working closely with local businesses, community services, NSW Police and community groups to develop and deliver domestic and family violence prevention projects; and
  - Council's Small Business Program also runs targeted online workshops for women in small businesses, covering topics such as: small business content planning, LinkedIn photoshoots for women, mentoring and leadership.
8. Ms Anne Walker was elected to Parramatta Council on 18 September 1971 at the age of 22, being the youngest member of Council at the time and first female alderman. Formerly Anne Macarthur King, Ms Walker was a descendant of John Macarthur, with family ties to the settlement of Parramatta. Ms Walker's interest in the Parramatta Planning Scheme and her belief that women should have a voice in the affairs of the City, saw her serve out a three-year term until 1974.
9. Councillor Lorraine Wearne was the first woman to be elected as Lord Mayor for the City of Parramatta. Cr Wearne was elected Lord Mayor in 2000-2001 and wore the mayoral chains again in 2011-2012. This made her the first woman Lord Mayor of Parramatta and the first woman in the Sydney region to hold that title.
10. This Minute proposes that Council staff consider a suitable way to commemorate Ms Walker and Cr Wearne. This could include special commemorative photographs of Ms Walker and Cr Wearne being displayed at PHIVE, to honour Ms Walker's service as the first female alderman at Council and Cr Wearne's achievements as the first female Lord Mayor of our city.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL**

11. This Lord Mayor Minute proposes a funding contribution of \$12,000 from the Office of the Lord Mayor and Councillor Support Budget. This expenditure can be met from existing resources.

#### **Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

#### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>SUBJECT</b>	PHIVE achieves '6 Green Star' Sustainability Rating
<b>REFERENCE</b>	F2024/00282 - D09334096
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber

**CSP THEME:** Green

**WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE:** Nil

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Lord Mayoral Minute is to acknowledge PHIVE at Parramatta Square obtaining a world-class '6 Green Star' sustainability As Built rating from the Green Building Council of Australia.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council note that on 21 February 2024, PHIVE obtained a '6 Green Star' sustainability As Built rating, from the Green Building Council of Australia, placing it in the 'World Class' category.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Founded by the Green Building Council of Australia in 2003, Green Star is an internationally recognised rating system setting the standard for healthy, resilient, positive buildings and places. Developed for the Australian environment, Green Star has certified thousands of sustainable fit outs, buildings, homes and communities across the country.
2. On Wednesday, 21 February 2024, PHIVE, the City of Parramatta's six-storey civic centre and library, achieved a 6 Star Green Star As Built rating, placing it in the 'World Class' category for building sustainability. This is an incredible achievement for a public building, making PHIVE one of Australia's most sustainable local government buildings.
3. PHIVE's design principles are focused on environmental performance, resulting in a low reliance on traditional heating and cooling methods. Its innovative build incorporates a complex and distinctive roof façade system made up of 549 individual skylight modules, integrated together within a structural steel roof framing arrangement. This concept design has allowed the building to achieve net zero operations from day one.
4. The building also offers healthy, safe spaces for visitors thanks to its unique smart mixed-mode ventilation system. The system is linked to the Bureau of Meteorology and two local weather sensors to ensure optimal operation.
5. PHIVE is proud to be recognised internationally as a catalyst for innovation, sustainability and transformation. This 6 Green Star rating is a strong testament to PHIVE's significance in setting the benchmark for future architecture and community spaces.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL**

6. There are no further financial implications for Council arising from this Lord Mayoral Minute.

**Lord Mayor Councillor Pierre Esber**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**