

# NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

## PUBLIC SUPPLEMENTARY

## AGENDA - B

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held via audio / visual means on Monday, 9 August 2021 at 6.30pm.

*Note: Members of the public will not be able to attend the meeting in person but will be able to view the live stream video on Council's website.*

Brett Newman  
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>	Condolence Motion: Ronald 'Ron' Wright OAM
<b>REFERENCE</b>	F2019/03630 - D08176729
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Lord Mayor, Councillor Bob Dwyer

**WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE:** Nil

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Lord Mayor Minute is to recognise the passing of Ronald 'Ron' Wright OAM, and show our respect for his commitment to the local community including as Honorary Secretary of the Parramatta District Cricket Club for 40 years.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) **That** Council acknowledge the passing of Ronald 'Ron' Wright OAM, offering our condolences to his family, friends and the Parramatta District Cricket Club.
- (b) **That** Council note a memorial service will be held by the Parramatta District Cricket Club following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.
- (c) **That** Council write to the Parramatta District Cricket Club offering our sincere condolences on Ron Wright's passing; and
- (d) **Further, that** a minute's silence be observed by the Chamber as a gesture of respect on his passing and in recognition of his dedication and contributions to the Parramatta and Western Sydney community.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Ronald 'Ron' Wright OAM, long-time Honorary Secretary of the Parramatta District Cricket Club (Cricket Club), passed away suddenly on Tuesday 27 July 2021 at the age of 89 years.
2. Originally from Kent, England, Mr Wright was a monumental figure as an administrator for the Cricket Club with his off the field efforts and devotion recognised within the Parramatta club circles and the broader Sydney Premier Cricket community.
3. Known as an amiable and kind-hearted gentleman, Ron Wright performed the ever-increasing duties of Honorary Secretary for 40 years, a club record for any official in a key administrative office.
4. In the 1978/79 season, Ron Wright first took on the role of Assistant Secretary before being elected to the position of Secretary in the 1979/80 season through to 2020/21 season, with 1987/88 being the only season he wasn't elected Secretary.
5. Nicknamed Mr Parramatta Cricket within the Cricket Club, he was recognised by the Club for ensuring its continued existence due to his energy, commitment and generosity. As the owner of a surgical supply company, Mr Wright often used his personal resources to underpin the finances of the Cricket Club to facilitate the club's administration and Cricket NSW compliance workloads.
6. Above all, Ron Wright served as an inspiration to players and members of the Cricket Club, well-liked and appreciated for his dedication and enthusiasm for

- the job and his kindness and concern for the players' welfare, providing valuable assistance to many over his time as Secretary.
7. His outstanding service to the Parramatta District Cricket Club has been recognised and honoured through a series of awards, including:
    - a. Life Membership of the Parramatta District Cricket Club
    - b. Life Membership of the New South Wales Cricket Association
    - c. Australian Sports Medal, awarded by the Federal Government in 2000
    - d. Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2012
  8. Council offers its condolences to Ron Wright's family and friends, and holds a minute's silence in the Chamber as a gesture of respect and in recognition of his significant contributions to the local community.

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

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

**Lord Mayor, Councillor Bob Dwyer**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

#### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**