

# NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

## PUBLIC SUPPLEMENTARY

## AGENDA - B

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in PHIVE 2 Civic Place, Parramatta COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 5 PARRAMATTA SQUARE, PARRAMATTA on Monday, 27 February 2023 at 6:30PM.

Bryan Hynes  
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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***After the conclusion of the Council Meeting, and if time permits, Councillors will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of staff.***

**MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Condolence Motion: Very Reverend Father Nicholas Tsouloukidis
<b>REFERENCE</b>	F2021/02779 - D08883764
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Lord Mayor, Councillor Donna Davis

**WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE:** Nil

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Lord Mayor Minute is to recognise the passing of the Very Rev Fr Nicholas Tsouloukidis on Tuesday 21 February 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) **That** Council acknowledge the passing of the Very Rev Fr Nicholas Tsouloukidis on Tuesday 21 February 2023;
- (b) **That** a letter of condolence be sent from the Lord Mayor to Fr Nicholas' family, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia and the Hellenic Orthodox Community of Parramatta and Districts; and
- (c) **Further, that** the Chamber hold a minute's silence as a gesture of respect on Fr Nicholas' passing and in recognition of his contributions to the Parramatta community.

**BACKGROUND**

- 1. Fr Nicholas was the Parish Priest of St Ioannis Church in Parramatta since its beginning in 1960 and served the Parish for nearly 50 years.
- 2. He served the community with commitment, sacrifice and dedication and was instrumental in supporting the relocation of the Greek Orthodox Parish from 11 Hassall Street, Parramatta to 163 - 165 George St, Parramatta.
- 3. Fr Nicholas' passing is a great loss to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, our local Greek Orthodox Parish and the broader community.
- 4. He is survived by his two daughters Elizabeth and Sophie, son-in-law Sandy, and his grandchildren George and Eleni.
- 5. Fr Nicholas' funeral will be held at St Ioannis Church in Purchase St, Parramatta on Wednesday 1 March from 11am.
- 6. Council offers its condolences to Fr Nicholas' family, friends, and the Hellenic Orthodox Community of Parramatta and Districts, and will observe a minute's silence in the Chamber as a gesture of respect.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL**

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

**LORD MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DONNA DAVIS**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 8.2  
**SUBJECT** International Women's Day 2023  
**REFERENCE** F2021/02779 - D08884319  
**REPORT OF** Lord Mayor, Councillor Donna Davis

**CSP THEME:** Thriving

**WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE:** Nil

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Lord Mayor Minute is to recognise International Women's Day 2023 and note the program of supporting activities being delivered by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) **That** Council note International Women's Day 2023 is taking place on Wednesday 8 March, and this year's global United Nations Women theme is "Embrace Equity" acknowledging the aim for a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. The day celebrates women's achievements whilst raising awareness about discrimination and progress towards gender parity.
- (b) **That** Council note that to celebrate International Women's Day in 2023, the City of Parramatta is running a series of events showcasing women's leadership and influence in our community.
- (c) **Further, that** Council note the ongoing work being undertaken by the City of Parramatta to promote gender equality and prevent domestic and family violence.

**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.
- 2. This year's [campaign theme](#) is "Embrace Equity" which advocates for gender equality and a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination.
- 3. To celebrate IWD in 2023, Council is running a series of events showcasing women's leadership and influence in our community. The events, which range from movie showings to panel discussions, highlight a community of diverse women who "embrace equity" within their own sphere of influence.
- 4. On Tuesday 8 March 2023, Council will be hosting an International Women's Day Lunch at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate local women. The free event will include inspiring speeches from local female leaders, performances and an art workshop. Council is running the event in partnership with Jesuit Refugee Services, Karabi Community Development Services, Indian Crisis and Support

Agency, Bornia Multicultural Services and Harris Park Neighbourhood Centre, Immigrant Women's Speakout, SEVA NSW Police, and the Sri Lankan Women's Network.

5. Council is also running events at PHIVE, the Rydalmere Operations Centre and at the Riverside Theatre. Events include:
  - A staff event at PHIVE featuring the women who are steering our state - Karen Webb, NSW Police Commissioner, and Megan Stiffler, Deputy Commissioner, Fire and Rescue NSW - to talk about embracing equity, authentic leadership and building ground-breaking careers
  - Coffee and Oracle Card Reading with Nicole Barakat at PHIVE from 7-9 March;
  - An International Women's Day Panel Discussion at PHIVE on 8 March from 6.30-7.30pm. Guest panelists will include Melissa Monteiro, CEO of the Community Migrant Resource Centre, Professor Kate Stevens, a cognitive scientist and the Director of MARCS Institute, and Melissa Ran, tech startup leader. The speakers will engage in a thought-provoking conversation exploring the theme of "Embracing Equity" and its intersection with innovation.
  - On 7 March, Council will host a staff event at the Rydalmere Operations Centre to discuss the impact of women in non-traditional workplace roles.
  - The Riverside Theatre will host two special screenings of 'Mary Cassatt – Painting the Modern Woman,' a documentary about the iconic impressionist painter who rewrote the language of art by painting the lives of women as intellectual, feminine and real.
6. Council will use its website and social media channels to draw awareness to IWD activities and promote gender equity. Council's website will draw together information on IWD and link to all events. It will also showcase historic articles telling the story of women in our Parramatta community. 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:
  - Increasing public participation of women and girls in community networks, sports clubs and support groups;
  - Promoting gender equality within Council's workplace;
  - 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;
  - Launching the research report *Dowry Abuse and South Asian Populations in Australia: Identifying Core Features, Exploring Community* in October 2022. The City of Parramatta-led report shines a light on the extent of dowry abuse in South Asian communities, revealing the first data of its kind in Australia. Research conducted with Settlement Services International and Indian Crisis Support Agency found more than 15 per cent of South Asian women, born in Australia and overseas, reporting domestic and family violence were affected by dowry abuse;

- 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.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL**

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

**Lord Mayor, Councillor Donna Davis**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**MINUTE OF THE LORD MAYOR**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 8.3  
**SUBJECT** Holi Festival of Colours 2023  
**REFERENCE** F2021/02779 - D08884369  
**REPORT OF** Lord Mayor, Councillor Donna Davis

**CSP THEME:** Welcoming

**WORKSHOP/BRIEFING DATE:** Nil

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Lord Mayor Minute is to recognise the Holi Festival of Colours and extend our best wishes to those who celebrate the Festival across our City.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) **That** Council acknowledge the Holi Festival of Colours, an annual Hindu celebration held on 8 March 2023 marking the start of spring and new beginnings;
- (b) **Further, that** Council extend our best wishes to those across our City celebrating the Holi festival with family and friends.

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Holi Festival of Colours is an ancient Hindu tradition celebrating the arrival of summer in India, the triumph of good over evil and new beginnings. It is marked each year starting on the evening of the Purnima (Full Moon Day) falling in the Hindu calendar month of Phalguna, which falls around the middle of March.
2. The traditional Hindu festival commemorates the start of spring and the divine love of Radha and Krishna. It is a time of enjoying spring's abundant colours and saying farewell to winter.
3. To many Hindus, Holi festivities mark an occasion to reset and renew ruptured relationships, end conflicts and rid themselves of accumulated emotional impurities from the past.
4. Council recognises the significance of the Holi Festival for our Hindu community and extends its best wishes to those across our City who will celebrate with family and friends.
5. The Indian Australian Arts & Cultural Association will be hosting a Holi Mela festival of Colour in Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta on Sunday 12 March 2023. From 11am to 5pm, the Square will be transformed into a vibrant 'Festival of Colour'. There will be a designated area for people to buy packets of brightly coloured powder to shower the air and each other. The clouds of colours dancing in the wind will carry the message of love, harmony and happiness.



6. The City of Parramatta is home to a large South Asian population, with 11% of residents born in India. Hindi is one of the top languages spoken in the LGA and Hinduism is the third most popular religion.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION FOR COUNCIL**

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

**Lord Mayor, Councillor Donna Davis**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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