



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Monday, 26 February 2018

Mayoral Minute

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Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background:

In January 2018, the Georges River community was saddened to hear of the passing of former Hurstville City Councillor and Mayor, Mervyn (Merv) Vincent Lynch OAM.

Merv was a great contributor to the St George district and particularly to our local area. Merv served on the former Hurstville City Council for over 20 years as a Councillor from 1980 until 2004 and as Mayor from 1991 to 1992.

As well as his involvement with Council, Merv was particularly active in many service organisations such as his role as Chairman of St George Community Services since the mid-1980s. He was also well known for his role as a Director and Vice-President of the Illawarra Catholic Club, to which he made a significant contribution. From the late 1960s he was also involved with Penshurst RSL Youth Club and Illawarra Catholic Junior Youth Club in cricket and rugby league through his son David. Merv also had a long and distinguished career in administration with the St George junior rugby league club, of which he was a patron and life member, and for many years its President.

With everything he did, Merv undertook a hands-on role and made a generous commitment over an extended period of service to his community. Merv cared for the needs of individuals as well as groups, for whom he made representations in his role as a Councillor. Merv was very much about meeting people, going on site, seeing what was happening, listening to people, and making representations on their behalf.

Merv's service to the community saw him recognised in the 2007 Australia Day Honours List where he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to local government, and to the local community through aged care, sporting and church groups.

Merv's presence in the local community, and especially his suburb of Penshurst, will truly be missed and I express my condolences to Merv's family.

MOTION:

That condolences be extended to Mervyn Lynch's family and loved ones.