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Mayoral Minute

Item: MM013-18 Georges River Council's Inaugural Councillors' Charity Ball

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

On Friday 27 July 2018, Georges River Councillors hosted their inaugural Georges River Councillors' Charity Ball in support of the Rotary Club of Hurstville's "Kids at Play" garden project at Marana Auditorium, Hurstville. Three hundred guests attended the fundraising Ball including Georges River Councillors, Member for Oatley, Mark Coure MP, Member for Kogarah, Mr Chris Minns MP, Member for Rockdale, Mr Stephen Kamper MP, Council's Executive Team and a large number of representatives from local community and sporting clubs.

Council's Marana Auditorium was beautifully showcased on the night and received many positive comments in the post-event survey regarding its elegance and atmosphere. The theming, catering and entertainment also featured positively in the surveys.

The evening's entertainment was led by Master of Ceremonies, Paul Martell with performances by renowned tenor Lorenzo Rositano and the dynamic ensemble The John Field Band.

Key speakers on the night included Mrs Jan Gartrell, President of the Rotary Club of Hurstville, Dr Con Papodopoulos and Dr Ana Dosen, Paediatricians from St George Hospital, garden designer Fairy Sparkle and Mr Kieran Bresnahan, representing Diamond Sponsor McGrath Real Estate.

The guests participated in a number of fundraising activities such as live auctions, silent auctions and a raffle. Over 40 prizes and experiences were donated by the community as auction or raffle prizes to the total value of \$18,088 including; Diamond tickets to the 2018 NRL Grand Final, a family pass to the 2018 Bledisloe Club, a Harbour Scenic Training Flight and an Ultimate Sporting Experience which included a number tickets to high profile sporting events.

I would like to thank Council's Events team and all the sponsors of the event including; Diamond Sponsor: McGrath; Silver Sponsors: Club Rivers and Bluefit; Bronze Sponsor: Stay Safe Australia and Event Supporters: Posh Designs, Rotary and Fairy Sparkle. I would also like to thank the Councillors who co-hosted the fundraiser. Your combined support resulted in a generous donation of \$30,000 to the Rotary Club of Hurstville's "Kids at Play" project at St George Hospital.

Representative of Diamond Sponsor, McGrath Real Estate, Mr Kieran Bresnahan and Fairy Sparkle will be in attendance this evening. I would like the Councillors to join Kieran and myself in presenting the cheque for \$30,000 to Fairy Sparkle.

Congratulations to all those who helped make our inaugural Ball the success that it was and I look forward the next Councillors' Charity Ball in 2019.

MOTION:

1. That Council formally acknowledge the sponsors for their support of the Georges River Council Councillors' Charity Ball 2018.
2. That Council donates \$30,000 from the funds raised at the Councillors' Charity Ball to the Rotary Club of Hurstville "Kids at Play" garden project.

Item: MM014-18 Australian Prime Minister - Scott Morrison MP

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

On behalf of Council and residents I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Member for Cook, one of our local Federal representatives, on his recent elevation to the position of Prime Minister of our great nation. In its history Australia has only had 30 Prime Ministers which is a clear indication of the honour Scott Morrison has been given.

I think it is also appropriate to recognise Scott's wife Jenny, a graduate of the then Peakhurst High School, and their family. None of us could ever appreciate the challenge that the role of Prime Minister presents to the incumbent and their family and we wish them every success as they enter what are for them uncharted waters.

I also wish to add Council's congratulations to the Member for Banks, Mr David Coleman MP, another of Georges River's local Federal members, on his appointment in the Prime Minister's first ministry as the Federal Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

MOTION:

- (a) That Council congratulates the Federal Member for Cook, Scott Morrison, on his election to the position of Prime Minister of Australia and wishes him every success in this role.
- (b) That Council also congratulates the Member for Banks, Mr David Coleman MP, on his appointment in the Prime Minister's first ministry as the Federal Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

Item: MM015-18 Norm Provan - Rugby League Immortal

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

Throughout the 1950's and 1960's our district became known worldwide through the feats of the St George Rugby League team at Kogarah's Jubilee Oval. In their amazing streak of 11 successive 1st grade premierships from 1956 to 1966 the Club only lost one match at the ground. This success was the result of many factors, most notably the talents of some outstanding individuals. None more significant than Norm Provan.

As you walk into the foyer of St George Leagues Club and look left to the staircase it is dominated by a portrait of Provan and this is testament to the role he played in that never to be repeated era of success. Provan played in ten of those premiership victories and was Captain Coach for the last four. He had 30 finals appearances for St George over his fifteen consecutive seasons playing in 256 games and scoring 64 tries. His physical presence was matched by determination and drive that made him an inspiration to his teammates and a nemesis to opponents. Those who played with him are often quoted highlighting his strength of character and their respect for his outstanding leadership both on and off the field.

Many of you would be aware that last month Norm Provan was rightly elevated to Immortal status within the game, recognising the enormous contribution he made not only to St George but to the game itself. Of course, many including some of his now fellow Immortals, believed that this honour should have been bestowed many years earlier but that has now been rectified.

On a personal note I believe the following anecdote encapsulates why Norm Provan is revered by so many. In I think 2008, when I had a different role, I was leaving the St George Grand Final lunch to head to the Grand Final. Norm was standing in the Leagues Club foyer and I asked him if he'd like a lift to the game which he gratefully accepted. My wife Frances and I could not believe how humble he was; the journey will never be forgotten. The next year we were again leaving the function to drive to the Grand Final when I again offered Norm a lift. He respectfully declined as he wasn't going to the game but would instead be visiting his very sick brother in a nursing home to watch it on television together. This from the man who is immortalised on the trophy they present to the Premiership winning team. Is it any wonder his peers and all in the Rugby League community applauded the formal recognition of what they all knew – Norm Provan is a Rugby League Immortal.

MOTION:

That Georges River Council formally recognise the enormous contribution Norm Provan has made to St George Rugby League and the game. We congratulate him on his recent elevation to Immortal status and thank him for representing our community with such distinction and humility.

Item: MM016-18 Annual NSW ClubGRANTS**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Greene**Background**

Earlier this month I again had the pleasure of being the MC at the Annual NSW ClubGRANTS presentation ceremony. ClubGRANTS funding is available to community groups, charities and sporting teams across NSW. The ClubGRANTS program is voluntarily funded by over 500 clubs and the annual program is co-ordinated by Council with a committee of local Club representatives. This process has been in operation for many years and the Clubs are extremely co-operative.

Forty-seven (47) local community and charitable organisations received cheques to the value of \$735,905 helping them to fund a total of sixty-three (63) projects and programs across our region. Many of these programs would not exist without the funding provided by our local Clubs.

I take this opportunity to again thank Club Rivers, Hurstville RSL, St George Masonic Club (Maso's), Mortdale RSL, Penshurst RSL, Riverwood Sports and Recreation Club, St George Leagues Club, St George Motor Boat Club, South Hurstville RSL and our hosts Club Central for their commitment to the ClubGRANTS program and their support of so many community groups. I also thank the community groups for their efforts in trying to make the lives of local residents a little easier. There's no doubt that in working together a lot is being achieved.

MOTION:

1. That Council recognise the significant financial contributions provided by Georges River licenced clubs to local community organisations and congratulates them on their generosity.
2. That Council also notes the wonderful work undertaken by these community groups within the Georges River area.

Item: MM017-18 Memorandum of Understanding - St George Community Housing Limited**Mayor:** The Mayor, Councillor Greene**Background**

With over 30 years' experience, St George Community Housing Limited (SGCH) provides a place to call home for more than 8,900 people in 4,700 properties across the Sydney metropolitan region.

SGCH strives to deliver excellence through innovative approaches to the products and services they provide. They deliver on their vision by providing two main housing products – social housing and affordable housing.

SGCH's belief is that it is only when individuals have opportunities to settle and create a home, that they can think about other parts of their lives and can access other services and opportunities that will help them attain their aspirations.

In addition to their core housing services, SGCH provide a range of initiatives to improve the lives of tenants such as training, education, employment and community engagement opportunities.

Councillors have been briefed by SGCH in recent months in regard to working together to assist the residents of Georges River through the provision of suitable social and affordable housing. On the basis of recent discussions I recommend Council and SGCH commit, where practicable, to work collaboratively to deliver programs and events that support the needs of very low and low-income households. This commitment will be non-binding and non-exclusive, however given SGCH's role as the leading provider of affordable housing in the Georges River area I consider it appropriate to demonstrate to our community Council's commitment to the supply of local affordable housing.

This this end, SGCH has requested that Council enter into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with it and provide leadership in the Georges River community on the importance of, and need for suitable and appropriate affordable housing that supports low income households and key workers in the community. Where appropriate, Council will consider SGCH as a partner of choice for social and affordable housing and work collaboratively on events and programs where these could provide benefit to both parties.

MOTION:

That Council enter into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with St George Community Housing Limited to work collaboratively on the provision of social and affordable housing programs and related events for the benefit of residents of Georges River Council.

Item: MM018-18 National Child Protection Week 2-8 September 2018

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

National Child Protection Week, which runs from 2nd September, is Australia's longest running annual national awareness campaign for the prevention of child sexual assault.

With one in five children sexually harmed in some way before their 15th birthday, support of National Child Protection Week is an important step Council can take toward raising awareness and protecting the children in our community.

Council's support sends a vital message to families, schools, institutions and organisations that we are committed to preventing this crime and to following the recommendations of the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse*, which called on all levels of government to help protect children in their communities by taking an active role in promoting child-safe messages.

This is an opportunity for Council to support National Child Protection Week in the media, across social media and online platforms to demonstrate our support for child-safe communities. Our support can be demonstrated through:

1. A focused campaign that utilises the promotional assets for National Child Protection Week across all Council communications including Council's website, e-newsletters, email banners and social media platforms;
2. Promotion through Council's weekly advertising in The St George Leader;
3. A media release to local media; and
4. A feature of Bravehearts' 'Parent Tip Sheet' on Council's website.

Funds raised during National Child Protection Week directly support the work of Bravehearts - Australia's leading child protection charity - with the mission of preventing child sexual assault. For more than 20 years, Bravehearts has been providing child protection training and education initiatives; specialist child sexual assault counselling and support services; as well as research and reform campaigns to work holistically to prevent child sexual assault in our society.

I call on my fellow Councillors to help promote this important cause and encourage members of the community to support National Child Protection Week. This is an opportunity for all of us to work towards creating a safer community for the children of the Georges River area, because child protection is everybody's business.

MOTION:

1. That Council support the promotion of National Child Protection Week through Council's website, e-newsletters, email banners, social media platforms and a media release to be issued to The St George Leader newspaper.
2. That Council donate \$5,000 to the registered charity Bravehearts from the 2018/19 Sponsorship and Donations Budget.

