



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 29 October 2018

MAYORAL MINUTES

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Mayoral Minute

Item: MM021-18 St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation / Michael Tynan Memorial Challenge

Mayor: Acting Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Background

Michael Tynan (OAM) passed away in February 2016 after a 2 year fight with cancer, surrounded by his loving family, which was fitting as Michael was first and foremost a family man - both in his personal and his business life.

Continuing his legacy, in 2016 Madeline Tynan launched the Michael Tynan Memorial Challenge and raised over \$500,000 for the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation.

The Michael Tynan Memorial Challenge has become an annual event which took place on 20 October 2018 from Wollongong to Sydney to help raise much needed funds for medical research. Council congratulates Madeleine and her team on such a great achievement and on her continuing support of St George & Sutherland Medical Research Fund.

St George & Sutherland Medical Research Fund is an independent charity which proudly supports medical research in the Southern region of Sydney with global impact.

They began (as the St George Medical Research Foundation) on 1 September 2007. For many years prior to 2007, a small but vocal group of senior doctors at St George Hospital had lobbied the local community for help in establishing an independent body to fund and promote the work of the research community within the hospital. With the fantastic help and the financial support of St George Bank – this dream became a reality.

In 2010, in recognition of the increasing collaboration between St George and Sutherland hospitals, the Foundation became the St George & Sutherland Medical Research Foundation. The Foundation continues to grow and expand.

As two of Australia's leading teaching hospitals, the research undertaken at St George and Sutherland is vast and varied. The research that St George Sutherland Medical Research Fund supports is truly ground-breaking. For many it is life changing. Their research is focused on thirteen broad areas – and numerous diseases within these areas, that impact many Australians. In some cases the research work is undertaken in collaboration with local and international teams.

For the past 3 years I have undertaken a Charity Walk to raise funds for the foundation. It is my intention to continue that tradition on Saturday 15 December to coincide with the St George versus Sutherland cricket match at Hurstville Oval. The walk of approximately 20 kilometres will cover a large section of our council area and Councillors are invited to join me for all, or part, of this Charity event.

MOTION:

1. That in accordance with the Georges River Council Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy, Council donates \$10,000 direct to the St George & Sutherland Medical Research

Foundation.

2. That the organisers of the “Charity Walk” and the “Challenge” be advised of the direct donation.

Item: MM022-18 Recognition of Mr. Peter Doust

Mayor: Executive Services Officer and The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

Tonight I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Peter Doust, who tomorrow will stand down as CEO of the St. George Illawarra Dragons.

After a distinguished career in health care, managing a number of major hospitals, Peter took on the role of the Dragons CEO in 2000. Since that time he has faced many challenges as rugby league continues to be Sydney's most watched sport.

Perhaps the best tribute to Peter's success in the role is that he is by far the longest serving CEO amongst the 16 NRL clubs. Peter's passion for the game and particularly the Dragons I'm certain started at birth as his father Laurie was a long term St George rugby league official.

Peter has never shirked a challenge and while the 2010 Premiership success is undoubtedly the highlight of his resume I think it is fair to say his maintenance of the Dragons as a consistently successful football team in a tough competitive environment is a more long term tribute.

Former Kogarah Councillors will recognise that many of the major infrastructure improvements at Jubilee Stadium were the result of Peter's negotiation of Federal and State Government funding. His doggedness is well known.

I'm sure all Councillors will join with me in thanking Peter for his service to our district and wish him well in retirement.

MOTION:

That Council congratulate Peter Doust on his 18 year tenure as CEO of the St. George Illawarra Dragons and wish him well in retirement.