

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Council Meeting

Monday, 26 November 2018

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets, Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

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Mayoral Minute

Item: MM023-18 White Ribbon Day

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

On Friday 23 November 2018, Georges River Council held its White Ribbon Day Walk with participants including local schools, businesses, community groups, members of NSW Police, Georges River Councillors and representatives from Sydney FC's W-League team. Chris Fatcher-Coles, Council's White Ribbon Ambassador, was the MC for the day.

Also in attendance were local politicians such as the Hon. David Coleman MP, Mr Stephen Kamper MP, St George Police Superintendent Julian Griffiths and former Citizen of the Year, Natalia Esdaile-Watts to lend their support.

Participants walked to show their support for ending domestic violence and speaking out against it, in particular violence against women.

Georges River Council encouraged schools, businesses, clubs and sporting groups to lend their support and they turned out in force, with approximately 1600 in attendance.

The event was also supported by Kogarah Community Services, 3Bridges, Moving Forward as well as Georges River Citizen of the Year 2017, Ms Natalie Esdaile-Watts, who were all a part of a working committee who worked with Council staff to see this event grow into the success that it was.

Wearing White Ribbon caps, participants walked from Kogarah Park. They marched up into the heart of Kogarah to the Town Square.

After the walk concluded, the official part of the day commenced with Deputy Mayor Councillor Sam Elmir speaking about the effects domestic violence has within the local area and the need for the local community to come together to create change.

Natalia Esdaile-Watts gave a passionate and personal account of her experience of surviving domestic violence, and offered a moving message of hope for those experiencing domestic violence and encouraged the students in attendance to be the generation of change.

The success of the day was due to the exceptional contribution by the wider community and an exceptional effort by Council staff to organise such a massive event. Staff worked tirelessly to organise this event, which ran beautifully on the day.

I would like to thank staff for their commitment to ensuring the successful outcome that we witnessed last Friday and helping to raise awareness of such an important issue.

I would like to thank the St George Sutherland Shire Leader newspaper for their excellent news coverage of the event.

MOTION:

That Council staff be congratulated for a job well done for organising the successful White Ribbon Day Walk for the Georges River community.