



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

Extraordinary Council Meeting

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6pm*

Cumberland Council Chambers

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MAYORAL MINUTE - RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FIRST CUMBERLAND MAYORAL TERM 2017 - 2019

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SUMMARY

It has been a great honour to serve as the first Mayor of Cumberland over the past two years. In this period of time we have worked hard to lay a strong foundation for a stable and successful Council.

This has involved a strong focus on making Cumberland a great place to live by continuing to deliver quality services to the community and improving the community's experience with Council. There is no doubt that significant progress has been made in unifying the services, policies, operations and setting the strategic direction of the new Council.

We have established a clear plan for the future. Council has developed new strategies and plans addressing priority areas, including children and families, youth, community safety, employment lands, disability, community facilities, environmental management, customer experience, good governance and is well on track to harmonising land use planning across Cumberland.

We have completed or are in the process of rolling out major infrastructure projects as part of an ambitious program of capital works. This includes the revitalisation of the Merrylands CBD, the Swim Centre Modernisation program and the Granville Centre amongst many others.

We are investing in essential services like libraries to enhance the lives of residents through improved literacy, access to technology, information and lifelong learning programs.

We are leading by example when it comes to waste and resource recovery and achieving sustainable outcomes. This includes the development of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy to support the Cumberland community to reduce waste and ensure public spaces are cleaner.

Cumberland is one of the most multicultural Local Government Areas in NSW, if not Australia. We have celebrated this diversity through our vibrant events program. As a Council, we have affirmed Council's commitment to being a community where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are valued and respected with the adoption of the inaugural *Cumberland Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021*.

We incorporate community feedback at every level of decision-making and have developed a *Community Engagement and Participation Strategy*. This is ensuring transparency and openness through responsible community consultation on key projects and initiatives.

In my time as Mayor, Cumberland Council has received a long list of awards and citations for our work. This includes, but is not limited to Local Government Excellence Awards and commendations for everything from our Cherry Blossom Festival to community programs and environmental health initiatives.

It has been an enormous privilege and honour to serve in the position of Mayor. I have given this role my all and I want to thank my fellow Councillors for their support.

What some may see as challenges, we have seized as opportunities to build the capacity of Council and to ultimately deliver better services to the people of Cumberland.

Looking back over the past two years, I believe that Council has achieved a great deal, but there is still work to do. Knowing you as Councillors and seeing the commitment of Council staff, I know this Council will continue to work together and 'put all hands to the wheel' to deliver positive outcomes for our community and provide the best possible services for our residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council recognise and thank all staff for the many significant achievements realised over the past 2 years.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil