



CUMBERLAND
CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting

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Item No: MM04/21-53

MAYORAL MINUTE - PASSING OF TOMMY RAUDONIKIS

Author: Mayor Steve Christou
File Number: SC486

SUMMARY

Last week, I was saddened to hear about the passing of Tommy Raudonikis, one of the real hard men of Rugby League.

Born in Bathurst to Ukrainian parents, Raudonikis grew up in Cowra and Wagga Wagga and while serving in the air force, came to the attention of rugby league legend Arthur Summons, who helped him join Western Suburbs Magpies in 1969. Two years later, Raudonikis made his debut for NSW and Australia, and he played his first Test against New Zealand in 1972. Thereafter he was a regular in Australian sides throughout the 1970s, including two Kangaroo tours, four Ashes series, two World Series, as well as Tests against New Zealand and France. He also claimed the Rothmans Medal in 1972.

Raudonikis had a long career, spearheading the Western Suburbs Magpies team for over 200 games, as well as Newtown Jets for three seasons. After retiring as a player, he coached Brothers and Ipswich in Queensland before spending a stint as coach of Wests. He coached the NSW State of Origin team in 1997 and 1998.

Tommy was part of the Cumberland City Council fabric. His debut season with the Western Suburbs Magpies was at none other than our very own Lidcombe Oval in 1969. The oval and the grandstand are listed as locally significant heritage and have a long history with rugby league and the Wests Magpies.

Given the 50 year history with Wests Magpies and the late Tommy Raudonikis, it is would only be fitting that the grandstand be named The 'Tommy Raudonikis Grandstand' in memory of his playing and coaching contribution to sports at Lidcombe Oval. Whilst I was preparing this Mayoral Minute, I received a request from Rick Wayde, Chair at Wests Magpies, putting the same naming proposal to me. This really solidified my decision to put this forward tonight to honour Tommy.

Tommy Raudonikis was 70, and leaves behind a lasting legacy. Therefore Councillors, tonight I am recommending the following:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note with sadness and express its sincerest condolences for the passing of Tommy Raudonikis;**

2. **Propose to name the Lidcombe Oval grandstand, The '*Tommy Raudonikis Grandstand*' in his honour; and**
3. **Place the naming proposal on public exhibition for 28 days, with a report to be returned to Council following public exhibition.**
4. **Observe a minute of silence to honour the life of Tommy Raudonikis.**

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item No: MM04/21-54

MAYORAL MINUTE - PASSING OF DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Author: Mayor Steve Christou
File Number: SC486

SUMMARY

I was saddened recently to hear about the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Philip.

On behalf of Cumberland City Council, our sincerest condolences are extended to Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family on the passing of Prince Philip.

The news of his death has reverberated around the world. There has been an outpouring of sadness at his passing. The celebration of his life reflects on his countless years of service, compassion and generosity of spirit.

Prince Philip was held in very high regard by Australians, having visited the country 21 times throughout his life, the first time in 1940 as a midshipman on the battleship HMS Ramillies.

Prince Philip leaves a strong legacy in Australia, having established The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 1956. His commitment to developing youth via The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has transformed the lives of millions of youth around the world, including well over 750,000 in Australia. In the Cumberland City community, 38 young people from Girraween High School and Greystanes High School participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award last year.

Prince Philip was 99 years old, and leaves behind a lasting and profound legacy.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I am recommending the following:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note with sadness the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, and sends its sincerest condolences to Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family;**
- 2. Observe a minute of silence to honour the life of Prince Philip.**

ATTACHMENTS

Nil