



CUMBERLAND  
CITY COUNCIL

## Council Meeting

*Wednesday, 2 June 2021 at 6:30pm*

Cumberland City Council Chambers

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Item No: MM06/21-61

## **MAYORAL MINUTE - FURTHER ADVOCACY FOR SERVICE NSW CENTRE IN CUMBERLAND CITY**

Author: Mayor Steve Christou  
File Number: SC486

### **SUMMARY**

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Council may recall the Notice of Motion I submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting on 4 September 2019, where Council resolved to write to the NSW Premier enquiring as to when the Service NSW Customer Service Centre at Merrylands will be delivered.

Due to inaction by the NSW Government, I moved a Mayoral Minute at the 1 July 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, seeking that Council provision office space in the proposed new Administration Building in Granville, and that Council write to the Premier and Minister of Customer Service, to progress discussions in relation to this.

To date, despite Council's efforts to ensure this important election commitment which was released in the media is honoured, my repeated correspondence and advocacy on behalf of Council have still not been responded to.

I've repeatedly stated that this Council is about getting back to basics. Our community should be able to go down to a Service NSW Centre to complete basic requests like re-registering their car or renewing their drivers license, without having to drive 20-30 minutes to reach the nearest centre, in Parramatta, Lidcombe, Silverwater, Blacktown or Wetherill Park.

It is important that this Council continues to show strong leadership to our community. This Council needs another Service NSW Centre to replace the one that was taken away. We have previously resolved to make appropriate space available for it in the footprint of the Granville Administration Building. It is time that the NSW Government take us seriously on this important issue.

Therefore Councillors, I am recommending the following:

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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#### **That Council:**

- 1. Write to the Premier of NSW and Minister for Customer Service, seeking their commitment to deliver the previously announced Service NSW Centre in Cumberland City Council, including the proposed timeframe for delivery.**
- 2. Write to Local State Members of Parliament, urging their strong support and advocacy on this important local issue; and**

- 3. Instigate through the Acting General Manager a community petition, to be sent to the Premier of NSW once finalised, for the immediate delivery of a Service NSW Centre in Cumberland City Council as previously announced.**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil

Item No: MM06/21-62

## **MAYORAL MINUTE - CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL'S 5TH BIRTHDAY GALA DINNER**

Author: Mayor Steve Christou  
File Number: SC486

### **SUMMARY**

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Last Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Council held its 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala Dinner at the Granville Centre. This was a very important event, celebrating all of Council's achievements since the proclamation on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. There was much to celebrate. The night really demonstrated to me how far this organisation has advanced and improved over the past 5 years, and I am very proud to be the Mayor of this City.

I am pleased to report that the event was a resounding success. On all reports from people I spoke to, a great night was had by all in attendance. There were approximately 170 people in attendance, including a large number of Council staff.

As echoed in my speech on the night, I would like to formally thank the Acting General Manager, Council's Executive Team, and all staff for their combined efforts over the past 5 years. I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their efforts. We have had to make some tough decisions since September 2017 to ensure this organisation is fiscally responsible and delivering on matters and issues that are important to our community. The 'back to basics' approach that has been instilled across Council is now paying off in a big way.

I would like to thank the Acting General Manager for organising a fitting event to recognise the sheer hard work and efforts of Councillors and Council staff. I would also like to thank all Councillors in attendance on the night, including the Deputy Mayor.

Finally, on behalf of myself and all Councillors, I would also like to sincerely thank the staff who worked extremely hard to plan and deliver this event across Council.

Whilst there is much to celebrate, there is of course so much more to be done. I very much look forward to celebrating many more achievements in the next 5 years for Cumberland City Council.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I recommend the following:

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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#### **That Council:**

- 1. Recognise the efforts of Council staff over the past 5 years since the proclamation of Cumberland City Council; and**

2. Recognise and thank the staff involved in planning and delivering the Cumberland City Council 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala Dinner.

## ATTACHMENTS

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Nil



Item No: MM06/21-63

## **MAYORAL MINUTE - SPONSORSHIP OF THE WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS**

Author: Mayor Steve Christou  
File Number: SC486

### **SUMMARY**

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Council has been approached by the Western Sydney Wanderers to enter into a partnership via a sponsorship arrangement to deliver football programs to school aged children within the Cumberland Local Government Area .

The Western Sydney Wanderers has the largest grassroots football catchment in Australia, with 110,000 registered players in Western Sydney and delivers genuine community engagement and strong goodwill.

In 2019, the Wanderers launched the Wanderers Foundation in partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation to directly make a difference around initiatives that will make a positive impact to the community via youth development, healthy active lifestyles through football from youth to seniors, multicultural engagement, supporting indigenous communities, supporting disadvantaged youth, and the promotion and advocacy of all abilities football.

This sponsorship will see the delivery of free holiday clinics to students during each school holiday period to develop their skills and confidence and will replace the previous partnership that Council had trialled with the Western Sydney Academy of Sport for the 2020/21 financial year with a minimal funding impact of an additional \$2,500.

Keeping our youth healthy and active and providing opportunities for them to excel in a sporting capacity is something that remains a priority.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I am recommending the following:

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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#### **That Council:**

- 1. Endorse a sponsorship arrangement with the Western Sydney Wanderers Foundation to the value of \$10,000 from the Mayoral Community Fund for the 2021/2022 financial year to deliver clinics to school children within Cumberland; and**
- 2. Review this sponsorship after one year with a report to be brought back to Council after 12 months to confirm the continuation or otherwise of the partnership.**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil