

CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting

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MAYORAL MINUTE - CONDOLENCES - THE LATE PAUL BARRY BARBER

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SUMMARY

It is with sadness that I note the passing late last week of former Parramatta City Councillor Paul Barry Barber, at the age of 70.

Paul Barber was raised in East Parramatta and was educated at Parramatta East Public and Macquarie Boys High Schools. In 1976 he started work as a shift controller at the Shell Refinery, where his father also worked.

In the 1970's he was involved in student politics, handing out pamphlets for the NSW Deputy Premier Jack Ferguson, and was active in his workplace union.

Paul had a strong sense of social justice, and in the 1990's his interest in local government was prompted by his concern for what he saw as the erosion of Parramatta's heritage and urban design standards.

He had a long career with the former Parramatta City Council as a Councillor from 2001, first in the ward of Arthur Phillip and from 2004 in the ward of Caroline Chisholm. From 2007 – 2008 he was Lord Mayor of Parramatta.

Paul was a long-time member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee. He also served on the upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust and on WSROC, in which he actively lobbied both State and Federal Governments for a better deal for local government. He served on the consultative committee which evolved Parramatta's award-winning Arts and Cultural framework, and was always committed to delivering further landmarks in the arts-plan for the city.

Paul's commitment to his community was unwavering. He was involved in the creation of the Parramatta Artists Studio, the restoration of the old Parramatta War Memorial Pool, the introduction of the free shuttle bus in 2008, delivery of the first Sustainability Expo in 2007 and the successful delivery of Social Enterprise Grants for the unemployed, plus many more achievements.

Paul Barber will be remembered as a person who was always loyal, good natured, of great character, and a man who was dedicated and worked tirelessly for the community he loved. Our sincere condolences go to his family during this sad time.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I move the following:



RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Notes with sadness the passing of Paul Barry Barber; and
- 2. Observe a minute's silence in honour of the life of Paul Barber and all that he contributed to his community.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil