



CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting

Wednesday, 15 May 2024 at 6:30 PM

Cumberland City Council Chambers
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MAYORAL MINUTE - CONDOLENCES - THE LATE TONY BLEASDALE OAM

Author: Mayor Lisa Lake

SUMMARY

It is with great shock and sadness that I learned of the sudden passing of the Mayor of Blacktown City Council, Councillor Tony Bleasdale OAM, on 3 May 2024. Councillor Bleasdale passed away suddenly on a flight back to Australia whilst undertaking Council business on a sister city visit as the Mayor of Blacktown City Council.

Tony was born in Liverpool, England in 1946 and came to Australia in 1963 at the age of 15. He enjoyed a long career within the building industry and as a union official, where he rose through the ranks to become the Assistant Secretary of the Building Workers Industrial Union.

Tony was first elected as a Blacktown City Councillor in 1996 and served as Mayor from 2019 until his passing. He was a strong advocate for his community and Western Sydney, and was extremely proud of the diverse and vibrant communities he represented. He was also a passionate advocate for First Nations people.

Councillor Bleasdale was also appointed as a Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) Board Director in October 2019, and then was elected as Senior Vice President in November 2019, which he served until 2022. He then continued to represent as a WSROC Board Director until his untimely passing.

He was esteemed for his charity work, having received the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2010 for his service to the community as a supporter of charitable organisations, and for his contribution to local government in the Blacktown City area. Tony supported many health-related organisations, including the Gynaecological Cancer Research Fund, Westmead Hospital, Cancer Council NSW, and others.

Tony has been described, and will be remembered, as a driven, generous man who served his community tirelessly for nearly three decades.

A public service to celebrate Tony's life will be held at the Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Horsley Park on Monday, 20 May 2024, commencing at 10.30am.

Our thoughts are with Tony's wife Nina, their family, friends, and the Blacktown community at this sad time. In accordance with family wishes, Council will make a donation of \$2,000 to Grace's Place, a worthy cause supporting children who are affected by homicide, in lieu of sending flowers at this time.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I move the following:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Note with sadness the passing of Blacktown City Council Mayor, Councillor Tony Bleasdale OAM;**
2. **Make a donation from Council's operational budget of \$2,000 to Grace's Place (Homicide Victims Support Group Australia Ltd – ABN 77709011655); and**
3. **Observe a minute's silence to honour the life of Tony Bleasdale OAM, including his achievements and contributions to the Blacktown City area and greater Western Sydney.**

ATTACHMENTS

Nil