



# CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

## Council Meeting

*Wednesday, 11 December 2024*

*at 6:00pm*

Cumberland City Council Chambers

Merrylands Service Centre, 16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands

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## **MAYORAL MINUTE - 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF PHIL HUGHES**

Author: Mayor Ola Hamed

### **SUMMARY**

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On November 25, 2014, Phillip (Phil) Hughes was playing the game he loved, Cricket, when he was struck by a ball in the neck. Tragically, two days later, on November 27, one of Australian Cricket's darkest days, Phil passed away due to the injuries sustained during that match.

It's been 10 years since the world was shocked by this news. Phil was playing a Sheffield Shield match in Sydney at the SCG when a bouncer was bowled. He missed his attempted hook shot, resulting in him being struck below his helmet, which ultimately led to his tragic death. This all sadly occurred just a week before Phil's 26th birthday. Phil was 63 not out when he was struck, and was on the cusp of being recalled back into the Australian Test team.

Phil hailed from the small country town of Macksville in NSW and rose to become an Australian Test, One-Day, and Twenty-20 cricketer, playing on some of the toughest pitches around the world. He was a supremely talented cricketer, as many former Australian cricketers have testified over the past decade. Phil debuted at 20 years of age, playing in 26 test matches for Australia, scoring 1535 runs. Phil also played 25 one day internationals, scoring 826 runs, and also one T20 international.

In the domestic competition, Phil also played in 114 first class matches for NSW and South Australia, scoring 9023 runs at an average of over 46 runs per innings, and a high score of 243 not out. Phil also played 91 domestic limited overs matches, scoring 3639 runs at an impressive average of over 47, and a high score of 202 not out.

Phil also played in the local big bash T20 league, representing the Sydney Thunder and Adelaide Strikers. Phil also had a number of stints abroad in England and in India. Phil also played representative cricket for Australia A and the Prime Ministers XI (11), amongst others.

As you can see by these impressive statistics, it's clear that Phil loved his cricket and that Australia loved Phil.

Phil also won a number of awards, including the New South Wales Rising Star Award 2008, Bradman Young Cricketer of the Year 2009, Sheffield Shield Player of the Year 2008/09 and Domestic Player of the Year for 2012/13.

Off the pitch, Phil was known as a loving, funny, and infectious person to be around, always aiming to make those around him smile and enjoy life. He exuded positivity and was always seen smiling and cracking a joke.

Our thoughts go out to the bowler of that ball on that fateful day, Sean Abbott. Sean has had to personally live with this incident for the past 10 years through no fault of his own, which I'm sure has been extremely challenging for him and his family.

Our thoughts are also with the Hughes family during this difficult time. Phil will forever be missed and will remain in the hearts of us all. Both inside and outside the cricket community, his spirit will always live on.

We also want to extend our heartfelt support to our colleague Cllr Hughes, who is Phil's aunty. Helen, your strength is truly inspiring, and we stand with you and your family during this time of remembrance.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I move the following:

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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**That Council:**

- 1. Notes with great sadness the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the tragic passing of Phillip Joel Hughes; and**
- 2. Observe a minute of silence in honour of the life of Phil Hughes.**
- 3. Provide a copy of this Mayoral Minute to the Hughes Family.**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil

Item No: MM12/24-7

## **MAYORAL MINUTE - MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY**

Author: Mayor Ola Hamed

### **SUMMARY**

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2024 has been another very busy year for Cumberland City Council. We have delivered countless number of programs and projects, had to go through a local government election process, and overall we had an amazing year as an organisation.

I'd like to thank the General Manager and the Executive Team, and sincerely thank all Council staff for their unwavering commitment and dedication in 2024. Council could not have achieved as much as we have this year collectively without the unwavering commitment of the Council staff serving our residents.

I'd like to also extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community sector workers, police and community leaders. Your tireless efforts and dedication are the backbone of our community.

Thank you to our local community groups. From providing essential services to fostering connections, community groups play a pivotal role in making our neighbourhoods stronger, safer, and more united. Every single community group within the Cumberland local government area is vital in creating a sense of belonging and shared purpose, bringing people from all walks of life together and ensure that no one is left behind.

To Council's volunteers who give generously of their time without any expectation of reward, I want to recognise the contribution that you all make in helping the shaping of Cumberland.

To the Deputy Mayor and all of my fellow Councillors, and former Councillors from the previous Council term, I thank each of you for your service to the community. I look forward to this Council working together in the coming year, to continue to work harmoniously together to achieve Councils goals and objectives.

Let's take a moment to appreciate the spirit of the Cumberland community – the kindness, the compassion, the acceptance of one another and the support we show each other. Over the holiday season I hope you all get some well-deserved rest with family and friends, and for those who are travelling, travel safely. Please remember to spare a thought for those in need and less fortunate – this time of year can be a struggle for so many in our community.

To every resident and stakeholder of Cumberland City Council celebrating, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous new year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I move:

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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**That Council note the Mayoral Minute, thank the Council staff and wish them and the community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Nil