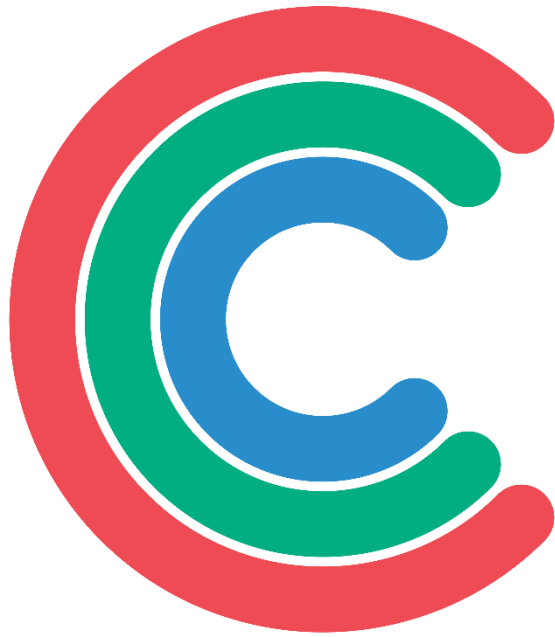




CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting

*Wednesday, 29 October 2025 at 6:00
PM*

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Conflicts of Interest

A councillor who has a conflict of interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council when the matter is being considered, must disclose the interest and the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. Both the disclosure and the nature of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting where the conflict of interest arises. Councillors should ensure that they are familiar with Parts 4 and 5 of the Code of Conduct in relation to their obligations to declare and manage conflicts of interests.

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MAYORAL MINUTE - CONDOLENCES - THE LATE UNCLE REX SORBY

Author: Mayor Ola Hamed

SUMMARY

It is with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Uncle Rex William Sorby on 8 October 2025, aged 88.

A proud Guildford West resident and member of the Cumberland community for more than 55 years, Uncle Rex was a deeply respected Elder, advocate, and community leader whose contributions have left a lasting legacy across our Local Government Area.

Uncle Rex was the first Aboriginal person elected to the Rail, Tram and Bus Union, serving for many years as President of the Guildford West Branch, where he championed workers' rights, equality, and inclusion.

He was a long-standing member of the ATSIC Committee for the former Holroyd City Council and Cumberland Council, and played a pivotal role in Council's First Nations celebrations, including NAIDOC Week. Uncle Rex was also instrumental in establishing the Schools Reconciliation Day on Prospect Hill, commemorated annually on 3 May, which continues to educate and inspire generations of young Australians.

His service extended to the Heritage Committee of the former Holroyd Council, where he worked to preserve local history and culture. A tireless advocate for his neighbourhood, he regularly raised matters to improve traffic safety and the wellbeing of residents in Guildford West.

Beyond Council, Uncle Rex was a valued member of Western Sydney University's Elders on Campus Committee, supporting Indigenous students and promoting cultural understanding.

On behalf of Cumberland City Council and our community, I extend our deepest condolences to Uncle Rex's wife Mrs Margaret Sorby, his son Darren Sorby, and the entire Sorby family. Uncle Rex will always be remembered by the community he loved and served.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I move:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Convey its condolences to Mrs Margaret Sorby and the Sorby family on the passing of Uncle Rex Sorby; and**
- 2. Observe a minute of silence in honour of the life of Uncle Rex Sorby and all that he contributed to his community.**

3. Provide a copy of this Mayoral Minute to the Sorby family.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item No: MM10/25-35

MAYORAL MINUTE - AQUATIC AND RECREATION INSTITUTE AWARD WINNERS

Author: Mayor Ola Hamed

SUMMARY

It is with great pride that I acknowledge the outstanding achievements of Cumberland's Aquatic Centres Team at the recent Aquatic and Recreation Institute (ARI) Awards Night.

The team were nominated in several categories and are delighted to have not only made the shortlist but to have brought home two awards:

Lifeguard of the Year – awarded to Shko Aziz for his exceptional commitment to safety, leadership, and service excellence.

Innovation and Technology Award – awarded to Council for its Visitor Management System, recognising a highly innovative approach and the system's positive impact on efficiency, safety, and customer experience.

These achievements reflect the dedication, professionalism, and innovation of Council's staff. They have demonstrated excellence in their field and continue to enhance the reputation of Cumberland's aquatic facilities across the industry.

On behalf of Council, I extend our sincerest congratulations to Shko Aziz and all staff in our aquatic facilities, led by Council's Director of City Services, Brendan Govers, for their outstanding success and pride in representing Cumberland.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I move:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council congratulate Mr Shko Aziz and the dedicated Aquatic Centres Team on their well deserved recognition at the 2025 Aquatic and Recreation Institute Awards.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil