

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - STANDING WITH THE CAMDEN FALCONS
FROM: The Mayor
EDMS #: 26/259021

Over the long weekend, our community experienced a devastating event which has deeply affected one of Camden's proudest sporting organisations.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, the clubhouse of the Camden Falcons Football Club at Belgenny Reserve was extensively damaged by fire.

For more than 40 years, the Camden Falcons club has been a place where lifelong friendships are formed, where children learn teamwork and resilience, where volunteers give countless hours to support their community and where families come together through a shared love of sport. The impact of the loss of the clubhouse has been deeply felt by the Falcons community.

On behalf of Camden Council, I extend our sincere thoughts to the players, coaches, volunteers, committee members, supporters and families who call the Camden Falcons home.

While the physical damage is significant, the strength of this club has always come from its people. Time and again, our community has demonstrated an incredible ability to come together in the face of adversity, and I have no doubt the Falcons will receive strong support from across our area in the weeks and months ahead. I would also like to acknowledge the emergency services personnel who responded to the incident and thank them for their efforts.

Council has been working with the club to determine the next steps, as well as to assist with necessary temporary relocations.

At this difficult time, it is important that the Camden Falcons know they are not facing this challenge alone. Council values the contribution the club has made to our community over four decades and stands ready to provide support as the club begins the recovery process.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. note the information;**
- ii. write to the Camden Falcons Football Club expressing our heartfelt support following this devastating loss; and**
- iii. continue to support the club.**