
ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - 2020 MINISTERS' AWARDS FOR WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FROM: The Mayor

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The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, and the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women, the Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC, announced the winners of 2020 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government, at an online award ceremony on Monday 31 September 2020.

These annual awards recognise and celebrate the contribution women make to local councils and their communities across NSW and are aimed at encouraging more women to enter the local government sector.

Camden Council nominated Ms Sandra Kubecka, Director Community Assets in the Alternative Pathways category. It is my pleasure to announce Ms Kubecka was selected as the winner of that category.

Having worked with Ms Kubecka for some time now, I can readily attest she is a deserving winner. As a talented member of Council's Executive team, not only does she lead a busy, high-pressure area of Council, she is also responsible for managing \$1.4 billion of assets and overseeing the delivery of Council's maintenance and major works program.

Some of the major projects delivered under Sandra's leadership include:

- Kirkham BMX & Playing Fields;
- Narellan Sports Hub;
- Curry Reserve Water Play Space;
- Sedgewick Reserve Youth Play Space;
- Harrington Park Youth Play Space;
- Upgrade of the Macarthur Road Intersection;
- Realignment of Camden Valley Way/Richardson Road/Grahams Hill Road Intersection Upgrade;
- Camden Town Centre Streetscape Improvement works; and
- Nott Oval Synthetic Football Field.

Since the beginning of her career in 1979, Sandra has managed various teams across five different local councils, finding herself exclusively in traditionally male-dominated directorates. From IT to aquatics and recreation, open space and facility maintenance to civil construction, Sandra has used her leadership positions to inspire and empower both men and women in the workplace and the community.

As a woman involved in the construction industry myself, the category Ms Kubecka won is close to my heart. The Alternative Pathways Award seeks to celebrate a female staff member who is the first to enter a role traditionally held by men and/or is breaking down gender stereotypes.

The competition this year was very strong as it takes in all metro Sydney Councils. Not only is this a huge honour for Sandra to be proud of, I am also very proud of her on behalf of the Camden community and Council.

We are very lucky to have such a high calibre person on our executive in Camden. I thank Sandra for her outstanding leadership at Camden Council and congratulate her again on her inspiring achievement.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. note the information; and**
- ii. congratulate Sandra Kubecka as the recipient of the Alternative Pathways Award – Metro category for the 2020 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government.**