
ORDINARY COUNCIL

Mayoral Minute

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

FROM: The Mayor

TRIM #: 18/31059

On behalf of Camden Council and the Camden community, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Mr John Ryan for receiving a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and Mr John Murray for receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Friday 26 January 2018, Australia Day.

Mr Ryan was made a Member of the Order of Australia for “significant service in the Parliament of New South Wales, and to public administration, particularly the development of accommodation policy for people with a disability”.

He was Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party in the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Community Services and Shadow Minister for Disability from 2003 to 2007. As the Shadow Minister for Disability he advocated to have young people with disabilities removed from aged care nursing homes which came to fruition in 2006.

In 2013, Mr Ryan coordinated a program aimed at closing large residential institutions for people with disability, advocating people with disability should be living in more home-like accommodation with more opportunities to access their local community.

Mr Ryan is an active member of St John’s Anglican Church in Camden. He dedicates much of his spare time to leading services and serving on the Parish Council.

Mr Ryan worked as a high school teacher and as a senior research officer for former Liberal minister Ted Pickering prior to his election to parliament where he was in office from 1991 to 2007.

I would like to publically congratulate Mr Ryan on this fantastic achievement. I have had the pleasure of knowing John for some time and it is fantastic to see such a genuine, kind, hardworking and humble man recognised in this very special way.

I would like to also acknowledge Mr John Murray, a Cobbitty resident for more than 50 years who received his Order of Australia Medal “for service to the community of Bankstown”. He has been president of Bankstown Sports Club since 2006, director since 1981 and a volunteer there since 1958.

Mr Murray’s list of community work also shows dedication to the Macarthur area. He served on Camden Council for two terms between 1989 and 1997, and is a Cobbitty Bush Fire Brigade life member, serving as a volunteer and former president for 20 years from 1988 to 2008. Mr Murray has devoted 15 years to fundraising for research into Rett Syndrome for the Children’s Hospital at Westmead and has organised fundraising events for Leukaemia research at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital from 1991 to 2003.

Mr Murray has been volunteering since the age of 7 when he started raising funds for the Red Cross during World War II.

I congratulate Mr John Murray on this fantastic achievement.

We are so lucky to have these two great men living in our LGA and I couldn't be happier for them in receiving these wonderful accolades.

RECOMMENDED

That Council note the information.