

ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE - COMMENDATION OF ROS LANCE

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

I would like to draw Council's attention to the invaluable contribution to the Drummoyne and wider local community of Ros Lance.

After over two decades of stewardship, Ros is stepping away from her role as a manager of the Drummoyne Community Centre (DCC). This provides an opportunity for Council to celebrate Ros' wonderful contribution to our local community.

A lot has changed since September 1998 but over the 23 years since Ros began her time at DCC, she has done so much to support locals in need and to connect members of our community. From arts and culture to education, language services, and senior's health, Ros has made her mark on thousands of residents and their families during her time at DCC.

The countless services and programs launched by DCC during Ros' time are far too many to list here but worth mentioning are the new resident tours, the free English language classes, the many health and wellbeing workshops, and the parenting and grandparenting workshops and groups.

These initiatives have allowed our community to come together and support each other through both the great and the exciting times of life, but also the harder times where local friendship and community are so important.

Indeed, during the COVID-19 lockdowns last year, DCC under Ros continued to support our community, with the BayRider bus working under COVID safe regulations transferring individual community members to vital appointments and delivering food, puzzles, newsletters, and magazines to those members of the community in need.

This commendation cannot truly capture the breadth of impact that Ros has had on our local community. Ros has been a humble, visionary, and generous servant to our area, a creator of a more inclusive local community.

I know that all Councillors here tonight would be delighted to join me in celebrating the contributions of Ros Lance and we look forward to working with the Drummoyne Community Centre in the coming decades to continue Ros' wonderful legacy.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the report.