

**ITEM                    MAYORAL MINUTE - COMMENDATION FOR JIM SIMPSON**

**Department        Executive Services**

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**REPORT**

I would like to draw Council's attention to the important contribution Jim Simpson has made to our local community through his involvement with the Rotary Club of Five Dock over the last 48 years.

Jim is a Charter Member of the Rotary Club, which has been actively supporting a wide range of community-focused projects and events since May 1973.

Volunteers like Jim are often the unsung heroes of our communities, dedicating their own time to making a positive impact on the world through community service — whether that means fundraising for an important cause, supporting local business, or working to improve public spaces and facilities.

Jim's connection to the local area began in his childhood, having grown up in Five Dock and attended Five Dock Public School. He was also a member of the Five Dock Boy Scouts, where he learnt the Morse code skills that won him a job with the Overseas Telecommunications Commission back in 1959. The job allowed him to train as a telegraphist and led to a long, successful career in international telecommunications.

In the 1960s and 70s, Jim was an oarsman and boat master with the then Haberfield Rowing Club (now known as the UTS Rowing Club), and remains on the water even today as an active 'Cat' sailor and board member of the Concord & Ryde Sailing Club.

There are few people that know and love the City of Canada Bay as well as Jim, who has committed much of his life to making it a better place to live and work. I am sure there are many members of our wider community who have come to know Jim through his volunteering work and appreciate all he has done for their community.

I would like to thank Jim for his long, tireless service to the Rotary Club and the City of Canada Bay area.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council note the report.