

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

Tuesday 27 July 2021

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.



Ray Brownlee PSM
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

Delivering the highest quality service valued and trusted by our community

OUR VALUES

Trust Teamwork Respect Integrity Service Leadership

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ITEM 7.3	MAYORAL MINUTE NO 15/2021 - VALE WAL EDWARDS OAM
TRIM FILE REF	2021/529038
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

BACKGROUND

It is with great sadness that I advise that Mr Wal Edwards OAM passed away peacefully on the weekend.

Many of you would have had the great pleasure of meeting Wal who was a true gentleman. A World War 2 veteran who returned home and gave so much to many in our community. He was remarkable in so many ways but what we will always remember is his genuine concern for others and his love for his family and life.

He was born in 1916 in Hamilton NSW and moved to Manly in 1932 during the great depression and after serving in WW2, he returned home. During his extraordinary life, he had been a grocer, a wine salesman, a dairy farmer and a real estate and business agent and auctioneer for 30 years. He owned a small building company, three motels and two restaurants. He served on the board of the Real Estate Institute of NSW and was President of the North Shore Branch at the same time as joining the Rotary Club of St Ives. He served with Rotary for over 55 years and was incredibly passionate about supporting others and even recently during the current pandemic. A great example was last Christmas during lockdown, Wal with the assistance of his son Ian delivered 527 presents to War Veterans at Collaroy and other Northern Beaches nursing homes. This has been something that Wal took great pleasure in doing for many years at Christmas time and was determined that these veterans were not forgotten during the lockdown.

In 2015 he was a very deserving recipient of an Order of Australia and he joked that they gave it to him then at the age of 99 as they didn't think he would make 100 years of age. His sense of humour was extraordinary.

His family was everything and it was lovely to hear that Wal was able to pass away peacefully with his wife and son and immediate family around him. He will be very much missed by his wife, five children, 15 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 4 great, great grandchildren.

He will also be incredibly missed by the Harbord Diggers Club and Sub-Branch having served as their welfare officer for over 26 years and was a very active member giving of his time and supporting so many.

In 2020, Wal recorded some of what he called 'Lessons learned from practical experiences over 103 years' which I will now share with you.

If you are suffering physically, mentally or emotionally, through loss of loved ones, or mates, or by accidents, it can be extremely sad and may God Bless You! BUT try and reach out everyday to contact by phone or in person, someone else in the same position as you that could be worse than you – they are always out there in nursing homes, aged care, War Vets and locked up and cared for, for their own comfort. I know this, because I have been the Welfare Officer of Harbord Diggers for 26 years and have visited hundreds of good people suffering and dying and they all appreciate some tender, loving care. I am also a Pastoral Partner of St. Matthew's Church, so if you need help, just call me. Our thoughts and actions should always be SERVICE ABOVE SELF – DON'T TALK, JUST ACT.

The biggest tip is STOP WHINGING (It's boring).

The President of the Harbord Diggers RSL sub-Branch, Mr Sean Rout also reminded me of something that Wal used to say often when he spoke to others which was ‘every morning...say to yourself, who can I help today.’”

He was a true gentleman and our community will miss this extraordinary man.

Our thoughts are with his family, his friends, his colleagues and so many in the community at this very sad time. On behalf of my fellow Councillors and the Northern Beaches community, I extend our deepest sympathies.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the enormous contribution made by the late Wal Edwards, OAM to the Northern Beaches community.
2. Send our condolences to the Edwards Family.



Michael Regan
MAYOR

