

ITEM A

LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - PROPOSAL TO NAME NEW INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AFTER LAWRENCE HARGRAVE

Lawrence Hargrave is recognised the world over for the contribution that he made to the development of the first flying machines. His experiments and work all took place in the Greater Sydney Region as well as Stanwell Park.

He contributed significantly to the development of the radial engine and the aerofoil. The radial engine was the engine that powered the first flying machines and the leading thickened wing edge (aerofoil) is still an important component of modern aircraft. Most importantly, Lawrence Hargrave invented the box kite. On 12 November 1894, while attached to four box kites on Stanwell Park Beach, he was lifted 16 feet into the air and became the first person in history to achieve heavier than air lift off using a stable aircraft.

The naming of the International Terminal at Western Sydney (Nancy-Bird Walton) International Airport in honour of Lawrence Hargrave would be a fitting and appropriate recognition of Australia's first great aviation pioneer. The Lawrence Hargrave Society is currently lobbying the Australian Government to achieve this.

Council previously supported the naming of the Airport after Lawrence Hargrave, but to no avail. This is an opportunity to progress the recognition of Lawrence Hargrave and his place in aviation history. This has been a shared concern mainly driven by the efforts of Councillor Colacino.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Wollongong City Council writes to the Federal Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts to -
 - a acknowledge the importance of Lawrence Hargrave in aviation history; and
 - b support the proposal to name the new International Terminal at Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport after Lawrence Hargrave.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.