

ITEM A LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - AUSTRALIAN HONOURS AND AWARDS

The Australian Honours and Awards system is administered by the Office of the Governor-General and recognises the outstanding service and contributions of Australians. Order of Australia announcements are made in January and June however there is no breakdown of the recipients by local government area. Wollongong City Council is not advised by the Office of the Governor-General when a local resident is recognised. It would be beneficial for this to occur so Council can acknowledge the local recipients of an Australian Honour and Award. There is an expectation in the community that Council already has this in place. It requires time and resources for Council staff to pull this information together and it could be more efficiently handled by the Office of the Governor General with Council's notified accordingly of recipients after the initial announcement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Congratulates those local citizens who were recognised through the Australian Honours and Awards system in January 2024.
- 2 Writes to the Office of the Governor-General to request the identification of recipients per local government area be applied in future. Accordingly, each Council be notified of those in their local government area recognised through the Australian Honours and Awards system to enhance local recognition.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.