

ITEM A LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - RECOGNISING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF EMMA MCKEON

Emma McKeon of Wollongong has won eleven Olympic medals making her the most decorated Australian Olympic athlete of all time. This includes a gold at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and four golds and three bronze medals at the Tokyo Olympics. She has won a gold at the World Aquatics Championships and twelve medals, including eight gold, at the 2014 Glasgow and 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Emma McKeon is widely considered one of the greatest female swimmers in history.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Wollongong City Council acknowledges and congratulates all the Australian athletes at the Tokyo Olympic and Para Olympic games for their dedication to achieve international competitive status.
- 2 The City of Wollongong especially acknowledges the outstanding achievements and prowess of Emma McKeon in swimming at the Tokyo Olympics and in international competition. The City of Wollongong acknowledges Emma's preeminent place in Olympic history and congratulates her accordingly on becoming one of Australia's greatest swimmers.
- 3 Council requests that by October 2021 the General Manager recommend possible options to recognise Emma McKeon and her achievements, such as the naming of a venue or location in the City and/or an update of the Olympic Wall of Honour in Lang Park. The community be invited to provide input and feedback on options to recognise Emma McKeon.
- 4 Wollongong City Council create an opportunity for Wollongong residents to acknowledge local athletes for their participation and achievements at the Tokyo Olympic and Para Olympic games at a suitable time yet to be determined.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.