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NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR LINDA CAMPBELL - COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY FLAG POLICY

Councillor Linda Campbell has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 A standard time to be identified for the raising of the flag when a community flag is to be raised, to enable Councillors and community members to attend the flag raising.
- 2 If specific circumstances arise that require a different time be allocated (e.g., a visiting Ambassador or delegation), appropriate community notification is made for the ceremony including the reason for timing.
- 3 This information is provided to Councillors via the Corporate Calendar.
- 4 This be trialled for a period of 1 year to identify any issues that may arise relating to crowds forming or other unforeseen issues arising from the activities.”

Background provided by Councillor Linda Campbell:

In June 2022, Councillors were advised by way of Information Note that:

“Further to a request for Councillors to have greater visibility of significant filming happening in the area and of usage of the community flagpole, the following processes have been put in place.

Flag raising on the community flagpole represents for the community a symbolic gesture of events and celebrations that are important to them. The raising of the provided flags has a high frequency of change over and are not resourced or delivered as an ‘event’.

A flag schedule that lists all community flag requests for 2021 has been created. This is a fluid document as it is updated each time a request is received. All approved flag requests are visible to Councillors via the Corporate Calendar with details of the flag, the reason for flying the flag and the dates the flag will be raised. In some instances, the schedule may need to be adjusted at short notice to accommodate new requests and/or instructions from the Commonwealth Flag Network (e.g. protocols regarding National and State funerals).”

When a group or causes flag is raised it is likely that representatives of the group may wish to be present. Therefore, a regular timeslot would provide information and certainty for those who wish to attend.