
**MM2/20 LACHLAN'S LINE PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF
CHRISTOPHER CASSANITI - The Mayor, Councillor
Jerome Laxale**

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On 1 April 2019, the Cassaniti family lost their son Christopher in an accident on a workplace site at North Ryde.

The family is now seeking Council's support to identify an appropriate site to erect a plaque in his memory near the site of the accident.

The family has also established the Touched by Christopher Foundation, which assists families that have lost loved ones on construction sites in NSW and firefighters who have lost their lives serving the NSW community. To date, the Touched by Christopher Foundation has raised over \$135,000.

The family also actively advocates to government regarding workplace death and workplace health and safety laws and generally strives to minimise accidents on work sites.

The Foundation is holding a fundraising dinner on 27 March 2020 at 7pm at Doltone House Hyde Park, *"in memory of a life so beautifully lived, a heart so deeply loved, and a smile so greatly missed."*

All City of Ryde Councillors are invited.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:-

- (a) Offer its condolences to the Cassaniti family, who lost Christopher last year in a workplace accident.
- (b) Install a plaque in memory of Christopher at Lachlan's Line on Wednesday, 1 April 2020.
- (c) Consult with the Cassaniti family about the specific location and inscription of the plaque and to identify an appropriate unveiling opportunity consistent with Council Policy.
- (d) Allocate funding from the appropriate reserve or existing operational budget to complement any funding received from other sources.

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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