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**MM3/22 VALE OLSEN FILIPAINA - Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**  
**File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP22/122**

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This Mayoral Minute is to acknowledge the passing of Mr Olsen Filipaina.

Mr Filipaina was a rugby league legend and much-loved staff member at the City of Ryde.

He was regarded as a trailblazer after becoming one of the first Polynesian players to play in the NSW Rugby League competition.

During the years 1980 to 1987, he took part in more than 100 games for Balmain, Eastern Suburbs and North Sydney and later captained Ryde-Eastwood to victory in the inaugural Metropolitan Cup final of 1990. Mr Filipaina also represented New Zealand on the international stage, playing 28 tests for his country.

In addition to his rugby league pursuits, Mr Filipaina worked for the City of Ryde and a number of Council contractors over a 40-year period, where he would “run bins” to keep fit for his football. In later years he also worked as a driver collecting waste, recycling and garden waste for local residents.

Long-term Council staff tell me he was an extremely diligent worker with a happy disposition, whilst many local people also remember his years running the bins at the Granny Smith Festival where he was a popular member of staff.

On behalf of Council, I would like to pass on my condolences to Mr Filipaina’s family and friends for their recent loss.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council mark the passing of Mr Olsen Filipaina with a minute’s silence.
- (b) That Council recognise Mr Olsen Filipaina’s service to the City of Ryde over a 40-year period by installing a plaque in the City of Ryde in consultation with his family.
- (c) That the plaque in recognition of Mr Olsen Filipaina be funded from the Mayoral budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:



**Councillor Jordan Lane**  
**Mayor**

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**MM4/22 COMMUNITY HEROES PROGRAM - Mayor, Councillor  
Jordan Lane****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP22/155**

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I believe that the City of Ryde has a great number of community members who contribute in many ways to the sense of community that makes the City of Ryde a great place to live and visit.

To recognise some of people and actions that contribute to the City, I move the following recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:-

- (a) Establish a 'Community Heroes Program' that will recognise the contributions of members of our local community.
- (b) Develop a 'Community Heroes Program' as a dedicated category of the annual Volunteer Recognition Awards and incorporate the following processes:-
  - (i) a publicly advertised nomination process, emphasizing the program's focus on community contribution.
  - (ii) a suitable judging panel to assess nominations and determine successful applicants.
  - (iii) at least half of the successful nominees must be women.
- (c) Install a 'Community Heroes Program' Honour Board in a suitable location to recognise the contributions of members of our local community.
- (d) Hold an annual Mayor's morning tea to recognize the 'Community Heroes Program' award winners.
- (e) Fund the 'Community Heroes Program' and Honour Board from the Mayoral Budget and other reserves as applicable.

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**MM5/22 RYDE SECONDARY COLLEGE - ACCESSIBLE PARKING -  
Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane**

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Ryde Secondary College is one of the largest schools in the local area and is located in a residential area where parking is at a premium.

I have been approached with regard to the possibility of providing additional accessible parking spaces adjacent to the school in Forrest Road.

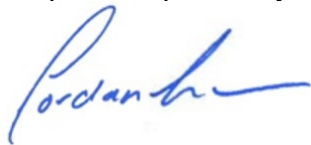
**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council staff work with the Ryde Secondary College principal and other relevant staff to investigate the need for the provision of an appropriate number of accessible parking spaces to be provided adjacent to the school in Forrest Road.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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**MM6/22 SMART PLACES ACCELERATION PROGRAM - Mayor,  
Councillor Jordan Lane****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP22/157**

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The NSW Government has initiated a \$45 million Smart Places Acceleration Program designed to support economic and community recovery post COVID 19.

The grants encourage partnership with and co-investment from local councils and industry to deliver smart initiatives.

I would like to see City of Ryde make an application for a grant up to \$5,000,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:-

- (a) Note that applications for the \$45 million Smart Places Acceleration Program are currently open.
- (b) Investigate, with the view to apply for a grant under the program of up to \$5,000,000 which is designed to support economic and community recovery post COVID-19, encourage partnerships with and co-investment from local councils and industry to deliver smart place initiatives, support advancement and implementation of the NSW Smart Places Strategy, and ensure NSW remains the leading state in implementing Smart Places initiatives.
- (c) Delegate staff to identify suitable project(s) that will most efficiently and effectively benefit our City within the parameters of the program, apply for requisite funding, and report back to Council once funding decisions have been made.
- (d) Endorses a letter sent from the Mayor to the Minister for Customer Service and Minister for Digital, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, expressing the Council's willingness to work constructively on future grant and funding programs and thanking him for the opportunity to apply.

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