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**MM35/22 DEATH OF DAPHNE SPURWAY - Mayor, Councillor  
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Yesterday, I attended the funeral of Daphne Spurway who passed away last week at the age of 92.

Daphne was a long time resident of the City of Ryde and lived locally for nearly seventy years. She and her husband Les met through a local scouting group and in the 1950's moved to Ryde and then Eastwood where they raised their family of three boys, Scott, Peter and Mark (dec).

Daphne would be well known to many locals for her role in the Granny Smith Festival over a number of years. Daphne became a Spurway by marriage with the Spurways closely connected to "Granny Smith", although the family tree connection is a little hazy.

There is no doubt however about the long family history of the Spurways as orchardists, who, over many generations, owned orchards in the local area, in particular Marsden Road.

In addition to her Granny Smith commitment, Daphne was known as an "organiser of organisers".

She was the President of the Eastwood/Epping Branch of the CWA, a volunteer with Eastwood Meals on Wheels for 25 years and was also a volunteer with the Liberal Party for 50 years.

In 2007, Daphne coordinated 1100 volunteers who worked on the campaign for former Prime Minister and Federal Member for Bennelong, John Howard.

Daphne was considered not only the matriarch of the Spurways, but also of the local Liberal Party.

It was an honour to know Daphne and to attend her funeral.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the passing of Daphne Spurway be noted.
- (b) That Council hold a minute's silence to mark the passing of Daphne Spurway.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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