

**MM6/25      RECOGNITION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE - Mayor Trenton Brown****File Number: CLM/25/1/1/8 - BP25/315**

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The City of Ryde has the largest Armenian community of any Local Government Area in Australia.

In 2005, Ryde became the first Local Government Area in Australia to give formal recognition to the genocide of the Armenian people and officially recognise the genocide with a memorial plaque honouring the estimated one and a half million Armenians who were eliminated from their historic homeland in Turkey through forced deportations and massacres between 1915 – 1923.

Subsequent to this recognition, other Local Government Areas such as Willoughby Council and more recently the City of Parramatta Council have declared formal recognition of the genocide.

On 24 April 2025, Armenians and Governments the world over marked the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Australia has a deep history with Armenians and over 60,000 Australians claim Armenian descent.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- (a) Recognises the contribution of the Armenian community in the City of Ryde.
- (b) Call upon the Commonwealth Government to formally recognise the genocide of the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek peoples of Europe during the period of 1915-1923.
- (c) Note the City of Ryde's Armenian Genocide Memorial being held on 10 May 2025 at 2.30pm at Memorial Park, Meadow Crescent, Meadowbank.
- (d) Observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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