
0 DEATH OF JENNIFER ARMSTRONG - The Mayor Ivan Petch**File Number: MYR/07/10/1 - BP12/1124**

Following the death of Jenny Armstrong on 23rd September 2012, I table the following Mayoral Minute which briefly outlines Jenny's contribution to the City of Ryde.

Jenny was an active volunteer in the community over many years and for various causes, but was best known for her tremendous support of Riding for the Disabled NSW.

Jenny first became involved with RDA when she registered her daughters Jaci and Leisha with the group in the 1980's. At this time, as the single mother of twin girls and whilst working full time, Jenny volunteered countless hours to the group and over time went on to manage a volunteer group of nearly 350 people, providing training, guidance and encouragement to new volunteers.

Jenny had great empathy and compassion for others and was committed to volunteer work. As part of this commitment, she was always happy to help families navigate access to disability services.

Over the last five years Jenny worked with a small team of dedicated volunteers to secure grants to finance the construction of the Ryde RDA Centre. She was involved in almost every aspect of providing these new facilities which give people with a disability in metropolitan Sydney access to the best services possible.

Jenny was also involved with various other groups including the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Vision Australia and Guide Dogs NSW. Her knowledge of disability and access issues made her a valuable and insightful member of Council's Access Committee and her work with the committee was greatly appreciated.

Jenny's organisational ability was greatly admired and sought after and she had recently returned from London where she assisted with the administration of the Para Olympic Games.

Jenny was the proud mother of Jaci and Leisha and partner of Gerard.

A funeral service was held on Friday 28th September and was attended by various Councillors and members of the Ryde community.

Jenny will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a genuinely selfless individual who willingly provided assistance to anyone who sought it.

RECOMMENDATION:

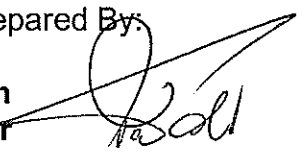
That Council offer its condolences to the family of Jennifer Armstrong and her partner Gerard.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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