

**MM19/19 PLAQUE AT SANTA ROSA PARK IN MEMORY OF
RHONDA "RONNIE" CLAPHAM - Mayor, Councillor
Jerome Laxale**

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Rhonda 'Ronnie' Clapham, a long-time resident of Eastwood, passed away in April of this year after a long illness.

Ronnie was a regular visitor to Santa Rosa Park over many years and the Santa Rosa dog owner community remembers Ronnie as one of the most stoic, strong, 'get on with it', cheeky ladies it has had the pleasure of knowing.

With the assistance of the local dog park group, Ronnie was able to visit the park every day despite her illness. The 'Ronnie Roster' had been in place since the death of Ronnie's husband seven years ago and meant that Ronnie and her beloved dog Darcy could continue visiting the park every day.

Ronnie loved visiting Santa Rosa Park despite her several serious physical ailments. She enjoyed the goings on, talking to people and most importantly the social element that the park and its people provided.

She was an invaluable member of the park community and will be greatly missed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Ryde:-

- (a) Offer its condolences to the Clapham family and the Santa Rosa Park community, following the death of Ronnie.
- (b) Install a plaque on a bench at Santa Rosa Park in memory of Ronnie.
- (c) Consult with the Santa Rosa Dog Park Community about the specific location and inscription of the plaque and to identify an appropriate unveiling opportunity consistent with Council Policy.
- (d) Allocate appropriate funding from the existing operational budget.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:



**Councillor Jerome Laxale
Mayor**