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**MM2/21 RESIGNATION OF PETER GRAHAM OAM FROM  
COMMITTEES - Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP21/231**

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I have been advised that Mr Peter Graham OAM – a former Mayor of City of Ryde, will be moving from the local area to live nearer to family on the Central Coast.

As a result of this move, Mr Graham has tendered his resignation from the Ryde Local Planning Panel.

I am writing this Mayoral Minute to officially recognise the service and guidance that Mr Graham has given to the City of Ryde during his years on Council and as a member of other community organisations.

Mr Graham was an Alderman on Ryde Municipal Council as it was known, from 1971 to 1977.

From 1980 to 2004, he was a Councillor on the newly named Ryde City Council.

He was Mayor of the City of Ryde from 1998 to 1999 and was Deputy Mayor on many occasions.

During his time on Council, Peter was the Chairman of various Committees of Council including the Works, Parks and Traffic Committee.

He continued to be involved with traffic decisions through his role as representative of Hon Victor Dominello MP, Member for Ryde on the Local Traffic Committee.

Outside of Council, Mr Graham was the secretary of Putney Progress Association for over ten years and took part in many other activities in the local community.

In 1993, Peter Graham was awarded an OAM for services to local government, the Presbyterian Church and community health.

In 2000, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to Local Government by the Local Government Association and in 2001, he was awarded the Centenary of Federation Medal.

Peter's close ties with the local area began in his childhood.

He attended Putney Public School and later Meadowbank Boys' High School.

He and his much loved wife Elizabeth, raised their family in Eastwood and took a keen interest in many areas of local life including athletics. Peter was granted life membership of Ryde Little Athletics for his contributions over a number of years.

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Amongst current Council employees and elected members of Council, Peter is revered for his local knowledge gained over a lifetime of association with the area, his commonsense, reasoned debating skills, kind and compassionate nature and a sense of fairness in all he says and does.

His long association with Council, the local community, the Presbyterian Church and many other organisations has been of great benefit to each group, with Peter quietly but diligently providing a steadying influence, wealth of knowledge and subtle wit.

He will be missed by many in the local community, but I am sure that all who know him, wish him only the very best in his move to be nearer to family.

On behalf of the residents of the City of Ryde, I thank Peter for his dedication to the people of the local area and his dedicated service through his involvement with a number of community and Council activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council formally recognise the contribution of Mr Peter Graham OAM to the local area.
- (b) That a copy of this Mayoral Minute be presented to Mr Graham.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:



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**Mayor**