
MM5/21 PASSING OF JOHN NEUHAUS - MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES - Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale**File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP21/646**

It is with great sadness that I report the recent passing of a City of Ryde staff member, John Neuhaus, Manager Library Services.

John's contribution to the development of Council's Library Services and the local community cannot be understated.

Among his many achievements, John pioneered Council's uptake of digital collections, led the transformation of our library technology and developed creative and innovative initiatives such as The Hive digital media lab at West Ryde Library and the Inspiration Wall at Ryde Library.

In 2015/16, John re-established the City of Ryde's art collection, retrieving and cataloguing over 170 works and artefacts that had been located at various Council buildings. A selection of works from this collection now adorn the halls outside the Council Chambers, displayed to gallery standards for all to enjoy.

John also coordinated the archival photographic recording of the Ryde Civic Centre, creating an accurate, comprehensive and permanent photographic record of the building.

Above all, John cared deeply about his fellow staff and was highly respected by his work colleagues, industry peers and the community.

John will be greatly missed by everyone at the City of Ryde.

On behalf of Council, I would like to pass on my condolences to John's family and friends for their tremendous loss.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the information regarding John Neuhaus be noted.
- (b) That a suitable item of remembrance be installed in Council's Ryde Library in consultation with John's family.
- (c) That a donation of \$200 from Council's base budget be made in memory of John Neuhaus to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.
- (d) That Council resolve to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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