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Item: 035 MM - Passing of Sir Nicholas Shehadie - (79351).docx

REPORT:

Sir Nicholas Shehadie, AC, OBE passed away on Sunday, 11 February 2018. His passing will be largely felt through many areas of Australian society, given his extensive contributions to the fields of sport, media and Local Government. Sir Nicholas was the husband of Dame Marie Bashir, former Governor of NSW and great friend of the Hawkesbury. He was 92.

This Mayoral Minute calls upon us as a Council to acknowledge the contributions of Sir Nicholas Shehadie, to pay our respects, and convey our sincerest condolences to his family.

Sir Nicholas was the 75th Lord Mayor of Sydney serving from 1973-1975, having first been elected as an Alderman in 1962 and completing his time in local government in 1977. Prior to his contribution to public life however, he was best known as a rugby player having represented Australia on 114 occasions, captaining the team in 1953. His association with Rugby Union continued for decades being the Chairman of the NSW Rugby Union, a board member of the Australian Rugby Union and an inductee into the IRB Hall of Fame.

Other positions held by Sir Nicholas were Trustee of the Sydney Cricket Ground from 1978-2001, Chairman of SBS from 1981-1999 having been instrumental in the establishment of the multicultural and multilingual broadcaster, and national Chair for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards, Australia from 1992-1994. By all accounts he was a highly respected sportsman, businessman and public representative.

Many of us have experienced interactions with Dame Marie Bashir as she has visited, sometimes accompanied by her husband, to celebrate historical events in the Hawkesbury area. She has a vast knowledge of the area's early Indigenous and colonial history and heritage, and an intense admiration for Governor Lachlan Macquarie.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council, following the adoption of this recommendation, observe a minutes silence in recognition of the passing of Sir Nicholas Shehadie.
2. Council place on record its sincere and deepest regret at the loss of Sir Nicholas Shehadie, and convey its condolences to Dame Marie Bashir and family.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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