

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**ITEM NO. 1**

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**MAYOR'S DIARY**

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**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1) Note the Mayoral appointments for the period from 12 March 2025 to 25 March 2025.
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**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the Mayoral appointments for the period 12 March to 25 March 2025.

This Mayoral Minute aims to inform the Council and community of the key engagements of the Mayor for the preceding period. This is an initiative I wanted to introduce this term to provide a clear record of the engagements undertaken through the Mayoral office.

**12 March 2025**

- Filmed Council meeting debrief.
- Meeting with Port Stephens Dog Sports Club (representatives).
- AGL Tomago Battering briefing.
- Meeting with Hon. Emily Suvaal MLC re accelerating the reactivation of current and former mining lands to create jobs in the Hunter region.
- Attended Strategic Arts Committee meeting.

**13 March 2025**

- Civic Pride Nelson Bay working bee.
- Shoal Bay tree vandalism interview with The Examiner.
- Catchup with staff re Salamander Place Plan communications.
- Reviewed Community Support Fund grant applications.
- Australia Day meeting.

**14 March 2025**

- Meeting with Nelson Bay Golf Club representative re future direction and strategy.
- Meeting with representatives of Bay Buddies program.
- Filmed Liveability video.
- Meeting with Home & Place representatives re Hunter Homeless Connect Day.
- Attended Port Stephens Arts Centre function.

**17 March 2025**

- Catchup with the General Manager.
- Participated in Tomaree Community Engagement Committee stakeholder meeting.
- Catchup with Communications staff.
- Participated in Aboriginal Project Fund Panel meeting.

**18 March 2025**

- Site visit – 20 Nulla Nulla Lane, Hinton.
- Catchup with Facilities & Infrastructure staff.
- Catchup with the Executive Team.
- Scheduled catchup with Meryl Swanson MP, Member for Paterson.
- Participated in the following Two Way Conversations/briefings:
  - Councillor Business Paper Review
  - Anna Bay East Planning Proposal
  - Medowie High School
  - Finance Update
  - Pathways Plan Review
  - Airport Briefing

**19 March 2025**

- 2HD interview on Newcastle Airport.
- Meeting with Assistant Shadow Minister for Roads & Transport on road funding.

**20 March 2025**

- Councillor briefing on DA for 1107 Swan Bay Road, Swan Bay.
- Participated on Community Support Fund Judging Panel.
- Attended AICD Hunter Directors' briefing.

**21 March 2025**

- ABC News interview on Newcastle Airport.
- IPWEA Asset Management Course.
- Fairlands Roads, Medowie - Roads Acceleration Program media opportunity.
- Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd Board Briefing.
- Attended Koori Colours Art Exhibition.

**24 March 2025**

- IPWEA Asset Management Course.
- Catchup with the General Manager.
- Catchup with Communications staff.
- Housing in Port Stephens meeting.
- Attended Daughters & Dads Program, Tomaree High School.

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL - 25 MARCH 2025**

### **25 March 2025**

- Councillor Briefing - Pre-Council meeting.
- Presentation of Freeman Award to Steve Tucker.
- Public Access and Ordinary Council meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.