

## Resolution of Council

**23 October 2023**

### **Item 10.6**

#### **Vale John Fowler**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Weldon –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) John Fowler, the former mayor of the City of South Sydney from 2000 to 2002, passed away on 29 September 2023, aged 69;
  - (ii) elected as an independent Councillor to the South Sydney Council in 1989, John Fowler had a long history of serving his community;
  - (iii) he was the first openly gay Mayor in Sydney;
  - (iv) his openness took bravery at a time when there was considerably less acceptance of our diverse LGBTQIA+ communities;
  - (v) during his Mayorship the Sydney Park AIDS Memorial Groves, a grove of Australian Native trees in Sydney Park, was unveiled; and
  - (vi) he provided an example of courage and conviction to many others in the LGBTQIA+ community;
- (B) all present at the meeting take one minute of silence to honour the memory and contribution of John Fowler; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to John Fowler's family expressing the Council's sincere condolences on his passing.

Carried unanimously.

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