

## Resolution of Council

**29 July 2024**

### **Item 13.10**

#### **Erskineville Oval Stand Named in Honour of Johnny Lewis**

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Kok –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) John Alfred “Johnny” Lewis OAM is a local hero of Erskineville;
- (ii) Johnny is Australia’s most acclaimed boxing trainer. His career spans decades, having trained accomplished amateur boxers around Sydney to Australian champions, including the likes of Jeff Fenech, Jeff Harding, Joe Bugner, and Kostya Tszyu;
- (iii) in 2017 he was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame;
- (iv) Johnny grew up in Erskineville and has remained a dedicated resident throughout his life. He was also a long-time employee of the Sydney County Council;
- (v) his connection with Erskineville Oval is lifelong. His first job was selling newspapers at football games, as well as working the scoreboard at the oval;
- (vi) Johnny, now 80 years old, continues to train local community members daily, positively impacting their lives with his expertise and kindness;
- (vii) to date his dedication to the community and his lasting influence has been documented in numerous books, podcasts, and videos, all attesting to his significant role in shaping the character and spirit of Erskineville; and
- (viii) Johnny Lewis is a local legend who is worthy of recognition for which the Erskineville community agrees; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and report back to Council on whether the Erskineville Oval Stand can be named after local legend Johnny Lewis.

Carried unanimously.

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