

Item 13.3

Notices of Motion

Vale Myra Demetriou

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the passing of former Sirius resident and community leader Myra Demetriou on 23 October 2021 at the age of 94;
 - (ii) Myra Demetriou was born in Gladesville and trained as a secretary in Sydney's CBD after the end of the second World War;
 - (iii) at 22, Myra left her secretary position to train as a Methodist deaconess at Leigh College, Enfield, where she studied theology and psychology;
 - (iv) after completing her studies at Leigh College, Myra worked as a deaconess in regional NSW before moving back to Sydney where she met her husband Nick Demetriou;
 - (v) Myra and Nick had two children, raising them and running a small business in Millers Point;
 - (vi) Myra and Nick's business collapsed when the State Government changed a ferry route, eradicating foot traffic past their shop;
 - (vii) Myra and Nick lived in public housing in Millers Point and, after Nick's passing, Myra moved into the Sirius building in 2008;
 - (viii) in 2014, the State Government announced its intentions to sell the Sirius building. Alongside other residents Myra campaigned strongly against the sale of the building;
 - (ix) Myra was the final resident to leave the Sirius building in 2017; and
 - (x) Myra was an active member of her local community, campaigning to save the Miller Point post office when it was under threat, making dozens of Christmas puddings for neighbours each year and active in the Darling Harbour branch of the NSW Labor Party;
- (B) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Myra Demetriou and her significant contribution to social justice, public housing advocacy and her community;

- (C) Council express its condolences to Myra Demetriou's family; and
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to convey Council's condolences to Myra's family. Vale Myra Demetriou.

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