

**Item 3.2****Councillor Yvonne Weldon - 2022 NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year****File No: S051491****Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

Councillor Yvonne Weldon is the 2022 recipient of the Cancer Institute NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year Award, announced at the NSW Women of the Year Awards on 9 March 2022.

Cr Weldon is a proud Wiradjuri woman and is currently the Deputy Chairperson of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. She was previously the Chairperson, Deputy Chair of the NSW Australia Day Council and sits on the boards of Domestic Violence NSW and Redfern Jarjum College.

In 2019, Cr Weldon was awarded NSW Volunteer of the Year Adult Volunteer for the South Sydney Region and the NSW South Sydney Volunteer Region Volunteer of the Year.

The Award recognises Cr Weldon's work for Aboriginal advancement, health child protection and education, strongly shaped by the Wiradjuri values of helping and sharing with others.

Cr Weldon has also achieved recognition as a writer. In 2016, Cr Weldon was shortlisted for David Unaipon Award for an Unpublished Indigenous Writer at the Queensland Literary Awards. In 2017 she received Faber Writing Academy Scholarship. Her debut novel, Sixty-Seven Days is to be published by Penguin Australia in July this year.

I invite Councillors to join with me in congratulating Cr Weldon on her Award.

**Recommendation**

It is resolved that congratulate Councillor Yvonne Weldon on being named the Cancer Institute NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year at the NSW Women of the Year Awards.

**COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor