

Item 13.4**Notices of Motion****Vale Auntie Selena Blakeney**

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Auntie Selena Blakeney was an elder and wise woman from Yaegl and Wiradjuri lands, living from 1948 until 2022;
 - (ii) Auntie Selena has been remembered as a strong, cultural woman who stood her ground, for her people;
 - (iii) Auntie Selena played a role in delivering successful native title claims on Yaegl and Wiradjuri lands, securing outcomes for Indigenous Australians on lands known by many as Cabbage Tree Island and Yamba;
 - (iv) much of Auntie Selena's life was spent, with her family, in Woolloomooloo advocating for our City's Indigenous communities, bringing together diverse communities to achieve tangible outcomes over the long term;
 - (v) she worked hard to bring together inner city Indigenous communities with other community leaders, the Navy, local businesses and charities to deliver space and support for more Indigenous cultural activities; and
 - (vi) as a passionate supporter of NAIDOC week, Auntie Selena dreamed of teaching those who came after her to create Indigenous-led businesses to showcase art and culture to visiting members of the Navy and tourists who came to Woolloomooloo;
- (B) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to honour the memory of Auntie Selena Blakeney; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Selena Blakeney's family expressing the Council's sincere condolences on her passing.

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