

## Item 11.1

### Notices of Motion

#### Vale Victor Pinkerton

By Councillor Scully

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the passing of Victor Pinkerton, social and environmental justice activist, aged 69, on Tuesday 25 October 2022;
  - (ii) Victor's unrelenting commitment to social justice in Sydney and across NSW;
  - (iii) Victor was a tireless activist and organiser, known for his work on opposing WestConnex, coal seam gas and coal mining, and overdevelopment including the demolition of Willowgrove and the commercialisation of Sydney parks;
  - (iv) from his birth at King George V Hospital in Camperdown to French Noumean mother Jeanette and second generation Australia father George, younger brother to sister Georgette, Victor has always been devotedly passionate about Sydney and the welfare of its many communities;
  - (v) following the demolition of his family home for the Western Distributor in the early 1970s, Victor lived by his father's words "Treat others the way you'd like to be treated", and was known for his awareness-raising newsletters, his diligent campaigning and support for homeless people living under the Wentworth Park viaducts;
  - (vi) after completing an apprenticeship as an electrician with Sydney Country Council, Victor went on to spent 18 months in Darwin restoring power to buildings following Cyclone Tracy, and later contributed to the refurbishment of the iconic Queen Victoria Building and the heritage-listed Bondi Outfalls Project; and
  - (vii) Victor was a warm, genuine and caring man who dedicated himself to the preservation and restoration of Sydney and NSW's character and natural environment. He always showed up for the issues that mattered and was able to connect to people and communities. He will be sorely missed;
- (B) all present in the meeting take one minute of silence to honour the memory of Victor Pinkerton; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Victor Pinkerton's family expressing the Council's sincere condolences on his passing.

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