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Item 3.1

Vale Brian Delaney

File No: S051491

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

I wish to inform Council of the passing of Brian Delaney, a long time City of Sydney resident and community member, on 13 February 2024.

Brian was born in Redfern and lived most of his life in inner-city Sydney. He played for the former Newtown Australian Football Club, known as the Newtown Angels in the 1950s. Newtown was a foundation member of the NSW Australian Football League and played in the red and white of South Melbourne, now the Sydney Swans. Brian represented NSW at matches in Melbourne.

Apart from football, Brian had a rather checkered life until he met his wife Carole Twist in 1973 while living on the Glebe Estate.

In 1990, he moved to Pyrmont and became an early volunteer with Pyrmont Cares. Alongside Peter De Voy and John Hoff, Brian collected furniture and white goods in his ute, which were passed onto people who needed them. Brian helped Carole pick up donated goods to sell at the Mustard Seed Church and Op Shop in Ultimo, which she managed for 12 years.

A cheerful and friendly person, he took people to doctor's appointments and helped them with their shopping.

Over the last six years, he reduced his activities due to illness, but he kept in touch with his friends. After he passed, the monthly Pyrmont Community dinner remembered him with a minute's silence.

Brian will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and he lives on in the memory of the Pyrmont community, particularly when his favourite song, "On the Sunny Side of the Street" is played.

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Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Brian Delaney and his contribution to the Pyrmont community;

- (B) Council express its condolences to Brian's many friends and the Pyrmont community; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Brian's wife, Carole Twist, to express Council's condolences.

COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor