



ORDINARY MEETING

Late Supplementary

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Location: Council Chambers
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Condolence Motion – Tony Bleasdale OAM

BACKGROUND

Tony Bleasdale OAM, Mayor of Blacktown City Council and longstanding community leader for the Blacktown community, passed away suddenly on 2 May 2024 at the age of 77. Tony was the loving husband of Nina, and loving father to his four children and grandchildren.

Tony was elected to the position of Mayor of Blacktown City Council in 2019, and has been a member of the Australian Labour Party. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on the Queen's Birthday 2010 Honours List for his service to the community and support of charitable organisations, and for his contribution to local government in the Blacktown City area.

Tony's charitable work includes financial supporter of Gynaecological Cancer Research Fund, Westmead Hospital; supporter of Blacktown Relay for Life, Cancer Council NSW; financial contributor and fundraiser of Schizophrenia Research Institute; sponsor of Construction Industry Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign (since 2005); financial supporter of Mount Druitt Town Rangers Soccer Club, since 2007; and financial sponsor of Matt McFadyen, Antarctic Explorer, 2003. Tony also had a long involvement with the West Tradies Club at Mount Druitt.

Prior to becoming the Managing Director of National Contractors, a major construction industry labour hire firm, Tony was Group Industrial Relations Manager with the McNamara Group and Assistant Secretary at the Building Workers Industrial Union.

Tony proved a visionary leader in transforming Blacktown to better serve a growing population and was a passionate advocate for First Nations people. His vision for the future of the Blacktown area is to create vigorous and vibrant communities in many different areas.

Tony is described as a larger-than-life character who made a positive impact everywhere he went. Countless Western Sydney lives were touched by his efforts. He was a man of great integrity and decency matched only by his work ethic. Western Sydney has lost a great warrior.

Council offers its condolences to Tony Bleasdale's family and friends.

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