

ADDITIONAL ITEM



Item No: 1.6
Title: Mayoral (Administrator) Minute - Central Coast Council
Group Leader Julie Vaughan honoured for State Award
for empowering women
Department: Administrator

26 April 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting

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Background

Central Coast Council's Group Leader of Connected Communities was recently awarded a NSW Local Government Minister's Award for Women in Local Government.

The Minister's Awards celebrate the contribution of women to local government in NSW. In addition to recognising the significant contribution of Award winners, the Awards aim to encourage more women to take on leadership roles in Local Government in NSW.

There are four categories of Awards: Elected Representative, Senior Staff Member, Non-Senior Staff Member, and women in non-traditional roles. Awards were divided between Metropolitan and Rural/ Regional Councils, with Ms Vaughan taking out the Senior Staff Member category for metropolitan councils.

Ms Vaughan has worked in local government for the last ten years, and is the Group Leader of the newly created "Connected Communities" Group of the Council. This Group delivers a wide range of community services to the community, including libraries, child care, customer service, leisure, pools and beach safety, engagement, events, tourism, arts and culture, learning and education, and place activation.

One of Ms Vaughan's greatest achievements, and which is recognised by this prestigious award, was delivering The Art House in Wyong, the newest performing arts centre on the Central Coast.

Ms Vaughan's achievements, including the success of the recent Love Lanes Festival in Wyong were recognised in Federal Parliament through a speech by the Federal Member for Dobell, Ms Emma McBride MP.

Recommendation

Council formally recognise Group Leader of Connected Communities, Ms Julie Vaughan's success at the recent NSW Local Government Minister's Awards and present her with a certificate from the Federal Member for Dobell's speech to Parliament in her honour.

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Attachments

- 1** Certificate of Speech to Parliament by Federal Member for Dobell D12682910



**EMMA McBRIDE MP
MEMBER FOR DOBELL**

**Constituency Statement
House of Representatives
Parliament of Australia
22 March 2017**

The Central Coast is home to truly inspirational women.

I congratulate Julie Vaughan, Group Leader of Connected Communities at Central Coast Council, a worthy recipient of an International Women's Day New South Wales Women in Local Government Award. Julie has made an extraordinary contribution in over a decade of service to local government, and it was an absolute pleasure working with her during my time as a councillor for Wyong Shire. Among Julie's most recent successes is the Love Lanes Festival, which transformed the Wyong CBD and showcased the extraordinary talent of our community. My mum, Barbie – fifth-generation Wyong – was so excited by the energy in our home town. Thank you, Julie, for your work, which makes our home an even better place to live.

It was a privilege to open the Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre's annual International Women's Day forum. The centre has been working to improve women's health on the Coast since 1976. Thank you Xylia and your dedicated team.

The Central Coast's newest women's movement, She Story, was spectacularly launched on International Women's Day. We heard the stories of Gina Jeffreys, Pauline Wright and the formidable Liesl Tesch, Paralympian, gold medallist and Labor candidate for Gosford. Thank you to Suzy Miller and Tiffany Doman for your work empowering women on the Central Coast.

Thank you to the women of the Central Coast and women of the world who live boldly for change every day in our communities and across the world.