

**MM-2 MAYORAL MINUTE: CO.AS.IT. THE ITALIAN ASSOCIATION
OF ASSISTANCE AND THE BIAGGIO SIGNORELLI ASBESTOS
FOUNDATION**

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REPORT

I ask Council to join me in recognising two very special organisations that provide an incredible service to not only our community, but the greater community at large.

Recently I was honoured to represent the City of Canada Bay at two special events that celebrated the work of CO.AS.IT., The Italian Association of Assistance and The Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation.

These fantastic organisations provide important support for our communities and illustrate the vital role our Italian community plays in our area and in Australia.

CO.AS.IT., THE ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF ASSISTANCE

Over the last 50 years, Co.As.It. has successfully promoted the Italian language, culture and heritage in Australia.

As an organisation, they have acknowledged their Italian heritage enabling them to meet the diverse and evolving needs of the community, by enhancing the quality of life and providing opportunities for lifelong learning. Co.As.It has continued to expand services in the areas of education and community services. Additionally providing aged care services and a wide range of community services, from youth and family to mental health and many more.

THE BIAGGIO SIGNORELLI ASBESTOS FOUNDATION

This year The Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation celebrates 10 years of success in raising funds to support greater awareness, early detection, treatment, care and ultimately a cure for Mesothelioma of asbestos-related diseases.

The foundation was created after Biaggio Signorelli sadly passed away 10 years ago from Mesothelioma (Asbestos Cancer). His dying wish was to help save others. His family's determination to fulfil Biaggio's wish with the commencement of a foundation in honour of his name, their aim is to "breathe hope into the lives of sufferers and their families."

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the report.