

ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - VALE ALAN WRIGHT**Attachments: Nil**Submitted by: Councillor Angelo Tsirekas (Mayor)

MOTIONThat Council receive and note the report.

BACKGROUND

I would like to bring to Council's attention the recent passing of a tireless community stalwart and former Mayor of Concord Council, Alan Wright OAM.

Alan was born in Concord in 1930 and dedicated his life to serving and advocating for his local community. Elected to Concord Council in 1968, Alan served as Deputy Mayor from 1970 to 1971 and as Mayor from 1972 to 1973.

His community service stretched far beyond his time as a Councillor, Deputy Mayor, and Mayor, with numerous community roles and leadership positions on local charity, advocacy and sporting groups to his name.

Alan served as Chairperson of the Concord and Canada Bay Heritage Societies, Chairperson for Concord Community Food Services Inc., President of the Society for Providing Service to Needy and Neglected Children (Ardill House) and Deputy Chairperson of Integricare.

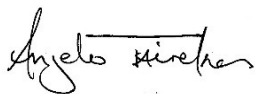
My colleagues on Council will be aware that for the better part of the last century Alan has been instrumental in local charity initiatives, having served his first of many meals for Meals on Wheels in 1972, Alan organised local door-knock appeals for the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Freedom from Hunger.

Since joining in 1949 Alan was a permanent figure at Holy Trinity Anglican church, serving in the capacities of Superintendent Chorister, Treasurer, Secretary, Parish Councillor, Church Warden, Synod Representative, Parish Nominator and organiser of the Senior Fellowship's monthly luncheon.

Alan also served as a representative on the Strathfield North Public School Council, President of the Rotary Club of Concord, and was a life member of the Cabarita Swimming Club.

Alan's dedication to his local community was acknowledged with an Order of Australia medal in 1990, and in 2008 he was named our City of Canada Bay Citizen of the Year.

Alan's extraordinary life of public service is one that should inspire every one of us, and I ask Council to join me in a moment's silence to commemorate the passing of this significant figure in our Council's and our community's history.

**Angelo Tsirekas**MAYOR
