

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

The 7 September 2013 Federal Election saw a change in Government and also a change for our community's federal member. I would like to bring to Council's attention, the hard work and dedication of our now former Member for Reid, the Hon. John Murphy.

John represented his community, at a Federal level, for the past 15 years. He was the Member for Lowe from 1998-2010 and then (following boundary redistribution), he was the Member for Reid from 2010-2013. Prior to this he was elected as a Councillor on Drummoyne Council from 1995-1998.

John lives locally and has been extremely supportive of the community throughout his time as its Federal Member. He has been a regular at numerous local events including Ferragosto, Concord Carnival and Citizenship Ceremonies. John was instrumental in our community receiving federal funding and grants for numerous Council projects, including more recently:

- **Drummoyne Oval Upgrades – \$6.75 million**
For the upgrade of the Drummoyne Oval precinct including the broadcast lighting to enable first class events to be held.

- **Water Security Program – \$1.894 million**
This program encompasses stormwater harvesting from St Luke's Canal. This water will be used for irrigation of public open space including sports fields and public golf courses and will ensure our community has recreational opportunities during future extreme weather events.

- **Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) – \$720,000**
This funding was instrumental in Council's upgrade of all existing light fixtures and air conditioning units at the Civic Centre, The Depot, Five Dock Leisure Centre and Concord Oval.

I ask Council to join me in thanking John for his hard work and dedication to the community over the past 15 years and wish him and his wife Adriana all the best for the future.

Our newly elected Member for Reid is Craig Laundry. Mr Laundry fought a hard battle for the seat and I ask Council to join me in congratulating him on his success. I look forward to working with Mr Laundry for the benefit of our community and continuing the working relationship with the Federal Member and Council.

I would also like to congratulate Council's Deputy Mayor, Cr Pauline Tyrrell, who was also in the running for the seat of Reid as a representative for the Greens.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council thank former Member for Reid, the Hon. John Murphy for his hard work and dedication to Council and the community over the past 15 years.
2. THAT Council congratulate and welcome newly elected Member for Reid, Mr Craig Laundry.
3. THAT Council recognise John's contribution to our community at a Mayoral Civic Reception.