

**7.1 LMM 26/03/2024 - ACKNOWLEDGING SUE RYAN'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**MOTION:**

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that 18 March 2024 marked 50 years of service to the City of Newcastle by Sue Ryan who commenced as a Library Cadet at Newcastle Public Library in 1974.
2. Notes that in recent years Sue has researched significant events for important people in Newcastle and at City of Newcastle as the Coordinator of Local Studies at City Library. Her career started quite differently, in branch libraries at Adamstown, New Lambton, Hamilton, Lambton and Wallsend and diverted to the original Reference Library and Local Studies.
3. Acknowledges Sue's many contributions and significant activities in her career including:
  - a. planning and delivery and of the Wacky Wombat Show at events like the Matara Parade and the Newcastle Show. Grown up children continued to stop Sue in the street and remind her of her role as a puppeteer for many years.
  - b. meticulous planning of a Collection Management strategy to reorganise the non-fiction collection of the entire Newcastle Library into subject or interest categories. This successful display methodology is still in place today. This was a huge undertaking that was replicated by libraries throughout Australia.
  - c. planning and installing exhibitions in the Lovett Gallery and Local Studies Lounge to commemorate important dates and events in Newcastle's history. It was at her instigation that the first British Gas Wildlife Photographer of the Year came to Australia and continued to exhibit in the Lovett Gallery for 30 years.
  - d. She has also written and published books such as the 50th Anniversary booklet of the War Memorial Cultural Centre (City Library).
  - e. All this occurred under the direction of Managers Charles Smith, Chris Williams, Rod Blacker, Deborah Lisson, David Jenkins, Noelle Nelson, Suzie Gately and Julie Baird.
4. Notes that along the way Sue gained her Library Practice Certificate at TAFE, completed Registration Examinations with the Library Board of NSW and majored in linguistics at Newcastle University. She attained a Master of Educational Studies in 1986 and a Master of Applied Science in Information Studies from Charles Sturt University in 1997.
5. Sue has had an enduring love of sport. This has cemented many friendships over the past 50 years. Her most important celebrations were two Newcastle Knights premierships! How lucky was she to be on the doorstep of the parade and balcony celebration at City Hall. Sue's sport report after State of Origin matches at stand-up meetings are legendary. Not withstanding, her choice of uniform on the day.
6. Awards a Service Medal commemorating Sue's 50 years of service with City of Newcastle.
7. Extends its sincere gratitude to Sue for her hard work, incredibly long record of employment and dedication to the City of Newcastle. Congratulations Sue!