

SUBJECT: REPORT ON NOTICE OF MOTION - NOM 27/08/19 - FLORENCE AUSTRAL - OUR FORGOTTEN DIVA

REPORT BY: CITY WIDE SERVICES

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DIRECTOR COMMENT

Florence Austral was a famous local identity. Newcastle Library contains biographies, photographs and some of her musical scores. For many years she was also a teacher at the conservatorium on the 3rd floor of the War Memorial Cultural Centre.

This motion would require the allocation of unbudgeted funds and would require significant staff resources to implement. There would need to be significant consultation with potential funding partners such as the University of Newcastle and the RSL if a monument were to be built in Civic Park, as it is a memorial park.

It is recommended that Florence Austral – Our Forgotten Diva be referred to the Community and Culture Advisory Committee to investigate the most appropriate way forward. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide guidance and advice on the development of strategies in relation to cultural planning, arts and cultural opportunities, community pride and local identity, and community involvement which encourages a sense of belonging within the LGA.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council request that the Community and Culture Advisory Committee consider appropriate mechanisms for recognizing the contributions of Florence Austral to both Newcastle and the broader arts community.