

**SUBJECT: LMM 23/10/18 - RECOGNITION OF JILL EMBERSON AND HER CONTRIBUTION TO RAISING AWARENESS OF OVARIAN CANCER**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Newcastle City Council:

1. Recognises and thanks Jill Emberson, ABC Newcastle broadcaster for her contribution to raising awareness of ovarian cancer.
2. Notes that Jill is raising awareness through her recent podcasts "Still Jill", which documents her deeply personal cancer journey.

## **BACKGROUND**

Jill Emberson has been a familiar voice that we have heard through the sound waves for many years. From TripleJ in the early years to 1233 ABC since 2009.

Recently we know Jill through her candid struggle with ovarian cancer.

Ovarian cancer is the deadliest women's cancer. Sadly only 43% of women diagnosed have a chance of surviving for 5 years or longer.

This year 1,600 women, in Australia, will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and more than 1,000 will die of the disease.

There is no early detection test for this cancer, so the best way of detecting the disease is to know and recognise the signs and symptoms. These are:

- Need to urinate often and urgently
- Feeling full after eating a small amount
- Increased abdominal size or persistent bloating
- Abdominal or pelvic pain

Ovarian cancer is defined as a rare and less common cancer. As such it only receives 20 per cent of funding. Further funding is needed to assist ongoing research.

Here in Newcastle the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) is developing early detection methods and diagnostic tools to support women to make informed choices about their treatment options. HMRI is also trialling new treatments to assist women conquer this silent disease.

Further funding can happen through raising awareness and starting a conversation, and Jill is doing this through her podcasts 'Still Jill'.

Jill is used to telling other people's stories but now it is her brutally honest words that detail how she lives with terminal cancer, the affect it has on her family and her friends.

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/still-jill/ep-0/10308122>

Jill through her words is raising awareness, highlighting the need to understand the signs and symptoms, highlighting the need for funding for further research, and highlighting the struggle for the many people out there facing their own cancer journey.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**Attachment A**

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**Attachment B**

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