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Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date:Tuesday, 23 May, 2017Location:Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, NowraTime:5:00pm

Membership (Quorum - 7) All Councillors

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HPERM Ref: D17/162350

Recommendation

That Council receive the report for information.

Details

Police and Highway Patrol Officer Adam "Coops" Cooper is a fine example a community minded Policeman. For the last six year's Adam has been part of the Milton Ulladulla Driver Education Program for high school students in Ulladulla. The program has impacted upon many of our students lives, my two daughters included.

During 'Coops' time on the program over 400 students have been the recipients of vital skilled or killed type information. The program is of such a high quality that it has been a finalist for Road Safety Awards on three occasions, 2012, 2014 and 2017 and won the NSW Premier's Award in 2015.

The Milton Ulladulla Driver Education Program is unique in its formation bringing together Police, Students and Emergency Services including Ambulance and Fire and Rescue, for an immersive program that helps to save young road users lives by showing the harsh realities that driving a car can be.

Adam Cooper now joins the local "Hall of Fame' for police officers who have assisted our young people in staying alive on the roads. That hall of fame includes, Matt McCarthy, Paul McCann and George Neilson. We hope that incoming officer Kieran Bryant will enjoy his time on this successful program.

Thank you Adam on behalf of all the residents, parents, carers and young people who have been touched by your commitment and drive to improve road safety in the Shoalhaven, you will be sorely missed! We also wish you every success in your relocation and we know that the Shoalhaven will be forever etched in your life.

Chief Inspector Ken McDonald helped initiate the program in 1991 and said the following:

"I have been an operational police officer for 36 years and I have witnessed countless tragic events which I live with everyday of my life and I suspect will continue to live with, this program makes me one very proud policeman and I only wish that I was still actively involved. I joined this job to make a difference and this one program is one that I feel has made a difference and as retirement looms I will always take with me the fond memories and the wonderful people I have had to work with. Keep up the great work and support and keep making a difference."

MM17.12 Mayoral Minute - 2018 Queens Baton Relay Council Nominee

HPERM Ref: D17/162928

Recommendation

That Council receives the report for information and votes on a community member to run a leg of the Queens Baton Relay.

Details

Council get the opportunity to put forward one nominee for the Queens Baton Relay in February 2018.

There are so many, unsung heroes working quietly day in, day out on projects that mean so much to our community. In many ways, it feels unfair to try to find just one to represent us.

I sincerely hope that all Councillors took the opportunity to nominate people through the formal Commonwealth Games Process; no doubt, their list will be long and difficult to get through and narrow down for the actual event.

We now have the difficult job of singling one person out to carry out the duty for our City. Two nominees have been put forward that represent very different parts of our Community.

Turia Pitt

And

Richard 'Dick' Manwarring

These two names are synonymous with attributes of integrity, tenacity, courage and perseverance to name a few. I now request that Councillors assist in the process of choosing one and perhaps a simple vote will be the least complicated way to do so.