

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 26 November, 2019

Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 5.00pm

Membership (Quorum - 7)

All Councillors

Addendum Agenda

Mayoral Minute

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Recommendation

That Council write to thank and acknowledge the work of Alison Pakes in establishing Friends of Milton Library.

Details

Alison Pakes is known to all Councillors as a tenacious and passionate advocate for the retention of library services at Milton Library. Alison lead community opposition to any reduction in services and the concern that Council wanted to close the library and lease the premises for other purposes.

Part of the success of Alison's campaign was and remains the establishment of the Friends of Milton Library. With 30 active volunteers and a thriving book club community of 250 who have over 120 sets of book club books, it has indeed been an intense five years for Alison.

With the assistance from the Minister for Local Government and Member for South Coast Shelly Hancock, Alison also drove the successful refurbishment of Milton Library.

Alison will be humble and say something like 'it wasn't all me, I had a great team behind me!', which are typical words from many of our dedicated volunteers from across the City. Alison won't be leaving the volunteer community as she intends to focus on StoryFest – a great festival that was incredibly successful in its first year, and with Alison devoting her spare time to it, will go from strength to strength.

Thank you, Alison, for giving us a new model for Milton Library, for sharing the ups and downs with Council's professional staff and generally being a patient and persistent volunteer. We value your contribution.

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