

7.0 MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 7.4 MAYORAL MINUTE NO 4/2024 - VALE MARTIN MCCALLUM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this mayoral minute is to formally acknowledge the sad passing of Martin McCallum.



**Sue Heins
MAYOR**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Acknowledge the wonderful contribution made by the late Martin McCallum;
 2. Send its condolences to the family of the late Martin McCallum, the Palm Beach Whale Beach Association and the Barrenjoey Alliance for Arts and Culture; and
 3. Work with the family of the late Martin McCallum, the Palm Beach Whale Beach Association and the Barrenjoey Alliance for Arts and Culture to find a fitting tribute that recognises his long-standing contribution to our community.
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BACKGROUND

We were saddened to hear recently of the passing of Martin McCallum. Mr McCallum will be remembered for his passion, his vision and commitment to excellence to improving the arts, cultural and environmental landscape.

Although widely regarded here and overseas in the performing arts and cultural sector, he dedicated a lot of time here on the Northern Beaches enhancing the quality of the local arts and cultural landscape including planning and the delivery of arts infrastructure and venues, public art and visionary broad cultural planning.

His vision for the Coastal Walk combined his passion for the environment with his capacity to think globally reflecting the Walk’s potential to deliver unique experiences to locals as well as to visitors.

We are also grateful for his contribution to improving the facilities available at the newly established Avalon Creative Space and his participation on the Council’s former Manly Council Chambers Working Party. He provided sage financial advice, wisdom and vision to create a sound financial footing along with a Northern Beaches wide sustainable integrated cultural venue proposal.

Martin was an active member of the Palm Beach Whale Beach Association and since 2017 was a critical and much valued member of the Barrenjoey Alliance for Arts and Culture. His extensive experience in the arts both in Australia and in England provided depth and gravitas to the advice that he generously offered to firstly the Council Administrator, Dick Persson, AM, then to the newly elected Northern Beaches Councillors and to Council staff.

His unassuming manner in advocating for improving the cultural and creative landscape for now and into the future cannot be understated. He was a true gentleman and leaves a strong legacy.

Sadly, Mr McCullum passed away peacefully last month and will be greatly missed by many.

His family have asked that he be remembered in a permanent way at Palm Beach. I understand that the Palm Beach Whale Beach Association and the Barrenjoey Alliance for Arts and Culture are fully supportive of this remembrance.

Our thoughts are with his family, friends and so many in the arts and cultural sector. It is a very difficult and sad time and on behalf of my fellow colleagues and the Northern Beaches community, I extend our deepest sympathies.

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