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Condolence Motion: Mr Kenneth Smith**Ordinary Council | Thursday, 24 February 2022**

I move that Council express its condolences, on behalf of the city, to the family of the late Mr Kenneth George SMITH, who passed away in Ipswich on 10 February 2022.

Ken – affectionately dubbed the unofficial “Mayor of One Mile” – led a long and full life of service to his family, community, and country.

He was born to parents Norman and Alice on the 21st of November 1923 – the youngest of nine children Gordon, Clarence, Alison, Audrey, Irene, Marjorie, Nancy, and Jack.

He took his first breath in One Mile, in the Siemons Street house his parents had built around 1905 after their immigration from England.

He was to spend most of his life in this house - and perhaps would never have travelled far beyond his suburb and his city - if not for a world war.

In early 1942, aged just 18 and keen for adventure with his mates, Ken signed up to serve his country.

His first army camp was at the Ipswich Showgrounds where his first job was to lay bitumen from the main road to the pavilion.

Later, he was attached to a medical unit and from 1943 until 1945 served as an army stretcher-bearer during the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands campaigns.

These, of course, were some of the darkest days of the war for Australia and Australians with the fierce and relentless fighting at our doorstep.

It’s difficult to imagine the pain and suffering this young man from One Mile would have witnessed as he struggled to help wounded Australian soldiers in those terrible jungle battlefields.

But he survived.

Years later, speaking of his wartime experiences, he would say:

"I thought it was going to be an adventure and I soon realised it was nothing like that.

"It wasn't very nice.

"But those are the things you try and forget.

“You think of the good times.

With his duty done and the war over, Ken returned home – back to Siemons Street - to begin the rest of his life.

He married Ellen – known as “Nellie” – in 194.

They would have four children – Graham, Dianne, Dennis, and Robyn.

In time, 9 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren to date – would follow.

Ken and his beloved Nellie were together for 58 years until she passed in the early 2000s.

Outside the home, Ken who had begun an apprenticeship at Hancock Joinery before the war, afterwards settled at the Ipswich Railway Workshops where he would build carriages for the next 40 years.

He enjoyed an eclectic range of interests.

He hunted ducks and rabbits.

He trained Labrador retrievers - winning several champion obedience dog awards at Royal Brisbane Shows in the 1970s.

He coached a premiership-winning West End second grade rugby league side in the late 1940s.

In 1960 he started the Ipswich Gun Club.

Ken was a member of the RSL and the Incapacitated Service Men & Women Association.

He was a fixture at Ipswich Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorations – often attending with his family - and at local schools where would speak with students about his military service.

About Anzac Day, he said:

“The day means thinking about the mates that I’ve lost and the ones who still survived.

“It’s a sad day.

“It brings back a lot of memories – good and bad.”

In later years, Ken was a passionate and committed advocate for the creation of an honour roll plaque, near the Leichhardt Park cenotaph, featuring the names of the One Mile men who served in World War Two.

Former Councillor Charlie Pisasale, Ken’s local councillor for many years, said Ken’s long-term efforts were crucial to the success of the project.

Charlie noted Ken’s sense of humour and his positive spirit – which many others have mentioned since his passing.

And that was my experience of Ken too – with whom I had the pleasure to chat with several times in the last few years.

Sadly, Ken passed away, aged 98, earlier this month.

On behalf of the city, I pass on our sincere condolences to Ken’s family.

Vale to the Mayor of One Mile.

You will be missed and remembered.

Condolence Motion: Mr Murray Kendrick**Ordinary Council | Thursday, 24 February 2022**

I move that Council express its condolences, on behalf of the city, to the family of Mr Murray Kendrick.

Murray sadly passed away at the end of January at the age of 75.

For those that didn't have the pleasure of knowing him, Murray was born and raised in Ipswich and ran his successful, Yamanto-based building design business for over 40 years.

Throughout his career, Murray produced over 5,000 plans for homes and businesses in Ipswich and surrounding areas, including more than 24 plans for Council projects.

Some of his more notable work includes the Nerima Gardens' Bridges and the Bird Hides at Colleges Crossing.

His designs were also used at the Bundamba TAFE college to teach drafting fundamentals.

Murray was well-respected in both the building and design industries, and played a key role in establishing the Building Designers Association of Queensland (BDAQ), and running the Ipswich chapter.

His wife, Carmel, and his family would like to take this opportunity to thank the many loyal clients, including Council, for supporting the Kendrick design business.

A talented man in a number of fields, Murray also taught landscape design at TAFE.

Charitable by nature, Murray gave back to the Ipswich community in many ways, including through his pro bono designs for non-profit groups like the CWA and Ipswich Hospice, and his work with the Booval Rotary Club.

He was never a man who looked for praise or glory, but was very proud of this city and what he was able to contribute to it.

Murray's wife, Carmel, said Murray was an avid movie collector (he had a library of 7,500 DVDs; Top Gun, James Bond and westerns were his favourites); a talented landscaper and gardener (he knew all the botanical names); a golfer, cricketer, and passionate St George football fan; an enthusiastic traveller; and a keen drummer.

Carmel remembers when his youngest daughter left home, Murray would look into the newly empty bedroom and look a bit teary. So Carmel, remembering how he had played the drums earlier in life, surprised him one day by setting up a drum kit in the empty room.

After Murray passed away, a neighbour gave Carmel a card, and described how they had heard Murray playing his drums every night.

On one occasion, they had noticed him playing one song over and over, trying to perfect it, until eventually they heard him call out, "Good one, Muzza!"

The drums might have made a racket, but he was quiet achiever, who would have a go at tackling most things, and who's motto was - do your best at whatever you are doing.

He is lovingly remembered by Carmel, his two daughters, Belinda and Amanda, and four grandchildren, Connor, Georgia, Riley and Ava.

Council is grateful for the time and passion Murray put into the community. He is, and will continue to be, well and truly missed.

Notification of Tribute by Councillor Milligan**Ordinary Council meeting – 24 February 2022****Tribute to Les and Marion Retschlag on their 60th Wedding Anniversary**

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Les and Marion Retschlag, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, which will be next Thursday, 3rd March.

Marion (nee Wilkes) grew up in Marburg, the eldest of 6 children. Les was from Haigslea, the youngest of 6. They met and fell in love at the Marburg dance, which was a regular meeting place for locals in the day. They were married at the Marburg Anglican Church in 1962.

They moved to Tivoli where they opened a butcher shop on Tivoli Hill, where they still live now, only metres down the road from that same shop.

Together they have raised 3 children and have 5 grandchildren. Although retired, they still lead very active lives. Les is very fit and always assisting their neighbours, while Marion is an avid quilter, currently making charity quilts for the parents of premature and stillborn babies.

I am told that they are best friends and still very much in love.

Reaching their 60th Wedding Anniversary, also known as the “Diamond Anniversary”, is very special indeed and needs to be celebrated. The fact that these two amazing individuals have enjoyed such a commitment together, is inspiring. They certainly are role models for enduring love, reaching such an impressive milestone together.

Congratulations to you both; on behalf of the City of Ipswich, we wish you continuing health and happiness. May you enjoy a wonderful day celebrating your anniversary together.

Retirement of Pete and Suzie Bellingham, Ipswich Florist

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It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Pete and Suzie Bellingham, now formerly of Ipswich Florists, on their retirement, and to pass on thanks and best wishes for their retirement.

Speaking to local media last week, Pete and Suzie shared some of their favourite moments over a career spanning forty years.

Pete was born into the family business, originally opened in 1968, and joined when he left school, and has worked in the business for four decades.

He met his now wife Suzie when she got a job in the florists, and the pair took over the family business a decade ago.

Some of their career highlights include designing bouquets for Her Royal Highness Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, Queensland Governor Jeanette Young, and Ipswich's own world champion Ash Barty.

Council has been a loyal customer of this local small business for many years now, purchasing wreaths for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, flowers for birthday tributes, and other special occasions.

I would like to thank Pete and Suzie for their years of hard work, congratulate them on the outstanding success of their business, and wish them the very best and happiest of retirements.

\$11m Willowbank Commonwealth Grant

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We love our motorsports in Ipswich, and I was incredibly excited to join the city's leading rev enthusiasts and Senators Scarr and Hanson on Saturday at Willowbank Raceway for a very special announcement.

I'm delighted to inform Council and our community that the Commonwealth Government will invest \$11 million in a range of track and facility upgrades, including new lighting, track upgrades, car park upgrades, as well as new amenities and building upgrades.

This is incredibly exciting, and a welcome contribution from the Commonwealth Government to our city.

It comes in the months leading up to one of our city's favourite events, the internationally acclaimed Winternats, and just in time for more in-person events as the latest COVID-19 wave begins to subside.

It's also a vote of confidence in the Ipswich community, and in both the track and community at Willowbank who have worked so hard to build up a community of likeminded professionals, enthusiasts, and motorsport fans.

I know we're all very proud of the facility at Willowbank, the events it hosts and the community of motoring enthusiasts that give it the heart and soul it has.

No one is more passionate about motorsports than our own Deputy Mayor who has more to come on the agenda in relation to this announcement.

So, on that note, I warmly welcome the Commonwealth Government's commitment to our city - and to this world-standard venue that our city is so proud of.