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Condolences | Mr Edgar “Eddie” Owen**Ordinary Council | 21 April 2022**

I move that Council expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Mr Edgar “Eddie” Owen, formerly of Pine Mountain, who passed away on 27 March aged 100.

Eddie, as he was universally known, was born on 1 March 1922, to parents Edgar and Kathleen Owen, in Muirlea, living in a four-room workers cottage on Pine Mountain Road.

Eddie’s sister, Kathleen, arrived in 1924, and a second sister, Eva, in 1927.

For a while, Eddie lived with his paternal grandparents in Brassall, attending Brassall State School, before returning to the farm in Pine Mountain.

Soon, the drums of war in Europe and the Pacific arrived in Australia, and Eddie decided to do his bit for the country, enlisting in the war effort aged 21, at Queens Park, Ipswich.

Given the choice of the Army or the Air Force, Eddie chose the Air Force, wanting to work on aircraft engines.

Eddie was soon in basic training at Sandgate, and then, to Canberra to attend trade school, learning about the different tools, maintenance methods, and the craft of the trade.

He found himself in Melbourne’s Show Grounds, right next door to Flemington, where he joined the beginnings of the venerable 36 Squadron.

Following successful trades training, Eddie was sent to work at RAAF West Sale on Beaufighters, where the cold didn’t agree with him.

Transferring to the warmer climes of Townsville, he re-joined 36 Squadron to work on DC-3s, and on the Beaufighters located there as well.

At the end of the war, 36 Squadron went to Singapore to help evacuate and repatriate Allied prisoners of war, many of whom were survivors of the Thai-Burma Railway, and the Myitkyina POW camp, near the Thai border.

Eddie recalled sharing a meal with eight survivors of that horrific event – duck eggs donated by local monks – and how it was the worst thing he’d ever tasted.

But he ate every last bit, out of respect for his comrades who had endured unimaginable conditions.

He was given the option of discharge or Japan, where 36 Squadron were establishing a base post-armistice, but chose the discharge papers.

After the war, he joined the Dutch East Airlines, now known as KLM, and was offered a senior aviation mechanic's role in Holland.

He chose instead to come back home to the farm, but his love of planes and aviation stayed with him for the rest of his life.

It was a fateful decision – Eddie would go on to meet his future wife, marrying Lorna in May 1952.

The couple settled into life in Pine Mountain, having a daughter Sherrin, and eventually, welcoming great-grandchildren and new members of the family.

Eddie would play in the local band on a Hawaiian steel guitar, bringing happy memories for everyone who knew the family.

Life in Ipswich also included the RSL, where Eddie was a well-respected member of the Ipswich Railway Sub-Branch, where he served for fifty years.

Eddie's family fondly remember his greetings of "hello love" and "bye love" on the phone, his ability to make friends wherever he went, and the love he had for his family.

On a personal note, my husband Steven was born and raised in Muirlea and Uncle Eddie as he called him, was his neighbour. Steve has many happy memories of times spent with Uncle Eddie, Aunty Lorna and Sherrie.

Cr Kate Kunzelmann and I were honoured to attend Eddie's surprise 100th birthday party in the Pine Mountain Hall on 5th March.

He leaves behind more than a family, he leaves a community of people who were touched by his life, who were loved by, and loved him.

On behalf of the City of Ipswich I offer our thanks for his service, and our deepest condolences on your loss.

Condolence Motion

Ipswich City Council Ordinary Meeting 21/4/22

It is with sadness that I record the death of Gaye Anderson, wife, mother and grandmother, and leading citizen in our community. She has left a grieving family, husband Vern, children Sharne, Dax and Amity, and six grandchildren.

Gaye was born in 1950 in Ipswich and lived here all her life. She attended North Ipswich State School and Girls Grammar, contributing as an active old girl for many years.

It was her entrepreneurial talent that led to significant success as the owner of hair salons across Ipswich. In this way she contributed to the economic development of the community, and contributed to the training of many apprentices, leading to an association with TAFE. It was a particular commitment of hers to supply wigs to women who had lost their hair due to cancer treatments.

Gaye was member no 1 of Ipswich Zonta, a service organisation working for the advancement of women. She contributed to Zonta for 42 years, and this is where I met her and worked with her. Her fundraising activities were legendary, and there are countless instances in which she extended hospitality and hosted fundraisers. Zonta's funds promote activities that contribute to the wellbeing of women, including domestic violence projects. Gaye also contributed to fundraising at the Ipswich Hospital Foundation and other organisations

It was her personality that drew people to Gaye. She could make you feel that you were the most interesting person in the room, was welcoming of visitors and drew people together in common cause.

It is important to mention that Gaye always supported Ipswich, even in periods when it was less than fashionable to do so. She had faith in this community and talked up its many advantages that we know so well. Judging by the growth of our community, these advantages are now becoming obvious to so many others.

Finally, Ipswich City Council pays its respect to Gaye's family, and recognises her significant contribution to our community. Vale Gaye Anderson.

Tributes | ANZAC Day 2022**Ordinary Council | 21 April 2022**

I move we pay tribute to the city's veterans, returned service personnel, and their families, ahead of ANZAC Day 2022.

Today's Ordinary Council meeting is being held at the later time of midday to enable myself and my fellow Councillors to attend the many school ANZAC Day commemorations that are being held across the city today and tomorrow.

It's heartening to see school children of all ages respectfully and meaningfully engage with the intent and spirit of ANZAC Day.

For many of the school children at today's services, they will be intimately familiar with the sacrifices of service – whether it's their mum, dad, aunty, uncle, cousin, or grandparent, our city has a long and proud history of hosting and supporting Defence operations.

In both times of war, and times of peace, our residents are called to serve their nation, often at a moment's notice.

Europe is currently at an historic crossroads, facing the most major conflict since the Second World War, instability continues in the Middle East and Afghanistan, and, closer to home, our region is grappling with rising geopolitical tension.

Even in times of peace, members from RAAF Amberley interrupted their Christmas holidays to deliver urgent assistance to Tonga, following the devastating volcano explosion and subsequent tsunami.

And in our own back yard, in the last few weeks, service members from all three branches dropped everything to help their neighbours out, even while some of their own were facing floods and devastation as well as deliver Bushmaster PMVs.

We are reminded in the condolence motion moved just before this that we are fast losing veterans from previous conflicts – World War Two veterans are now, sadly, growing weary with age, even if they are growing not old in our remembering.

Similarly, servicemen from Korea, the Malayan Emergency, and Vietnam, are becoming fewer in their ranks, as age and time catch up.

I encourage veterans from more recent operations – peacekeepers from Somalia, both Gulf Wars, the INTERFET mission to Timor Leste, and this century's Afghanistan and Iraq missions, to name a few – to gather and commemorate your service in your own way.

The last few years have seen the way we commemorate and mark ANZAC Day change – the Light up the Dawn initiative helped keep our communities connected when we couldn't physically get together.

Now, I'm looking forward to joining the many school and community commemorations that will be happening in the coming days and catching up with old friends in person.

On behalf of the City of Ipswich, I recognise the service and sacrifice that our residents selflessly give to their nation, in times of peace and war, often at great personal cost.

I also recognise their families and loved ones, who often make their own sacrifice, so that others can be there when we need them.

I move that Council pays tribute to our city's ADF community and thank them for their sacrifices.

I invite Councillors to observe a moment's silence as a mark of respect.

Matter of Public Interest | Ipswich Federal Election Priorities 2022**Ordinary Council | 21 April 2022**

Since our last meeting, the starter's gun has finally been fired on the Federal Election for 2022, and voters across the city will need to make up their minds on who will lead the nation for the next three years.

Our city is the fastest growing region in Queensland, with growth expected above 4 per cent every year for the next four-five years.

In financial year 2020-2021 alone, a population the same size as Beaudesert moved into Ipswich.

It's clear our city needs, and deserves, a greater share of funding from the Federal Government.

We're putting forward six catalytic projects for our region that are both vitally important and transformative to our region:

1. Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor

The I2S is critical to unlocking future productivity and liveability in the burgeoning Ripley Valley.

If we don't get on with it, residents face commute times to Brisbane CBD blowing out to an hour and half, costing billions in lost productivity by the end of this decade.

I note that the SEQ City Deal which is a tripartite partnership with all three levels of govt have agreed to \$10m in funding to get the project shovel ready.

2. North Ipswich Reserve Upgrades

A city the size of Ipswich needs and deserves its own elite-standard sporting facility.

We're a city the size of Geelong, and we deserve a place for rugby league in the home of rugby league.

I note the Labor Party have committed \$20m towards getting the venue up to NRL standard, with a few conditions, and I welcome that commitment.

3. Waste and Circular Economy Transformation

This city has said loud and clear that they don't want to be the state's dump.

We are working with Logan City Council and Redland City Council to create alternative waste solutions, including a Material Reuse Facility (MRF), to divert waste and take the first steps towards creating a circular economy.

I note that the recently signed SEQ City Deal includes provisions for waste reform, and I thank the Federal Government for coming to the table with the City Deal.

4. Ipswich Central Second River Crossing – aka Norman Street Bridge

It's clear to anyone who's been stuck in a traffic jam on the David Trump Bridge that we need a second option to get around the CBD.

By creating an alternative, we can divert up to 20,000 cars a day from having to go through the CBD.

This is a project that we desperately need a hand with – all it will take is \$2.5m to advance the detailed business case and make the project shovel ready.

5. Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area

The Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area will support our city's burgeoning advanced manufacturing and defence industries.

It could provide in excess of 3,500 jobs, generate \$1.4 billion in economic output, and turbocharge the Ipswich economy.

6. Critical infrastructure upgrades – Mt Crosby Interchange and Amberley Interchange

There are two dangerous intersections in our city that are desperate for upgrades – the Mt Crosby off-ramp at Karalee on the Warrego Highway, and the Amberley entry on the Cunningham.

These two are just the start, with both the Cunningham and Warrego needing vital further investment.

The election will be held on 21 May, in one month, and there's still a long way to go.

I would urge residents to take a good look at what all the candidates are putting forward, who has our city's interests in mind, and who offers our city the best representation.

Democracy thrives on involvement, and things can't happen unless there is community voices calling for them.

So, I would urge everyone to get in touch with the candidates, tell them Ipswich deserves better, and ask them what they will deliver for our city.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Teresa Harding](#)
Subject: Request for advice
Date: Wednesday, 13 April 2022 10:32:44 AM

Good morning Mayor

Further to our conversation, I can confirm my view that whilst a council resolution may request that you apologise for a particular matter, there is no legislative basis upon which a council resolution can force a councillor to apologise (outside the sphere of a discipline matter).

If you elect not to apologise, this will not be a breach of your legislative or code of conduct obligations.

I note that you have declared a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. Given the nature of the matter, I would also question if the Deputy Mayor should also consider if she has a conflict of interest in the resolution to be brought before council. However, that will be a matter for her decision in due course and it is not for me to form a conclusion on.

Kind Regards

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