

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - CELEBRATION OF MACARTHUR UNITY
FROM: The Mayor
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In an unprecedented show of unity and commitment, I, along with my fellow Mayors of the Macarthur region, have been working collectively over the past two and a half years to advocate for the development and prosperity of our communities. This collaborative effort, known as the Macarthur Alliance, represents a significant milestone in regional cooperation.

The Macarthur Alliance is unique in its formation and operation, built not on a formal Memorandum of Understanding but rather on a foundation of mutual respect and shared vision. This approach has allowed us to work together more fluidly and effectively, prioritising the needs and aspirations of our respective communities.

The strength of the Macarthur Alliance lies in our mutual respect and commitment to the region. We have come together, not out of obligation, but out of a shared vision for the future of Macarthur. This collaboration allows us to advocate more powerfully for the infrastructure, services, and development our communities need.

The Macarthur Alliance exemplifies what can be achieved when leaders put aside individual agendas and party affiliation to work together for the greater good. We are proud of what we have accomplished so far and are excited about the future projects and initiatives that will benefit our communities.

To celebrate and strengthen the connections fostered through this Alliance, we are pleased to announce the establishment of a new award: the Shield of Macarthur. This prestigious award will honour individuals who have significantly contributed to the region's development and unity, symbolising their pivotal role in the growth and cohesion of Macarthur.

The rules for the Shield of Macarthur award stipulate that nominees must be made by one of the Mayors and approved by all three Mayors of the Macarthur region. Additionally, the award will be administered by Campbelltown City Council, ensuring a fair and transparent process.

The Shield of Macarthur is our way of recognising and celebrating those who have made outstanding contributions to our region. It is a symbol of our appreciation and a testament to the enduring spirit of collaboration within the Macarthur community.

The Alliance continues to focus on key areas such as infrastructure development, economic growth, and community wellbeing. By leveraging our collective voice, we aim to secure more significant investment and support from state and federal governments.

I thank all of my Macarthur Mayors for their contributions and commitment and as a continuous show of support and collaboration and note a similar Mayoral Minute will be presented to all three councils.

RECOMMENDED

That Council note the information.