

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2024
FROM: The Mayor
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I'd like to congratulate the 737 Australians who were announced as The King's Birthday 2024 Honours List recipients on Sunday, 9 June by the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd).

These recipients boast achievements across community service, science and research, industry, sport, the arts and so much more.

For us here at Camden Council, the 2024 King's Birthday Honours were incredibly special as our very own Acting Manager Environment and Regulatory Services, Fiona Stalgis, was awarded a Fire Service Medal.

Ms Stalgis, who has worked with Council for more than 25 years, joined Winmalee Rural Fire Brigade in 1991. As an active member over 33 years, she has held numerous field and administration positions including deputy captain, senior deputy captain and is currently captain. Additionally, Ms Stalgis has previously been a member of the Blue Mountains Group Support Brigade.

She experienced her first major fire campaign in 1994 and was at work here in Camden in 2013 when the bushfire that destroyed 203 homes struck Winmalee and Yellow Rock on a quiet spring afternoon. After her husband texted her the news, she quickly made her way to Winmalee to assist.

During the Black Summer bushfires of 2019/20, Ms Stalgis was appointed as a group officer, holding the rank of deputy group captain, a position she maintained until 2021. During this time, she was involved both operationally and non-operationally with multiple brigades, particularly the west group of brigades within the district, in providing leadership, guidance and support.

Ms Stalgis continues to respond to all manner of incidents across the Blue Mountains district, either fire-related or in support of partner agencies. She is an inspiration to all of us here at Camden Council and to the community of the Blue Mountains. I'd like to congratulate her on this incredibly deserving honour.

RECOMMENDED

That Council note the information.