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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

Tuesday 23 August 2022

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

Ray Brownlee PSM
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

Delivering the highest quality service valued and trusted by our community

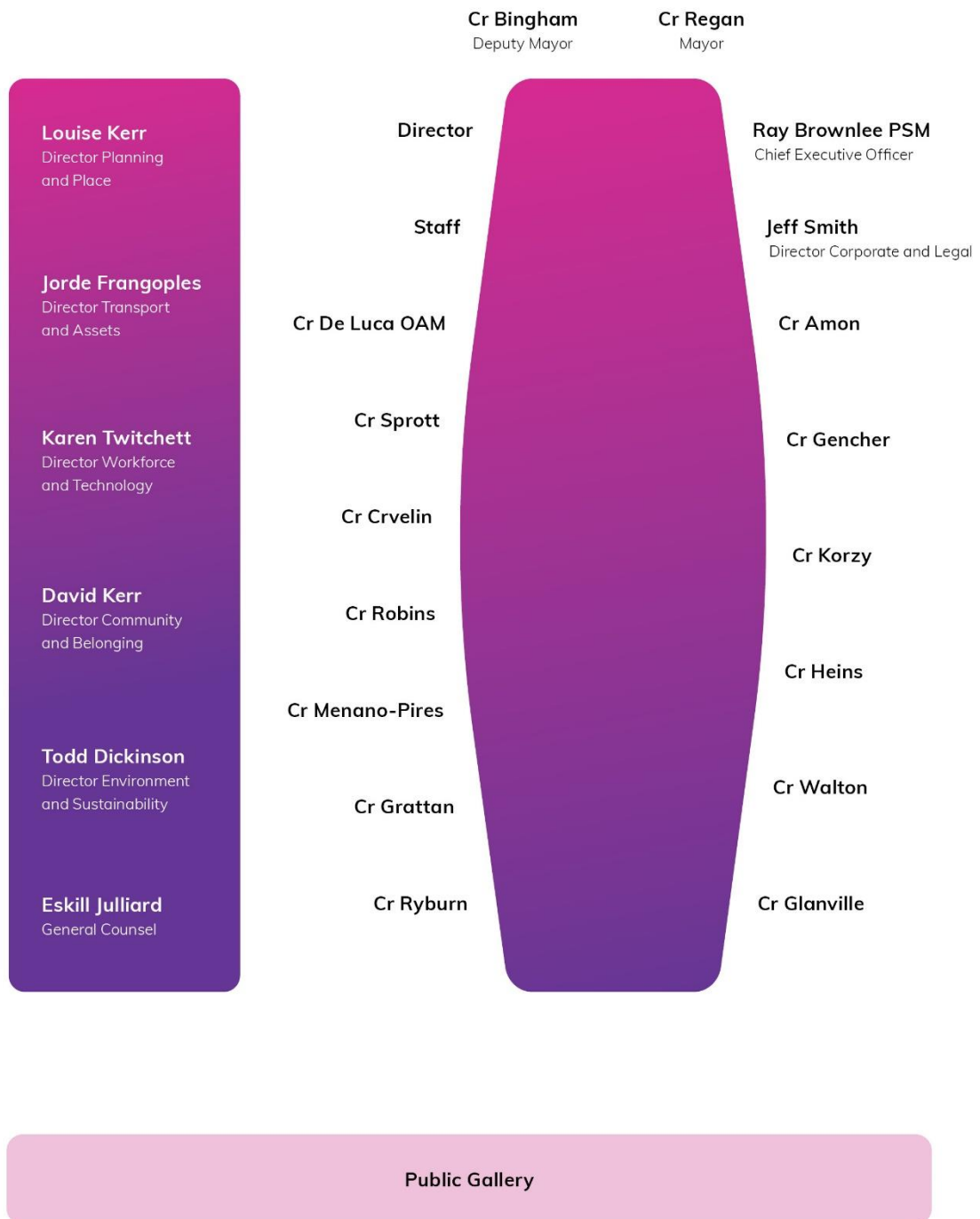
OUR VALUES

Trust Teamwork Respect Integrity Service Leadership

OUR OBLIGATIONS

I swear/solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of the Northern Beaches and the Northern Beaches Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgement.

Council Chambers Seating Plan



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BACKGROUND

This month, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Eileen Gordon who many will remember for her tireless work over decades with the Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary Branch.

Mrs Gordon served from 2000 in many volunteer roles with the former Narrabeen Auxiliary, then as President of the Combined Auxiliaries and then serving as the elected President of the newly formed Mona Vale Branch in 2007. Mrs Gordon was highly respected and adored by many within our community and played an integral role in the successful merging of the original Mona Vale, Newport, Avalon, Narrabeen and Elanora branches. She continued as President until 2013 but her efforts did not stop there, and she continued to serve with the Auxiliary dealing with public relations and fundraising matters.

In 2010, the Auxiliary helped to raise more than a quarter of a million dollars to support the hospital who were able to purchase new electric beds, self-locking medical trolleys for all wards and medical equipment for theatres and intensive-care units. Their efforts to ensure our community hospital had the facilities needed were truly admirable and much appreciated by the hospital staff at the time.

Many will recall the announcement by the State Government around the closure of the Mona Vale Hospital and the impact this had on our community at the time. It was through the unrelenting efforts of the Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary headed by Eileen Gordon that I'm sure contributed to the State Government's decision that now sees Mona Vale Hospital serving our community and is home to a high-level rehabilitation services, in-patient and community palliative care facility.

Eileen was an incredible member of our community and was recognised as Pittwater Woman of the Year in 2010, a recipient of the Federal Member's Award for Contribution to the Health Service to the Community in 2012 and awarded a Community Service Award from the Rotary Club of Brookvale.

I believe her two sons, Jim and Ian Gordon described her so eloquently on the Heart Foundation donation page following her passing which I would like to share in this Minute –

"Eileen was a very special person who always left a positive impression on everyone she met throughout her long, energetic, and productive life. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many, her focus was always on looking after her family first. Professionally she had a very successful career as a scientist and teacher while in her retirement became a driving force leading the fundraising for, and facilitation of, multiple significant community support initiatives for Health Services in the northern beaches' region, specifically Mona Vale hospital.

Her passion for helping others and making a difference was the driving force behind her voluntary long term, local community engagement in the northern beaches' region, where she lived for 63 years."

Our thoughts are with her sons, Jim and Ian Gordon and other members of her family, her friends, and the Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary members past and present. It is a sad time and on behalf of my fellow Councillors and the Northern Beaches community, I extend our deepest sympathies.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the enormous contribution made by the late Eileen Gordon.
2. Send our condolences to the family of the late Eileen Gordon on behalf of the Northern Beaches community.



Michael Regan
MAYOR



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