

4. MAYORAL MINUTE

4.1 50 Years Service - Mike Hurcum

Friday 8 March 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of Mike Hurcum's employment with Council.

Mike commenced work with Council as a Junior Gardener on 8 March 1963 on the princely sum of 6 pound 3/6 for a 40 hour week. In 1968, on completion of his Horticulture Certificate course at Ryde Technical College, Mike was promoted to the position of Gardner.

Mike moved rapidly through the ranks, and his personal file notes show that the steady improvement in Council's parks and gardens was in no small way attributable to his keenness and ability. In 1972, in recognition of his achievements, he was promoted to Parks Foreman. Mike completed his Associate Diploma in Horticulture in 1987 and was rewarded with the position title Horticulturist, a position he holds to this day.

As you travel through Campbelltown, evidence of Mike's contribution is everywhere, from parks to playing fields to city entrances and community facilities. Mike has undertaken both concept and detail design of landscape projects, and been a key part of their construction. Some of the major projects in which Mike has played a significant role include:

- original and subsequent redevelopment of Mawson and Hallinan Parks
- development and subsequent redevelopment of most of the major playing fields throughout the city
- city entrances and Centenary of Trees
- Hurley Park Reservoir Cattle Tank restoration
- Woolwash road closure and revegetation
- Raby Sports Complex and Raby Road landscaping.

Mike has also been involved with Council's landscape designs for various major projects including the Farrow Road extension, Gilchrist and Narellan Road/Blaxland Road intersection landscaping and Rizal Park. As well as this, he has annually managed the National Tree Planting Day, coordinated school planting projects and undertaken the preliminary judging of the annual Campbelltown Garden City Competition.

Fifty years in the workforce is a remarkable achievement, let alone working for the same organisation for all that time. Mike maintains a strong passion for the area and continues to be a dedicated, enthusiastic and reliable employee whose value to the organisation is immeasurable.

On behalf of Council, I congratulate and thank Mike for the substantial contribution he has made to the community of Campbelltown during his time with Council.

It is with great pleasure that I present Mike with a Community Service Award in recognition of his service to the community of Campbelltown.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Council Meeting 26 March 2013 (Dobson)

That the Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 28

That the Recommendation be adopted.

Her Worship the Mayor invited Mr Michael Hurcum to come forward and presented him with a Community Service Award. A number of Councillors congratulated Mr Hurcum on the outstanding achievement of 50 years service with Campbelltown City Council.