

4. MAYORAL MINUTE

4.1 Uncle Ivan Wellington

Renowned Aboriginal Elder, Uncle Ivan Wellington, has been an active and well-respected member of the Campbelltown community for more than 30 years.

Over this time, he has worked very hard to promote and encourage unity and cultural awareness – not just within the Campbelltown community, but even beyond our local government boundaries.

Originally from Jerrinja on the south coast and the Wandj Wandj people, Uncle Ivan grew up learning from his Elders. He later moved to Dharawal lands.

He has dedicated his life to sustaining the knowledge, respect and importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Campbelltown community. It is for his works in this area that he was awarded the 2014 Heritage Medallion, becoming the first Aboriginal person to receive the honour.

Uncle Ivan is a regular at events across the community, welcoming people through acknowledgement of country or performing a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony. He has mentored many young people through his associations with Western Sydney University and Juvenile Justice, and in 2013, had the Uncle Ivan Wellington Lounge at Campbelltown Hospital named after him, in recognition of his work with the hospital on how best to deliver services to the Aboriginal community.

Through his support of a wide variety of local projects, events and groups, Uncle Ivan has demonstrated his commitment to sharing his culture and knowledge with as many people as possible. Now it is our turn to acknowledge him.

On behalf of Campbelltown City Council, I would like to present Uncle Ivan with a Community Service Award to thank him for his efforts in educating the community about the importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Council Meeting 15 September 2015: (Lake/Borg)

That the information be noted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 168

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