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Council joins with many people in celebrating the life of much-respected Hornsby Shire resident Trevor McCaskill who passed away on 2 August at the age of 95. Trevor was one of Barker College's distinguished and longest serving Headmasters and a well-respected local historian and author. Born in 1927 in Wellington, New Zealand, Trevor was educated on Sydney's north shore and began his career at Barker College, Hornsby, from 1952-54. He taught at several high-profile schools in Sydney and the UK before returning to Barker in 1963, as its sixth headmaster, where he remained until 1986.

Under his inspiration and leadership, Barker College became the first independent school in Sydney to introduce coeducation. His vision for the school saw it double in size from 660 students in 1963 to 1400 students in 1986 and it continues to grow today. As a Barker old boy, I acknowledge the impact that Mr McCaskill made on his colleagues and peers, and the thousands of students whose lives were shaped under his guidance and care.

After his retirement, Trevor's love of history saw him become the first chair of the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group. He is remembered as a steadfast and guiding hand, his many years of experience as a headmaster standing him in good stead to keep the meetings running professionally and proficiently.

In 2000, his book about local Beecroft resident David Willis, who enlisted in the Boer War, was published. *One great hour: David Willis and the Boer War* follows Willis' story from Beecroft to South Africa where he was unfortunately killed in action in 1990. Thanks to Trevor, his sacrifice is still remembered and his memorial drinking fountain, in the Beecroft Railway Gardens, was recently restored with assistance from Council.

We are all poorer for the loss of Trevor McCaskill but richer for his great contribution to the Shire and beyond. He was a true gentleman and valued community participant who leaves a proud legacy. On behalf of Council, I wish to pass on our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and the many people whose lives he touched. He will be missed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Trevor McCaskill, whose contribution to the community was significant.

The Honourable Cr PHILIP RUDDOCK

Mayor

**Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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