



SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER

General Meeting

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10 THE PURPLE BENCH PROJECT IN HORNSBY MALL

COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND TO MOVE,

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the installation of a Purple Bench in Hornsby Mall as part of the international Purple Bench Project, a program dedicated to raising awareness of domestic and family violence and providing publicly accessible support information.
2. Identify a prominent and suitable location within Hornsby Mall for the bench installation, ensuring visibility, accessibility, and alignment with the public domain design standards of the Hornsby Town Centre.
3. Include crisis support information on the bench plaque, such as contact details for 1800RESPECT, Lifeline, and relevant local services, consistent with Purple Bench Project guidelines.
4. Consult with local community organisations, domestic violence support services, police, and Hornsby Shire's Community & Cultural Development team to ensure the installation reflects community needs and best-practice safety messaging.
5. Promote the installation through Council's communication channels, outlining the purpose of the Purple Bench Project, raising awareness of domestic and family violence, and recognising external support organisations.

Note from Councillor

Domestic and family violence remains one of the most significant social challenges facing communities across Australia. Every week, lives are lost and countless more are traumatised. As a local government, we have a responsibility to contribute to awareness, prevention, and visible community support wherever possible.

The international Purple Bench Project was created to honour victims of domestic and family violence and to ensure that support information is accessible to those who may be in danger or uncertain where to turn. Purple benches have been installed in communities across Australia, serving as both memorials and vital public awareness tools.

Hornsby Mall is one of the most prominent and heavily used public spaces in our Shire. Installing a Purple Bench here would send a strong message that Hornsby Shire Council stands firmly with victims and survivors, promotes community vigilance, and recognises the urgent need for action and awareness.

I have worked these past 11 years in the Domestic and Family Violence Sector - as Board Member, and subsequent Board Chair of Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter, Past Director of Development

for Women's Community Shelters and current Advocate. I know how vital it is for women to know they have avenues of support. At the time of writing this Notice of Motion, we are 7 weeks into the year with 7 deaths attributed to domestic and family violence.

Every action taken to raise awareness is an action that will ensure that one day we have an Australia and a community where women and children are safe, supported and equal.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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