
MM007-17 MAYORAL MINUTE - RETIREMENT OF JEFF GILCHRIST

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Attachments: Nil

The Councillors of the Sutherland Shire

Dear Councillors

A Sutherland Shire resident is retiring after a long and distinguished career in the Ambulance Service of New South Wales. Jeff Gilchrist has served as a paramedic for 44 years and is soon to retire from the role of Deputy Director of Operations for Metropolitan Operations.

Jeff's hard work and skill has been recognised with many awards and commendations:

- In 1986, 87 & 88 the Metropolitan Superintendent's Commendation and in 1989 the State Superintendent's Commendation and the Royal Humane Society Certificate of Bravery.
- In 2004 the ACT Emergency Medal for his work as liaison officer in the 2003 Canberra bushfires.
- In 2005 the NSW Premier's Award for his deployment as part of a 28 person Combined Australian Surgical Team that travelled to Banda Aceh following the Indian Ocean tsunami.
- In 2009 the Ambulance Service Medal by the Governor General, Marie Bashir.

Throughout his career, Jeff has been deployed to Bali following the bombings in 2002 and 2005, treating the injured and assisting in returning Australian citizens home.

He provided paramedical services to Kerry Packer and family at their Ellerston Property and as a personal Paramedic to Kerry Packer himself after two serious health incidents.

Jeff was also Acting Director, Special Operations for a number of significant events including the Queensland Floods in 2010/11, Tropical Cyclone Yasi in 2011, the Christchurch Earthquake in February 2011 and the Japanese earthquake and tsunami in March 2011.

Locally Jeff has also provided assistance to countless Shire residents, including Councillor Johns' son Luke when he was injured at home. On behalf of the Shire community, I thank and congratulate Jeff Gilchrist for his service to the people of NSW.

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That congratulations be extended to Jeff Gilchrist on his long and distinguished career in the Ambulance Service of New South Wales.
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Councillor Carmelo Pesce

Mayor
