Council Meeting 23 June 2025

Mayoral Minutes

(Item MM7/25) Tribute to Charles Casuscelli

File No: 25/30249

Mayoral Minute by Cr John Faker (Mayor)

Summary

Passing of WSROC CEO and Former State Member for Strathfield, Mr Charles Casuscelli

Background

I was deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. Charles Casuscelli RFD, Chief Executive Officer of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) and former State Member for Strathfield.

Charles was appointed CEO of WSROC in 2015 and remained a tireless and passionate advocate for Western Sydney throughout his tenure. His leadership, commitment, and unwavering belief in the region's potential were evident in everything he did.

Before joining WSROC, Charles served as the Member for Strathfield in the NSW Parliament from 2011 to 2015, where he made valuable contributions through various committees, including as Chair of Transport and Infrastructure.

Over the years, we worked closely on many local matters. I had the opportunity to catch up with Charles just last month at a luncheon, a moment I will now cherish. Although we sat on opposite sides of politics, we shared a respectful friendship built on a common passion for serving our communities and advocating for Western Sydney.

Charles brought a wealth of experience to every role he held. A former Army officer, he continued serving in the Army Reserve, receiving the Reserve Forces Decoration (RFD), and contributed as a Defence Liaison Officer. His leadership extended across roles in transport and logistics, including senior positions with the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and NRMA.

He was also a proud member of several local clubs and remained deeply connected to his Italian heritage and to Western Sydney, a region he championed throughout his life.

We acknowledge and honour the meaningful work Charles has done for our area, and we extend our deepest condolences to his wife Maria and the entire Casuscelli family. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.

Rest in peace my friend, I will cherish our memories and especially your humour.

I therefore move that:

Council to send Condolences to the family via a floral tribute

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.