

## 14 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 14.1 COMMENDATION AND THANKS

**Author:** *Councillor Bill Chisholm*

**File No:** *CR/01/096*

**Attachments:** *Nil*

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council take this opportunity to express our thanks for the wonderful work carried out by Mitchell Shire staff involved in the response to the recent extreme weather event and to the SES volunteers and the various workers from other agencies and authorities also out there working for the benefit of the community at large. This particularly applies to all those out there clearing roads and providing emergency management support on the night of Wednesday 9 June 2021 as a result of the storm events.

#### 1. Councillor comment

- 1.1 As with the vast majority of the population I was safely tucked up in bed with no intention of getting out till daylight. To be out there facing the elements at night during this particular extreme weather event deserves the credit, recognition and thanks of all Mitchell Shire residents. To have roads clear for traffic is critical for us all. Over the years there have been many other extreme weather events in Mitchell, but the majority of these have usually consisted of mini tornadoes where staff have had to clear and make roads passable after the event has basically subsided. This was a completely different extreme weather event that impacted most of the Shire over a very prolonged period, as well as effecting large parts of the rest of the state of Victoria.

**14.2 VALE MICHAEL HYMER**

**Author:** *Councillor Annie Goble*

**File No:** *GV/11/020*

**Attachments:** *Nil*

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council send their condolences to the family of Michael Hymer and takes this opportunity to express our thanks for his commitment to the Clonbinane community.

**1. Councillor comment**

- 1.1 Michael Hymer moved to Clonbinane with his family approximately 18 months before the Black Saturday Bushfires ravaged the State, and it was through his participation in local relief and recovery that he made such a significant impact on his new community. A member of the Mitchell Community Recovery Action Group (now Mitchell Resources and Advocacy Group) from its inception in 2009, Michael was one of many dedicated locals who poured incredible energy into administering Victorian Bushfire Appeal grants for the purpose of community support and connection after the fires.
- 1.2 In addition, Michael was instrumental in the establishment and success of the Clonbinane Community Advisory Group, and one project in particular - the Clonbinane Hall. It was through community activities, and especially the Hall, that Michael and Janelle cemented long term friendships and rebuilt the strong sense of community that is felt in Clonbinane today. Despite a long illness, Michael still attended the most recent CAG meeting just weeks ago, passing last week with Janelle by his side.
- 1.3 Michael served the Royal Australian Airforce for 20 years and continued to support both them and the State Emergency Service throughout his life.

**15 GENERAL BUSINESS****16 URGENT BUSINESS****17 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS****RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** in accordance with Section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under Section 3(1), as specified below.

**17.1 Confirmation of Minutes of previous Confidential Meeting**

s3(1)h confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a)

The Minutes of the previous confidential meeting of Council contain information that has been determined by Council to be confidential in accordance with s3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.

**17.2 Re-opening of Meeting to members of the public****18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Monday 19 July 2021 at the Mitchell Council Chambers, 113 High Street Broadford, commencing at 7.00pm.

**19 CLOSE OF MEETING**