

MAYORAL MINUTE

(ITEM MM13/21) BURWOOD COUNCIL AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE

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Summary

NSW Local Government Excellence Awards

The NSW Local Government Excellence Awards were held earlier this month on Thursday 3 June 2021. The awards highlight the great work carried out by councils in their communities.

Burwood Council was selected as a finalist in the following two categories:

- Community Development (Burwood Cares Four Phase Recovery and Resilience Program)
- Special Projects Initiatives (Burwood Print and Post Partnership)

Council's popular Burwood Cares Program launched in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program saw staff from across the organisation work collaboratively to deliver agile services resulting in clear wellbeing and economic outcomes for our community including increased housing support for rough sleepers, social assistance for vulnerable residents and over \$1.1 million in financial relief measures provided to residents and businesses.

The Burwood Print and Post Partnership saw Council partner with Revenue NSW in 2020 to streamline the way parking infringements are issued to drivers within the Burwood LGA. Some of the key improvements from the program included minimised workplace safety risks, the removal of administration burdens and improved customer experience.

Both projects received the 'Highly Commended' award in their respective categories on the night.

I would like to commend staff on their adaptability over the last year as we faced unprecedented events. These projects are examples of our continued commitment to providing innovative and important services to the community.

I am also very pleased to inform Council that the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) were highly commended in the category of Innovative Leadership for the 'Procure Recycled: Paving the Way' project.

The initiative has seen 16 Sydney metropolitan councils join forces to recycle nearly 100 million glass containers per year into local roads through the largest local government-led procurement of recycled road-making materials in NSW history. The initiative aims to initiate a new age of road-making by using recycled crushed glass as a substitute for natural sand in roads and footpaths in line with Transport for NSW and AUS-SPEC specifications.

This program demonstrates Councils' leadership in delivering a circular economy and the value of community efforts to recycle their waste.

Graffiti Removal Day Awards

Burwood Council has also received the NSW Graffiti Removal Day Award for our efforts to remove over 421m² of graffiti as part of the state-wide initiative in March 2021.

Graffiti removal locations included:

- Wentworth Road, Strathfield
- Cervetto Lane, Enfield

- Liverpool Road, Enfield
- Byer Street, Enfield

I would like to thank our Council staff and the 35 volunteers including Burwood Police and Rotary International who participated in Graffiti Removal Day and contributed to this fantastic result.

I ask Council to join me in congratulating all the staff involved in all projects for their hard work and dedication.

I therefore move that:

Council receive and note the report.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.