

**ITEM 5.1                    MAYORAL MINUTE - 2023 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS****Attachments:            Nil**Submitted by:            Councillor Michael Megna (Councillor)

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**MOTION**

That Council congratulates Andrew Sidney Whitton on his Australia Day honour.

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**BACKGROUND**

I would like to draw Council's attention to the recent Australia Day awards and congratulate Andrew Sidney Whitton of Abbotsford, who has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division.

Andrew's service to the community spans many roles. As President and Board Member of Parkinson's NSW, he has demonstrated leadership, dedication and compassion in supporting individuals affected by Parkinson's disease. His service on the Board of Trustees of the Parkinson's NSW Trust underscores his invaluable contributions to the organisation.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Andrew volunteered delivering groceries to the Asylum Seekers Centre. He also has a long involvement in local sports, particularly as a coach and manager for rugby and baseball teams. This reflects his passion for nurturing young talent and fostering community spirit. His leadership roles in various community organisations, including the West Pymble Pre-School, further demonstrate his dedication to serving the community.

Andrew's Australia Day Honor is a testament to his exemplary service and dedication, and he serves as an inspiration to us all. On behalf of the City of Canada Bay, I extend our sincerest congratulations and gratitude to Andrew for his remarkable contributions to our community.