#### SUBJECT: NOM 27/07/21 - LOVE LAMBTON 150 YEARS -CELEBRATING LOCAL COMMUNITY HERITAGE MILESTONES

#### COUNCILLORS: RUFO, CHURCH, ELLIOTT AND ROBINSON

#### PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 21 July 2021 from the abovenamed Councillors.

#### MOTION

That the Council:

- Notes that the strategic priorities and themes in City of Newcastle's Heritage Strategy include "promoting our heritage" with an objective to increase the local community's understanding and participation to conserve, enhance and celebrate Newcastle's heritage places and cultural heritage by CN collaborating with stakeholders in activities which promote the economic, social and environmental benefits of heritage to the city.
- Notes the success of the Love Lambton 150 Years event.
- Acknowledges the volunteer Organising Committee's tireless efforts in ensuring the success of the Love Lambton event
- Notes the personal thanks & gratitude of the Chairman for the Organising Committee of Love Lambton 150 Years Celebrations, Councillor Andrea Rufo OAM to his fellow Committee Members for their contribution to the Love Lambton 150 Years Celebration and publicly acknowledge the Committee members for their ideas, valuable time invested, dedication and professionalism:
  - Claire Williams President of The Newcastle Theatre Company
  - Mark Brooker Founder and Publisher of The Local
  - Ann MacKenzie Representing the Lambton Residents Group
  - Brian Lizotte Owner of Lizottes
  - Deb Manuel Representing Piggott's Pharmacy

In addition, the recognition of –

- Dana Pichaloff and Deb Austin Double Digits Marketing
- Ali Cook of 5 Senses Markets.

For their dedication, professionalism and guidance.

• Notes that the event's success was in part due to the financial support of City of Newcastle, which provided critical seed funding.

- Notes that CN staff resources are limited in their capacity to deliver additional events. Any financial support of City of Newcastle will assist in engaging specialist event providers to plan and deliver these milestone events. With the assistance of the working party/organising committee.
- Notes that City of Newcastle staff played an important supporting role in both advising the committee as well as supporting the Love Lambton event itself.
- Notes that such municipality anniversaries benefit from the inclusion of City of Newcastle staff and encourages staff to make themselves available for future such celebrations.
- Notes the importance for Council to collaborate with the community in activities that celebrate and increase awareness of Newcastle's heritage including heritage groups, collection and education institutions, and the wider community.
- Notes that any working party/organising committee to include:
  - Representatives from the Community (Including Local Historians)
  - Representatives from the Local Business Community
  - An Event organiser
    - And where requested:
  - Local Ward Councillors
  - CN Staff
- Notes that other municipalities who may seek support for heritage celebrations in the foreseeable future include:
  - Adamstown 8 January 1886
  - Carrington- 30 March 1887
  - Hamilton 11 December 1871
  - Merewether 20 August 1885
  - New Lambton 9 January 1889
  - Stockton 14 October 1889
  - Wallsend 27 February 1874
- Notes that other municipalities who may seek support for heritage celebrations
- Ensures that City of Newcastle annually promotes the existence of its grants programs so that community groups can be informed of the City's willingness to financially support community events similar to Love Lambton.

## BACKGROUND

Love Lambton 150 Year Celebration took place from Monday 21st June until Sunday, 27th June with a Launch on Monday 21st June 2021 and was to culminate in a Community Day in Lambton Park. Unfortunately, due to the most recent Covid Restrictions issued at 6pm Saturday 26th June 2021. The event was postponed until further notice. The organising committee is now working towards a new date to hold the celebrations in the park in the very near future.

# EVENT SUMMARY

The lead up to the Love Lambton 150 Years - Community Day in the Park, was an outstanding success. There were many people visiting and taking part in the interesting and community inspired activations including:

- The official Love Lambton 150 Years Launch on Monday 21st June 2021 with:
  - Alex Nean, who performed the Smoking Ceremony and played the didgeridoo throughout the ceremony,.
  - Rob Russel, CEO of the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council. Performed the Acknowledgment of Country
- Lambton Library opened the doors for three days. Staff had selected some excellent display materials (maps, photos and old books) & Local Historian Robert Watson was on hand to guide visitors through historical aspects of Lambton.
- Also, excitingly, there were fabulous historic images projected on the Elder Street side of the building from 5.30pm to 10pm each night from the 21st to the 27th.
- Newcastle Theatre Company really captured the history of Lambton in these tours, using the Lambton Historical Walk. Groups visited 9 major historical landmarks in Lambton. Where they were met by a standalone actor dressed in period costume acting out a skit appropriate to the area.
- The walks operated on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27 June and due to their popularity the walks have been scheduled again for later in the year.
- Lizotte's celebrated Lambton's 150 years in style with a two-course meal and wonderful entertainment featuring local artist Piper Butcher, performance by students of Lambton High School and special acoustic performances from the incredible Diesel.
- Elder Street One Day Sale saw thousands of people from all over the LGA attend. There were buskers, face painting, cake stalls and retail discounts by retailers and the decoration of their shop fronts, as well as BBQ's.

#### Comments by Elder Street, Business Owners:

- "There was a significant amount of people, especially foot traffic. The celebration brought a lot of new faces to the area. There was a great amount of people buyng, and celebrating Lambton. We saw a 20% increase in trade" 3A CAFE
- "Overwhelmed with the new faces not seen in the store before. Now we just need to keep them" "we saw a 25% increase in our figures", "A very successful day. Great way to get people to know about Lambton" **Jarret's Quality Meats**

- "It was a great day for Lambton and the use of the Library was perfect for displaying the old memorabilia, which would be great to see more of" Simpson Shoes
- "I think events like this are a great way to bring our local and new clientele into our local community and yes Lambton is all about our community", there was "around 25% increase for a Saturday trade" Lambton Nextra
- "We had record sale as more people foot traffic up our end of the street"
  "increase of 80% in sale figures"
  Lambton Park Tea Rooms
- "Sales were staggering compared to a usual Saturday", "Great day, got lots of exposure for my new business, would love to see this as an annual even. Locals & visitors enjoyed the atmosphere"
   Unique Living
- The % of foot traffic increase "for a Saturday, my guess 300 to 400%", "Office closed but had a cake stall raising money for "Jennys Place" over \$3,000 raised", "Do this each year, I spoke with many locals who enjoyed the day out in the sun, walking the street"
  GC Accountants Pty Ltd
- "The day was a success, brought foot traffic in, particular new shoppers to the area" "Was a great day Thank you for all your hard work putting it together"
  Piggotts Pharmacy Lambton

Love Lambton 150 Years - Launch on Monday 21st June 2021

#### Smoking Ceremony





# Love Lambton 150 Years – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Elder Street's Big One Day Sale















## ATTACHMENTS

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