

MEDIA RELEASE DEE WHY AND WARRINGAH ICON TED JACKSON TO BE HONOURED

Warringah Council has voted unanimously for a proposal by Warringah Councillors Vincent De Luca and Julie Sutton to name the Dee Why Beach front opposite the Strand Dee Why after one of Dee Why and Warringah's icons, Ted Jackson BEM OAM.

Councillor De Luca said he was delighted that Council voted unanimously to honour "this fine and extraordinary man who gave his life to serving the needs and interests of not just the Dee Why community but also the wider northern beaches".

"I consider myself honoured to have known Mr Jackson and his wonderful wife Trudi. Our families go back decades as they were neighbours and close friends of my late grandmother, Marjorie Smith OAM since the 1920s in Dee Why. My grandmother affectionately called him "Teddy" as a young man and had nothing but praise for all the work he and his family did with forming various local sporting and community organisations" Cr De Luca said.

"Teddy's support for the Dee Why Ladies' Amateur Swimming Club, Dee Why Mens' Amateur Swimming Club and Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club is legendary. I remember my grandmother who was involved with Dee Why Ladies' Amateur Swimming Club for most of her life ringing Teddy whenever there was a problem at Dee Why Rock Pool. He would have everything fixed within no time, he was that type of gentleman. Whenever anyone had a problem, regardless of how small or large, Teddy was always there to help them".

Mr Jackson's life long association with the Dee Why RSL Club commenced in 1946. He was a foundation member of the Club since the days when club meetings were held in the Battery House near the current DYRSL premises.

In 1969 he was named a Life Member of the DYRSL Club Ltd. Mr Jackson was honoured with Life Membership of the Dee Why RSL sub-Branch in 1971. He served as Honorary Secretary for 21 years and gave 36 years service to the sub-Branch Committee. In 1986 he received the RSL Meritorious Service Medal. Mr Jackson served on the Board of Directors of DYRSL Club Limited for 47 years, holding the office of Vice President and then occupied the President's chair for a remarkable 23 years. He became an Emeritus Member of the DYRSL Club in November 2008. He was active in the DYRSL Bowling Club, giving 17 years service to the committee and holding the offices of Secretary, Vice President and President. Ted was named as the DYRSL Bowling Club's first Life Member. He was a member of the DYRSL Swimming Club and the Ice Picks Winter Swimming Club.

Mr Jackson was elected as Warringah Shire Council President in 1985 and again in 1987 to 1989.

"This honour is a fitting gesture to a wonderful man. He will be sadly missed" Cr De Luca concluded.

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