

ITEM A

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LORD MAYORALTY, NAMING OF THE CITY OF WOLLONGONG AND OPENING OF WOLLONGONG BOTANIC GARDENS

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of three significant milestones in the history of Wollongong.

On 30 October 1970 the City of Greater Wollongong was gazetted as the “City of Wollongong”. It came six months after the Queen’s visit to confer a Lord Mayoralty to the City.

The Wollongong Botanic Garden was officially opened on 26 September 1970 and opened daily to the public in January 1971. This wonderful asset is highly valued by the local community and visitors alike. From the original Hoskins gift of land to botanical donations, volunteer support and ongoing Council support, Wollongong Botanic Garden is proudly a people’s garden. During 2021, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Botanic Garden will be recognised in various ways to highlight the horticultural, conservation, environmental education and heritage aspects of the site.

### RECOMMENDATION

Wollongong City Council acknowledge and note the 50th anniversary of the -

- 1 Conferring of the Lord Mayoralty to Wollongong by Queen Elizabeth II on 10 April 1970
- 2 Official opening of the Wollongong Botanic Gardens on 26 September 1970
- 3 Adoption of the name "City of Wollongong" on 30 October 1970

### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.