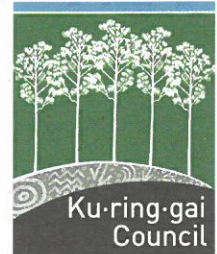


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Mr John McKee

Dear John,

Your distinguished service to the Council and residents of Ku-ring-gai

Ku-ring-gai Council thanks you for your service to Ku-ring-gai over the last 25 years.

You joined our Council as a Business Analyst in 1998 and were promoted to Director of Finance in 2001. Your early zeal for efficiencies led to your appointment as General Manager in 2006, becoming one of the youngest General Managers in the history of NSW local government. You continued to hold this role up to September 2023.

During your time as General Manager you led an organisation that delivered:

- The Ku-ring-gai Fitness & Aquatic Centre at West Pymble;
- The North Turramurra Recreation Area comprising an 18-hole golf course, netball and soccer facilities;
- The Lindfield Village Green;
- The new Gordon Library;
- A new headquarters for SES and RFS volunteers;
- 15 new parks and playgrounds; and
- The creation of heritage conservation areas to protect Ku-ring-gai's built character.

Key awards that the organisation achieved during your time include:

- The AR Bluett Memorial Award in 2014, which is awarded to a council in each category that is recognised for being the most progressive in the state;
- The NSW Minister for Local Government award for Excellence in Engineering in 2017;
- The National Excellence in Open Space Planning Award from Parks and Leisure Australasia in 2017;
- Several awards from Keep Australia Beautiful; and
- Numerous planning awards for the Open Space Acquisition Program.

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In 2013 TCorp rated Ku-ring-gai as being in the top 16 councils for financial performance. In the last four years, Council's investment returns have also placed in the top three for NSW councils.

In 2017, you also supported action in the Court of Appeal that had the effect of preventing the proposed merger between the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby Councils.

We thank you for your service to Ku-ring-gai and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sam

Cr Sam Ngai
Mayor of Ku-ring-gai