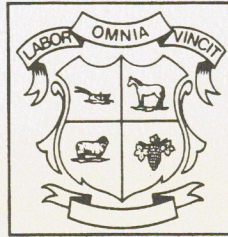




Shire of Lillydale

October 7, 1994



Shire Presidential Dinner
for
Conferring of Honorary Freedom
of the
Shire of Lillydale
October 7, 1994
and recognition
of the Service to the
Shire of Lillydale of both
former and serving Councillors

History of the Honour of Freeman of the Shire of Lillydale

The highest honour the Shire of Lillydale can bestow on any distinguished person to officially recognise service of excellence for the Council or this community, is the granting of Honorary Freeman of the Shire.

There have been three such awards made by the Shire in the past to:

- 1. His excellency, the Honorable Sir Henry Winneke (deceased) on July 10, 1978*
- 2. The Honorable William Archibald Borthwick on October 25, 1982.*
- 3. Alan Samuel Smith on July 17, 1987.*

The Freedom of a local government authority is based on an ancient English custom that originally entitled the Freeman of Corporations to special rights and privileges.

The archives of some of the oldest Boroughs in England show the admission of freeman as early as the thirteenth century, for the privilege of which the holders paid fees entitling them to trade within the Boroughs. The burgesses to whom the fees were paid and the freemen were the persons from whom the Towns Councils were formed. They were also the sole electors of Members of Parliament for the Boroughs.

The Freedom conferred on these gentlemen, however, was something very different from the freedom so many towns in England have conferred during the intervening years upon such persons as Admiral Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington, Miss Florence Nightingale, General Lord Baden-Powell, the right Honorable Sir Winston Churchill, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten and Field-Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

With the evolution of time and changed circumstances of Britain over the centuries, the form of this custom has remained but the reality has changed. From an original working machinery of trade and government, the Freedom of a Municipality has become a graceful means of bestowing a Council's acclamation on a distinguished person. It is an honour of distinction that carries no privileges. It is the means by which a distinguished man or woman is given recognition for a high sense of duty or public spirit not merely by a person or even by a group of persons, but by a City or Shire.

In England, the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act 1885 and later the Local Government Act, gave various municipal Councils power to confer the Freedom of the City. The Victorian Parliament by proclamation of the Freedom of the City of Melbourne Act 1956 gave the legislative authority for the City of Melbourne to honour persons of distinction. The City of Melbourne, which is a young city by world standards, is now developing a tradition of its own and part of this tradition has been recorded by granting a number of distinctions to those persons who have in some way become part of the City's history.

It is appropriate that other Victorian Local Governments follow this lead and with their intimate knowledge of the workings of their local communities and service by residents develop a register of distinctions which can be recorded for posterity and become part of the historical and cultural heritage of our communities.

*The Meeting of the Council of the
Shire of Lillydale held on Monday,
September 26, 1994*

RESOLVED

That in recognition of the outstanding service given to Local Government and the people of this Shire whilst serving as a Councillor for twenty-four years during the period from 1970 to 1994 and as Shire President from 1974 to 1975, 1978 to 1979 and 1991 to 1992 and as North Riding Chairman for six years representing this local government with dedication and integrity on bodies including specific service as a member of the Shire of Lillydale Pre-School Association, Lillydale Technical School Advisory Council, Lillydale Sewerage Authority, Lillydale High School Council, Lillydale Museum Board of Management, Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority, Council Operations Advisory Committee, Lillydale Museum Board of Management Special Committee and as a substitute member on the Municipal Association (late the Municipal Association of Victoria) and as Trustee on the Lillydale Highland Pipe Band and Lillydale Museum Trust and for the instrumental role played in developing and guiding sound Council Policy in major shire negotiations, projects and community service initiated during his term of office and as a manifestation of the great affection and respect in which he will always be held by the Council and Citizens of the Shire of Lillydale

HEREBY

confers its highest acclamation on the Distinguished Personage of

COUNCILLOR GUILLAUME GEORGE DE PURY

THE DISTINCTION OF

Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Lillydale

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RESOLVED

That in recognition of the outstanding service given to Local Government and the people of this Shire whilst serving as a Councillor for twenty years during the period from 1974 to 1994 and as Shire President from 1977 to 1978 and 1992 to 1993 and as South Riding Chairman for six years representing this local government with dedication and integrity on bodies including specific service as an inaugural member of the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority, and a member of the Urban Renewal Liaison Committee, Kilsyth Sports Centre Committee, Shire of Lillydale Pre School Association, Transition Education Advisory Committee, Technilib (Library Service), Country Fire Authority Region 13 Advisory Committee, Shire of Lillydale Fire Prevention Committee, Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre, Council Operation Advisory Committee, Lillydale Municipal Police and Community Consultative Committee, Lillydale Museum Board of Management Special Committee, Municipal Association of Victoria and a substitute member of the 150 Years Celebration Year Committee and a Trustee of the Lillydale Museum Trust and Lillydale Museum Board of Management and as the Convenor of the Working Party for the Australian Local Government Association on the Programme for the First National General Assembly of Local Government and for the instrumental role played in developing and guiding sound Council Policy in major shire negotiations, projects and community service initiated during his term of office and as a manifestation of the great affection and respect in which he will always be held by the Council and Citizens of the Shire of Lillydale

HEREBY

confers its highest acclamation on the Distinguished Personage of

COUNCILLOR RAYMOND LESLIE YATES

THE DISTINCTION OF

Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Lillydale

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- *Introduction of Shire President - Mr Warwick Heine, Chief Executive.*
- *Welcome - Councillor Gis Marven, Shire President.*
- *Apologies - Mr Warwick Heine, Chief Executive.*
- *Toast to the Shire of Lillydale - former Councillor John Nathan.*
- *Entree to be served.*
- *Tribute to Councillor Guillaume George de Pury and Councillor Raymond Leslie Yates JP - Councillor Gis Marven, Shire President.*
- *Reading of the Council Resolution Conferring Freeman of the Shire of Lillydale - Mr Warwick Heine, Chief Executive.*
- *Presentation of Council Resolution conferring of the Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Lillydale in the form of an illuminated mounted scroll - Councillor Gis Marven.*
- *Response by Councillor Guillaume de Pury and Councillor Raymond Yates JP.*
- *Dinner to be served.*
- *Tribute to former Councillors - Councillor Len Cox.*
- *Presentation of plaques to former Councillors - Councillor Gis Marven, Shire President.*
- *Response on behalf of former Councillors - former Councillor Alan Smith OAM.*
- *Tribute to serving Councillors - former Councillor Neil Pope.*
- *Presentation of Plaques and Letters Under Seal to serving Councillors - Councillor Gis Marven, Shire President.*
- *Response on behalf of serving Councillors - Councillor Ann Atkinson.*
- *Dessert to be served.*
- *Presentation of "This is Your Life" tributes - Mr Warwick Heine, Chief Executive.*
- *Coffee to be served.*

COUNCILLORS

1994 - 1995

Cr Gisela Marven, Shire President

Councillor August 1990 - October 1994

Shire President 1993/1994, 1994/1995

NORTH RIDING

Cr Guillaume de Pury

Councillor September 1970 - October 1994

Shire President 1974/1975, 1978/1979, 1991/1992

Cr Ian Chatterton

Councillor August 1992 - October 1994

Cr Kenneth Smith

Councillor August 1993 - October 1994

EAST RIDING

Cr Gavin Batty

Councillor August 1992 - October 1994

Cr Kenneth Reed

Councillor August 1991 - October 1994

SOUTH RIDING

Cr Raymond Yates, JP

Councillor August 1974 - October 1994

Shire President 1977/1978, 1992/1993

Cr Leonard Cox

Councillor August 1982 - October 1994

Shire President 1985/1986, 1990/1991

Cr Susanne Thompson

Councillor August 1990 - October 1994

WEST RIDING

Cr Michael Fieldew

Councillor August 1989 - October 1994

Cr Ann Atkinson

Councillor August 1990 - October 1994

Cr Cheryl Clarke

Councillor August 1991 - October 1994

FORMER COUNCILLORS PRESENT ON OCTOBER 7, 1994

Geoffrey Bailey

Councillor August 1985 - August 1988

Robyn Barker

Councillor August 1980 - November 1983

William Barker

Councillor August 1981 - August 1990

Shire President 1988/1989

Kristine Broom

August 1988 - August 1992

Bernard Burgi

Councillor September 1948 - August 1954

Shire President 1953 /1954

Graham Colling

Councillor August 1977 - August 1986

Shire President 1984/1985

Peter Cook

Councillor August 1972 - August 1978

Geoffrey Cooper

Councillor October 1985 - August 1987

Brenda Crawshaw

Councillor July 1976 - August 1982

Beryl Crocker

Councillor August 1987 - June 1988

Walter Gersch

Councillor September 1975 - August 1981

Shire President 1980/1981

Philip Glenister

Councillor May 1985 - August 1989

Shire President 1987/1988

Gwen Hardy MBE

Councillor August 1973 - August 1979

Shire President 1976/1977

Chris Jones

Councillor February 1978 - August 1978

Councillor August 1986 - August 1989

Alistair Lee-Archer

Councillor August 1978 - August 1984

Councillor August 1987 - August 1990

Shire President 1983/1984

Alexander Lillie

Councillor June 1961 - August 1973

Shire President 1969/1970

Kevin Lonergan

Councillor August 1977 - August 1980

Shire President 1979/1980

John Maddock

Councillor September 1975 - January 1987

Shire President 1981/1982

Stanley Moser

Councillor June 1961 - August 1966

Shire President 1963/1964

John Nathan

Councillor September 1980 - August 1989

Shire President 1986 - 1987

Ronald Noble

Councillor September 1964 - August 1970

Shire President 1967 /1968

Neil Pope

Councillor August 1979 - August 1982

Jim Sawyer

Councillor September 1965 - August 1980

Shire President 1971/1972

Alan Smith OAM

Councillor September 1966 - July 1987

Shire President 1972/1973

Freeman of the Shire of Lillydale

Ron Wallace

Councillor August 1972 - September 1976,

Councillor August 1987 - August 1988

Shire President 1975/1976

Jeff van Hoven

Councillor August 1989 - August 1992

ABSENT COUNCILLORS AND FORMER COUNCILLORS

Cr Ian Chatterton

Councillor August 1992 - October 1994

Mark Aarons

Councillor August 1982 - August 1985

Carol Ahern

Councillor August 1988 - August 1991

Michael Carroll

Councillor August 1978 - August 1987

Shire President 1982/1983

David Crouch

Councillor July 1988 - August 1993

Toni Fraser

Councillor March 1987 - August 1990

Shire President 1989/1990

Graham Hunt

Councillor November 1983 - April 1985

John van Graas

Councillor August 1969 - August 1975

SENIOR OFFICERS

Mr Warwick Heine

Chief Executive

Mr Stephen Wyatt

Director Administration and Finance

Mr Michael Corrie

Director Resident Services

Mr Graeme Tutt

Director Business Services

FORMER SENIOR OFFICERS

Mr Kenneth Scott

Mrs Ruth Carson

ABSENT FORMER SENIOR OFFICERS

Mr Don Thompson

Mr Greg Freeman