

## 6.2. Vale Dr Martyn Sulway

Dr Martyn Sulway, was born in Sydney on 7 September 1937.

Dr Sulway graduated from the University of Sydney and University of Birmingham and practised as an Endocrinologist. Dr Sulway was a recipient of the Churchill Fellowship.

Dr Sulway was a long time resident of Wollstonecraft and was first elected to North Sydney Council in 1974 as part of a wave of true independents coming out of the resident action movement opposing overdevelopment throughout the municipality.

He represented Belmore Ward (later Wollstonecraft Ward).

During his time as an Alderman he supported good planning, environmental issues and policies to support affordable housing initiatives.

A man of enormous wit, humour and generosity, he possessed a formidable intellect combined with a warm compassion and unwavering commitment to his patients and the people he represented.

Dr Martyn Sulway, with his colleague Dr Gillian Harris, saw the need for services for children and adolescents with diabetes in the Northern Sydney Health District and founded the Diabetes Education and Assessment Programme at Royal North Shore Hospital.

He later established the Martyn Sulway and Gillian Harris Prize for University of Sydney Medical Students in order to promote and encourage the development of professional communication skills for medical students in recognition of the vital role good communication has in optimal patient care.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Rose, children Richard, Genevieve and Stephanie, and grandchildren Martyn and Sophie.

### **I therefore recommend:**

- 1. THAT** Council acknowledge Dr Martyn Sulway's contribution to North Sydney and to the Northern Sydney Health District.
- 2. THAT** Council write to Dr Sulway's family expressing sincere condolences on his passing.
- 3. THAT** Council commemorate Dr Sulway's contribution to North Sydney by planting a tree with a commemorative plaque in consultation with his family.

**COUNCILLOR ZOË BAKER  
MAYOR**