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In December 2022, Waverton lost another citizen of enormous integrity and commitment to our community. For many decades, Mr Sid French gave generously of his time and energy and drew on his professional skills to serve the Waverton Precinct and community.

Together with many fellow (formidable) Waverton residents, including the late Mr Bruce Burns, Sid French was a vital contributor to the success of the many battles to retain the Waverton Peninsula and Berrys Bay in public ownership and for public use and enjoyment.

Sid French was an active member (including serving at times as Chair and Secretary) of the Waverton Precinct for many years. Sid brought his intelligence, knowledge, patience and persistence to the Precinct's campaigns and the lobbying of various levels of government on public open space and public access to the foreshore. This included the battle against the commercial marina in Berrys Bay - Sid was an important member of the Precinct's Berrys Bay marina redevelopment sub-committee, bringing his professional skills as an engineer to the successful campaign to defeat the marina redevelopment.

Our community is better for Sid's quiet persistence, commitment and dedication. The Waverton Peninsula is as it is today due to the persistence, tenacity and dedication of an extraordinary community of people like Sid French.

Sid's loss is felt deeply and we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Margaret and his family, neighbours and friends.

I therefore recommend:

1. **THAT** Council acknowledge the significant contribution of the late Mr Sid French to our community.
2. **THAT** Council consult with Ms Margaret French and the French family in respect of the location of a tree to be planted in his memory in the locality of the Waverton Peninsula and that following such consultation the tree be planted with a plaque identifying the reason for the planting and acknowledging Mr French's contribution to the Waverton Peninsula.
3. **THAT** Council write to Ms Margaret French and the French family expressing deep sympathy and condolences on the passing of Mr French and include a copy of this resolution.

**COUNCILLOR ZOË BAKER
MAYOR**