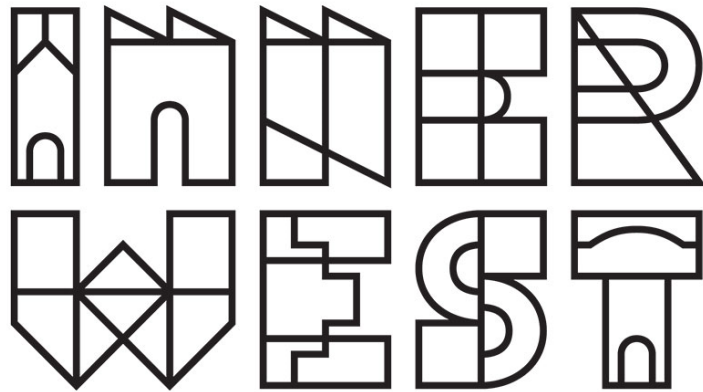


# **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1**

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2025**

**6:30 PM**

## **MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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**Item No:** C0825(1) Item 67  
**Subject:** MAYORAL MINUTE: CONDOLENCE MOTION: ROBERT BADDELEY SIMPSON AO  
**From:** The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

Item 67

### **MOTION**

1. That Council write to the family of Bob Simpson to express our gratitude for the contribution he made to the Inner West, the Marrickville and Petersham Cricket Clubs and Australian Cricket.
2. That Council work with the Simpson family to create a permanent memorial to Bob at Marrickville Oval where he first debuted as a grade cricketer when just a teenager and to install a commemorative plaque at his boyhood home in Marrickville.

### **Background**

Legendary Australian Cricketer Bob Simpson passed away on Saturday August 16 2025.

Born to Scottish immigrants from [Falkirk](#), Bobby Simpson grew up in [Marrickville](#) and attended Marrickville West Primary School and later [Tempe High School](#). He showed his capacity for leadership early by captaining the cricket teams from both schools.

In his early years, he was also talented at tennis, squash, baseball, soccer and golf. In fact, he raised money to buy his first set of golf clubs by collecting lost balls from Marrickville Golf Course and selling them second-hand.

A week after turning 15 he debuted for [Petersham](#)'s first XI in [Sydney Grade Cricket](#).

In the 1952-53 season, two weeks before his 17th birthday, he made his first-class debut, for New South Wales against Victoria, the second youngest player ever to be selected for the state.

Bob made his test debut in 1957 and went on to form one of Australia's toughest and most successful opening partnerships with Bill Lawry, including becoming only the second Australian after Don Bradman to score a triple century, a 311 at Old Trafford to save the Ashes in 1964.

By the end of the 1967-68 season, Bob decided to retire to pursue a career in journalism and public relations. However, a decade later he was persuaded to return, and led Australia once more, first at home to India, where he made centuries in the second and fifth Tests, and then in the Caribbean, which was to be his last tour as a player, retiring once again at the end of 1978.

In 1986, with the national team in some disarray, having gone 14 tests without a win in the previous three years, the Australian cricket board turned once more to Bob as their first head coach, with Allan Border as captain, transforming, through hard work and iron discipline, a rag-bag side into the best team in the world.

Over a period of more than four decades, Bob Simpson's contribution to Australian cricket was multifaceted.

He captained Australia in 39 Tests, became Australia's first full time coach and was named Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1965. He was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1985, the Australian [Cricket](#) Hall of Fame in 2006 and the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in 2013. Bob was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1978 and promoted to Officer in 2007. He received an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and a Centenary Medal in 2001.

No Inner Westie did more for Australian sport than Bob Simpson. He captained Australia with true grit and as coach rebuilt the Australian team into the dominant force in world cricket.

We should commemorate him properly at Marrickville Oval where he first debuted for the Marrickville District Cricket Club in the under 16's Green Shield as a 13-year-old in 1949.

Vale Bobby Simpson, you played a great innings.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.