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## **Vale Terry Oakes-Ash OAM**

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The community will be aware of the passing of Mr Terry Oakes-Ash OAM on 5 May 2021.

I did not personally know Mr Oakes-Ash but I have been told many stories about his enormous contribution to this Shire which saw him awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2016 for his contribution to the community and to commerce; Citizen of the Year in 2007; and the NSW Premier's Award for Community Service in 2011.

He was an active member across the Wingecarribee Shire for decades in various roles including member of Council's Economic Development and Tourism Committee; Chairman for Southern Highlands Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal; Board Member for Regional Development Australia (Southern Inland); President Southern Highlands Business Chamber and Bowral Chamber of Commerce.

It is rare that an individual is consistently spoken of so highly by so many.

I attended the funeral service this afternoon at St Jude's Anglican Church in Bowral and in lieu of flowers, as per the family's request, Council has made a donation to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

On behalf of Council I extend our condolences to the family and friends of Mr Oakes-Ash whose contribution to the community will long be remembered.

Viv May PSM  
**Interim Administrator**