

**MM-1                    MAYORAL MINUTE - ARNOTT'S FOUNDATION**

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**REPORT**

I wanted to bring to Council's attention a recent annual cheque presentation I attended at The Arnott's Foundation in North Strathfield. The Arnott's Foundation is the charitable arm of Arnott's Biscuits Ltd, with the goal to making a positive contribution to families and the community through fundraising via a range of key events each year.

The cheque presentation was attended by:

- Catriona Rowntree – Arnott's Foundation Patron and Trustee
- Simon Rountree – CEO Camp Quality
- Fairy Sparkle OAM
- The Hon. Craig Laundry MP, Member for Reid
- Jodi McKay MP, Member for Strathfield
- Members of The Arnott's Foundation board

This year, the Foundation raised one million dollars in gross funds for its major beneficiaries, which is an incredible achievement and testament to The Arnott's Foundation's commitment.

Camp Quality was presented with a cheque for \$600,000, which will fund 30 Camp Quality family camps. These vital camps offer respite and a chance to reconnect for Australian families living with cancer. A cheque for \$75,000 was also presented to Fairy Sparkle OAM, who has worked in hospitals around Australia for over 20 years, building Fairy Gardens and improving the lives of patients and their families.

We are fortunate to have businesses like Arnott's and The Arnott's Foundation in our area, with such a long and proud history with our area and the community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive and note the report.