

ITEM 5.2 **MAYORAL MINUTE - NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2024 EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND PARKS AND LEISURE AUSTRALIA - NSW/ACT REGION AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE****Attachments:** **Nil**Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTIONThat Council receive and note the report.

BACKGROUND

I am pleased to share with you Council's achievements at recent award ceremonies which have recognised the hard work and commitment of our team here at the City of Canada Bay.

Across two major award ceremonies held a fortnight ago, the City of Canada Bay received significant recognition for our Concord Oval Community and Sports Precinct project.

At the Parks and Leisure Australia – NSW/ACT Region Awards of Excellence, our City of Canada Bay team received the Community Facility of the Year Award for Concord Oval, an award which acknowledges projects that have made a significant impact on local communities.

And at the NSW Local Government 2024 Excellence Awards, the Concord Oval Community and Sports Precinct received the Asset and Infrastructure Award for projects over \$1.5 million serving a population under 150,000, further affirming its significance.

The Concord Oval redevelopment tore down the old, barbed wire fences and has transformed the precinct into a lively recreational hub with an indoor recreation centre, open green spaces, busy community rooms, public art, all alongside elite sporting facilities.

This project represents the best of Canada Bay, with Councillors, staff, community and sporting groups, and the wider community collaborating with State and Federal Government to deliver the best possible outcomes for our whole community.

I encourage all residents to visit Concord Oval if you have not already. The Rec Centre is thriving, the outdoor basketball court and exercise equipment is free for locals to use any time of day and the community rooms are available for hire – perfect for your next birthday party or community event.

Also at the NSW Local Government 2024 Excellence Awards, Canada Bay's team took out first place in the NSW 2024 Australasian Management Challenge, earning a spot in the National finals.

This is a very prestigious competition which allows future leaders to compete against other Councils in a series of simulated challenges and scenarios, and in the 30 years of the competition, it's Canada Bay's first win – a great achievement and a good sign of things to come for our organisation.

We also received nominations in the following categories:

- Mcllwaine Park River Activation and Foreshore Upgrade
- City of Canada Bay Values Project
- Emerging Leader category for Council's Risk Management Officer Rowan Castro

These awards are a collective success, highlighting Council and our staff's collaboration and team work as well as our commitment to and passion for our local community.

**Michael Megna**
MAYOR