

## Item 6: Notices of Motion or Rescission

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### 6.1 Naming of the Community Gallery at Mudgee Arts Precinct

NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED BY CR SAM PAINE

TO 21 FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING

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#### MOTION

**That Council name the Community Gallery at the Mudgee Arts Precinct the *Toni Behrens Community Gallery*.**

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#### Background

Toni Behrens was an artist and art teacher, the proprietor of *Mudgee Art House* and previously of *TheMudFactory*. We lost her late last year after a prolonged battle with cancer. Toni was a key part of Mudgee's art community, a talented artist working in painting, printing, and ceramics, and an educator and mentor who enthusiastically shared her talent with fellow artists and a generation of local children.

In recognition of the extraordinary nature of this loss, I would like to see Council name the Community Gallery in Toni's honour.

#### Officer's comments

The naming of a Council facility, building or room such as this is rightly the responsibility of the elected Council as representatives of the community. While there would be many worthy recipients of an honour such as this, the outpouring of love for Toni Behrens over the past couple of months has been palpable and her loss has been felt not just by the artistic community but by the wider population. As noted, it is Toni's years as a teacher and mentor as well as her creative talent that makes this recommendation both heartfelt and appropriate. She was a support to so many and this would be a fitting way for her to remain as a central part of the cultural community into the future. Appropriate signage and information would be sourced to support this initiative from existing budgets if possible.