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Community Recognition Statement

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GREG HEYS

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

After more than 10 years of dedicated work by Newcastle Library and volunteers, the Greg Heys Regional Planning Collection cataloguing project was launched in May this year.

Greg Heys was a social worker, an academic, a member of the ALP, a Newcastle City Councilor and, from 1995 until 1999 served as Newcastle's Lord Mayor.

Born in Sydney in 1945, he and his family—including his beloved wife Wendy and their children Sarah and Matthew—moved to Newcastle in 1982.

Greg was a respected community member, a man of great integrity in public life, and had a great interest in democratic governance for ecological sustainability. As Lord Mayor, he positioned Newcastle to be head of the pack in pursuing ecologically sustainable policies and practices.

After he completed his term as Lord Mayor, Greg returned to Newcastle University, where he undertook a PhD looking at models of sustainable regional development.

Though he passed away in 2007 before completing the project, it has since been finalised and published by the University. This, along with the Library collection, is an appropriate acknowledgment of the life of a great Novocastrian.