



# Ordinary Meeting of Council

28 July 2021

**SUPPLEMENTARY  
MAYORAL MINUTE  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER  
ATTACHMENT**

**QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
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ITEM 7.1 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM  
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ATTACHMENT 1 LETTER OF REQUEST FROM THE SPONSORSHIP  
COORDINATOR, LIFT TASH UP



Dear Mayor Overall,

**We need your help!**

A proud member of our business community, Tascha Loadsman, was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in January 2020. MND is a debilitating disease that affects the nerves, resulting in reduced communication between the brain and muscles that enable us to move, speak, swallow and breathe.

There is no cure for MND and life expectancy is 2-3yrs on average. In people with MND, the motor neurones gradually degenerate and die, causing the muscles to weaken and waste away.

Tasch and her husband Matt have spent the majority of their adult lives serving their country in the Australian Defence Force (some 39 years combined including Operational Service overseas), before settling in Queanbeyan in 2013 where they have been busy running successful small businesses and raising their five boys. Sadly, due to Tasch's diagnosis she had to close her very popular shoe store in Queanbeyan, Main Street Shoes.

Tasch's condition has deteriorated to the point she is now wheelchair bound and confined to the downstairs section of her home, away from family living spaces. Tasch and Matt have fought hard to gain funding for appropriate in home supports from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) without success, all the while she has been unable to navigate her home to spend precious time with her family, unnecessarily impacting on her quality of life.

For Tasch, family is the most important thing to her and the ability to access the living areas of her home and the backyard to take part in family gatherings is simply not possible due to her condition.

Having committed so much precious time to fighting for the supports she needs, a small team of us have rallied around the Loadsman family and are taking up this fight on their behalf. We have commenced planning for a local fundraising social event (with food, music and games) to raise the funds needed to install a lift in Tasch's home.

You can follow Tasch's journey on her Facebook page: *You, Me & MND*

**How can you help?**

We are seeking your support to waive the fee to hire the entire QPRC Bicentennial Hall for the event, a total cost of \$3,350.00. This will have a massive impact on the event, reducing overheads to enable us to reach our goal quicker.

The kindness and generosity of the QPRC LGA community and business owners has already been amazing. We see this event, not only as a fundraiser for Tasch but an opportunity to further enhance the already strong community spirit here and also raise awareness for Motor Neurone Disease.

We look forward to any support you are able to throw behind this community fundraising event.

Sincerely,

Matt Smith  
Sponsorship Coordinator  
Lift Tasch Up – Fundraising event (You, Me & MND)  
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