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Subject: Memorial Henry 'Corky' Caldwell

Dear Jim

Thank you for returning my call earlier. As mentioned I am writing on behalf of the children and grandchildren of Gloria and Henry Caldwell. Gloria and Henry have been residing in the Clarence Valley all their lives. Firstly in Grafton before moving to Minnie Waters.

Gloria passed away sadly in 2020 in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic and we were only able to hold a funeral with our parents in attendance. Henry "Corky" Caldwell, has now followed his sweetheart who he was married to for 73 years and passed away 11 June..

Henry was 101 years old, a WW2 veteran who has dedicated his life to serving his fellow veterans as a member of RSL for more than 60 years. He was a community man having being awarded the Order of Australia in 2008 for service to the Clarence Valley and received a Queens medal thanks to his service.

He was super proud of his volunteering achievements, having volunteered for more than 50 years for the town fire brigade and the rural fire service. He was a life member of the Grafton Show Society and the local kennel club.

In 1956 he ran the Olympic torch through Grafton.

Since his passing his contribution has been recognised in various national media platforms including the ABC and Daily Telegraph and more. He is definitely google worthy!

We would like to recognise both Gloria and Henry's contribution to the community with a park bench opposite their home at 23 Waratah Crescent Minnie Waters. Do you have any recommendations on how we can make this happen?

I have contacted the council a number of times and based on their recommendations sent an email to David Sutton, I have left two phone messages for David and have also left a phone message for Peter Birch.

We are all travelling to our grandfathers funeral which is this Wednesday and I would love to make an announcement to the family saying that the council is supportive of the concept (understanding that the process may still take a while).

Appreciate that this is a last minute request but I have found it very difficult to navigate and access the right person.

Post our conversation, I have also spoken to Arthur Lysaught and he is extremely supportive saying that Henry gave more to the community than many people realised.

Thanks for your time.

Many thanks

Toni Borthwick