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# Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



## What a first week on the job!

From meeting some of the wonderful residents in our City, to inspecting the projects happening around town – I couldn't wait to get stuck into things.

And how timely that it also happened to be National Volunteers Week, an opportunity to thank the countless people who selflessly give up their time for our community – something very close to my heart.

Wednesdays are pretty special, when I get a chance to jump in the ute with a few of the Meals on Wheels volunteers and drop off food packages to our elderly locals. This week, I also got the chance to personally thank some of our regular helpers and hand out certificates and pins.

And during the week, we also recognised our wonderful SES volunteers with Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW) Day.

Over the years, I've worked with many amazing people at the Canterbury and

Bankstown SES Units. Through times of storms and flooding, major car crashes, or rescuing someone's pet caught up a tree – you can always rely on them to be there to lend a helping hand.

Other events, included attending a Mayoral Summit on Waste, checking on construction of kerb, gutter and footpaths at Roselands, looking over plans for a new playground at East Hills and attending a special multicultural coffee and talk event, which saw a number of diverse communities come together.

But I was, most excited to host my first Citizenship Ceremony yesterday in Campsie, welcoming more than 300 new citizens. How good did it feel that a kid who migrated to this City at the age of 12, was able to swear in new migrants.



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