

Council corrects a century-old oversight

It's taken more than 100 years, but the portrait of former Kyogle Shire President Dennis Mahoney has finally been hung in the Kyogle Council Chambers.

Family members of the late Mr Mahoney watched as Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland and Mr Mahoney's great granddaughter Sandra Mahoney unveiled the portrait in a ceremony held prior to Council's November meeting.

Mr Mahoney, an Irish immigrant who came to Australia as a youth, was President of Kyogle Shire from 1915-1916.

He was elected to the council in 1911 and served two terms before standing down in 1917.

Council was unaware it's gallery of former Shire Presidents and Mayors was missing one of its alumni until Ms Mahoney discovered the oversight during a visit to the Council Chambers.

Once notified of the oversight, Council worked with the Mahoney family and the Kyogle and District Historical Society to find a suitable photograph to have enlarged, mounted and framed.

Cr Mulholland said hanging the portrait in the Council Chambers "was a long overdue correction" of an unwitting oversight.

"I'd like to thank the family for bringing this to our attention so we could correct it and give Cr Mahoney the recognition he deserved," she said.

Caption: Unveiling 1: Kyogle Council Mayor, Sandra Mahoney and Kyogle Council General Manager Graham Kennett admire the portrait of former Kyogle Shire President Dennis Mahoney.

Unveiling 2: Members of the extended Mahoney family with the portrait of their forebearer Dennis Mahoney that has been finally been hung in the Kyogle Council Chambers.

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