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Dear Mayor Gash and Councillors

At our meeting held in October this year it was resolved that the Forum would like to request Shoalhaven City Council to commemorate the efforts and hard work of the late Ruth Richards OAM somewhere within the soon to be completed renovated Ulladulla Civic Centre.

It is hoped that other organisations within our local area such as Ulladulla Pre-School, Ulladulla Civic Centre Building and Management Committee, Milton Ulladulla Meals on Wheels, Ulladulla and Districts Community Forum, Ulladulla Blessing of the Fleet Committee, Ulladulla Public School P & C and Ladies Auxilliary, Ulladulla High School P & C, St Martins Anglican Parish, Ulladulla Toastmistress Club, The A & H Showgirl Committee, Sarah Claydon Retirement Village Building Committee, Ulladulla & Districts Bi-Centennial Co-Ordinating Committee, Shoalhaven Arts Council, The Entertainers, The Milton Follies, The Milton Show Steak Bar and of course the CWA which she received her 50 year Service medal for in 2012. Ruth was a member of, volunteered for, held a position in, or founded and supported many groups and organisations who will all have no hesitation in joining us in support of seeing such a proposal happen in time for the Centres reopening in April 2014.

We have asked that other groups discuss with their current members from their group or organisation to acknowledge and support such a commemoration in Ruth's honour, by contacting Council directly or sending a request directly to the Ulladulla and Districts Community Forum.

We believe having the old auditorium renamed in her honour, recognising Ruth's unique perseverance, hard work and dedication to her community within the Ulladulla Civic Centre, a building she helped and support for over 50 years, will mean Ruth will forever be remembered within our district.

As you will agree Ruth's life was an inspiration to not only her family but also to her many friends and colleagues.

Thanking you in anticipation

Sunnee Ord

Hon Secretary



Country Women's Association of NSW

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The General Manager
Shoalhaven City Council

19 March 2013

Dear Sir

Ulladulla Civic Centre: memorial for Ruth Richards OAM

We of the Milton District Branch of the CWA of NSW write in support of the request currently being put to you by Ulladulla & Districts Community Forum that some part of the new Civic Centre in Ulladulla be named in honour of Ruth Richards OAM.

Ruth was a member of the CWA for 50 years and played the same active role in our association as we know she played in many others. Her perseverance, hard work and dedication to her community in a wide range of different roles and capacities made her so widely known that her sudden and shocking death in the middle of last year made headline news in the local press, and her funeral in Ulladulla was packed to the rafters with those whose lives she had touched.

We know Ruth was a keen supporter of the Civic Centre and have no doubt that a room or hall named in her honour would be well received by the community, and it would certainly be a fitting tribute to a model citizen whose efforts were unfortunately acknowledged only shortly before her death, so that it was her bereaved husband Bruce and her daughter who went to Canberra to collect Ruth's Order of Australia Medal.

Yours faithfully

Sandy Aureli

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Secretary 2013 - 2014
Milton District Branch

cc Ulladulla and Districts Community Forum