

## **PROJECT: PROPOSAL TO NAME A NEW ROAD AND WALKWAY IN EASTGARDENS**

### Who were Delma and Les Davison?

- **Delma Davison** – Aunty Delma was born in Nowra and lived in La Perouse until her passing on 8 October 2021. Aunty Delma had a long career devoted to education. She was employed as an Aboriginal education assistant in the 80s and was a determined and strong advocate for better education outcomes for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children.

Aunty Delma was a prominent member of the Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation and a life member of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

Aunty Delma was also actively involved in the establishment of the Gujaga Childcare and homework centre at La Perouse.

Aunty Delma will always be remembered for her dedication and commitment to creating and supporting better education outcomes.

- **Les ‘Doc’ Davison** – Uncle Les, a Dharawal man, was born and bred in La Perouse and passed away on 25 August 2021. He was a talented young athlete who played junior rugby before taking up boxing. He reached the qualifying round to represent Australia at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, however, he was told to lose the fight - if he won, he would qualify to represent Australia at the Olympic Games, but as he was an Aboriginal man, he would not be able to travel and represent Australia at the games.

Uncle Les became more involved with Rugby League and was an avid golf player who travelled around Australia. He would later be a proud torchbearer in his home community of La Perouse for the 2000 Sydney Olympics in an effort by the AOC to recognise his talent.

Uncle Les is remembered as a softly-spoken man who was often seen walking in the area.