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News from Paradise...

Manly Council



Mayor's Message

Community high achievers honoured

Bob Smith, the President of Manly Chamber of Commerce, and widely respected local businessman, civic leader and philanthropist, was officially named Manly Council's 2009 **Citizen of the Year** at Manly's Australia Day Celebrations on Monday, 26 January.

Our 2009 **Young Citizen of the Year** award went to 18-year-old **Mitch Garth**, out-going College Captain at St Paul's College; and the

Community Event of the Year award for the **2008 Manly Sea Eagles Victory Parade** was presented to Sea Eagles Captain and Dally M medallist **Matt Orford** representing the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles.

All three gentlemen have been most deserving of the acknowledgements bestowed on them as part of Manly's Australia Day celebrations.

While Bob's wide ranging achievements are considerable, he was chosen as Manly's Citizen of the Year for 2009 primarily because of his wonderfully generous charity work.

Combining academic achievements with sporting achievements, young Mitch has a long involvement in civic and community service, too.

Also, it was a delight that Matt Orford could take time away from his demanding training schedule with the Sea Eagles to accept the award on his team's behalf for what was one of the most exciting community events Manly has ever hosted.



Achievers: **Bob Smith, Mitch Garth & Matt Orford**