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Passing of a much loved Elder - Aunty Joyce Ingram

The NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP, has joined family and friends in mourning Aunty Joyce Ingram, who passed away in Sydney on 13 June. Her funeral was held today.

“Joyce Ingram was an outstanding Aboriginal Elder and advocate for the Aboriginal people of Redfern and the broader community,” Minister Dominello said.

Joyce Ingram was born in 1922 at Bateman’s Bay and spent her childhood in Redfern. She lived in Leeton and moved back to what became known as The Block in 1949. A stalwart defender of The Block, in 2004 she finally left Eveleigh Street to move to Waterloo when the last houses were to be demolished.

“The matriarch, who died at the age of 89, was head of a family that includes four children, 23 grandchildren and ‘close enough’ to 70 great grandchildren,” Mr Dominello said.

“She was a strong woman who connected the community in times of need.

“As a respected Elder, and mentor to the young people of Redfern and Waterloo, Aunty Joyce will be sorely missed.”