

Vincent De Luca OAM

*The True Independent
Community Before Developers*



Council Elections Saturday 9 September 2017

Postal Voting

The Elections for the new Northern Beaches Council are on Saturday 9 September 2017. Voting is compulsory. The NSW Electoral Commission issues fines if you don't Vote. If you can't vote on Election Day apply for a Postal Vote by completing the Application Form on page 4 and sending it to the NSW Electoral Commission.

I was against Forced Amalgamation and believed a Referendum should've been held to let the people decide.

Pittwater Council was an excellent award winning Council and I am committed to working for all the people of the Northern Beaches in the new amalgamated Council.

Some of My Priorities and Achievements:

Keeping Rates Down

In 2013 I voted against the Mayor of Warringah and his political party's decision to apply for a Special Rate Variation to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to increase Council rates by approximately 25%. I felt such an increase was unsustainable, unfair and Council needed to pull in its own wasteful expenditure before slugging rate-payers. I lead a community campaign against the proposal and while IPART granted an increase in rates of 19.7%, my and the community's campaign ensured the

higher rate application was rejected. I will continue to lobby to ensure that rates are not increased.

Maintaining Free Parking for Rate-Payers at Beaches and Parks

In 2012 Warringah's Mayor and his political party voted to remove the free second Parking Sticker from Rate-Payers. Together with then Councillor Virginia Laugessen, we ensured that the decision was later overturned. With such high rates, I strongly believed, and indeed still do, that rate-payers should not be charged for Parking at our beautiful Beaches and Parks.

Stopping Over-Development

Like most residents, I do not want to see our main arterial roads and community hubs dominated by Chatswood like High Rise Developments – we simply do not have the infrastructure to cope and such development is against our community's lifestyle. In 2008 when Warringah Council was under administration following its dismissal, the Administrator passed a height increase for a particular site in Dee Why to 18 storeys. I campaigned against this and immediately upon my election to the new Warringah Council in 2008 I moved immediately to overturn that decision. Unfortunately, I was blocked by the Mayor's governing majority. In 2013 residents and I were alarmed when the Mayor, in an alliance with Liberal Party Member, Cr Jose Menano Pires moved to increase the height limit of a particular property on

About Vincent De Luca OAM

Vincent, grew up on the Northern Beaches and has worked extensively in youth affairs, youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol prevention, domestic violence prevention and child protection, giving a helping hand to some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in our community.

He was appointed a Delegate to the National Peoples' Convention on Youth Suicide Prevention in 1997 and tasked with developing a youth suicide prevention strategy for Australia with community leaders from across the country. In 2014 and 2015 he was a Delegate to the National Convention on Suicide Prevention. Vincent was also appointed to the Executive Committee of the National Peoples' Council on Drug Prevention - High on Hope, attended the National Cities Against Drugs Summit and he co-founded GAPS youth suicide prevention and support Association. He served as President of the Curl Curl Youth and Community Centre for over a decade, has been a strong advocate and supporter for Surf Life Saving and was formerly the President of the Friends of Warringah Residents' Group against over-development. He has also fundraised extensively for cancer research, and support services for cancer patients and their families and has helped to raise significant funds for the White Ribbon Foundation for stopping violence against women, the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation, Cancer Council NSW and Cure the Future Foundation.

In recognition of his outstanding voluntary service to youth welfare, charitable and sporting organisations in 2004 he was named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and awarded the Order of Australia (OAM).

He has been admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW, has a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practise. He served as an Independent Councillor on Warringah Council from 2008 – 2016. In the last term of Council, he was the only Councillor not a member of any Registered Political Party.

DEVOTED TO CHARITY

Pittwater Road Dee Why to 15 storeys in return for the developer entering into a VPA and paying Council money, office space, a new toilet and foot bridge over Pittwater Road. With our community, I fought hard against this proposal, with even the Joint Regional Planning Panel and the Land and Environment Court eventually rejecting Council's and the developer's proposals concluding that the height was "excessive". I have also, with residents, lobbied against inappropriate Boarding Houses and other developments at Cromer and Frenchs Forrest. I will continue to ensure that the community's views are heard and advocate on your behalf for what you want for the destiny of our wonderful northern beaches.

Protecting Surf Life Saving and volunteer organisations

I opposed successfully Warringah Council's move to commercialise Surf Life Saving facilities and community buildings, one particular proposal was to put a 60 seat Restaurant on the land occupied by Surf Life Saving at the Fisherman's Beach, Long Reef. I believe our volunteer Life Savers and volunteer community and sporting groups are selfless and should not be charged commercial rents of their buildings to undertake the essential community services they devote themselves to. I will continue to fight against commercialisation as I don't want to see Clubs becoming like Surf Clubs in Queensland with poker machines and other gambling facilities. During my time on Council I moved for Grants to Surf Life Saving and other sporting organisations and also worked hard to ensure that the first synthetic field became a reality for Manly Warringah Soccer Association at Cromer Park.

Exposing Council's Luxury Car Fleet and trying to save rate payers money

With the Daily Telegraph, I exposed that Warringah Council had spent millions of dollars of rate payers' money over the years on luxury vehicles for the Mayor and Council staff. Vehicles included makes such as Mercedes, Audi, Jaguar, Volkswagen, Chrysler and Jeep. The waste on maintaining such vehicles was also excessive. My actions brought about transparency and a reduction in the amount luxury vehicles in the fleet. With several other Councils not even providing vehicles for private use for their Mayors and staff, I believe every effort must be made to ensure appropriate and fiscal responsibility of rate-payers' money.

Youth, Aged and Child Care Services

As a former President of one of the Northern Beaches largest Youth and Community Centres for over a decade, with one of the largest children's play groups, I recognised that our community requires decent youth, aged and child care services. This is why I have always moved for funding for better facilities, services and more child care places on the Northern Beaches. I believe that Council has a strong role to lead on such essential services and that rate-payers would rather have their spent on such services rather than luxury vehicles for politicians and bureaucrats and excessive salaries. I have also supported youth suicide and drug and alcohol prevention initiatives and as a long term Ambassador for the White Ribbon Foundation have worked hard to stop domestic violence.

Off Leash Dog Areas

I have lobbied hard for new off-leash dog exercise areas after requests from residents and in my Ward ensured that Truman Reserve and James Wheeler Reserves became



Organising the 2016 White Ribbon event in the NSW Parliament, pictured with Premier, Gladys Berejiklian MP and Minister Victor Dominello MP.



Raising money for the ReachOut WorldWide Aid Charity with Fast and the Furious' Cody Walker and Channel 9's Sam Alhaje



Raising money for the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation with Tiffany Serra and Chair of the Foundation, Diane Langmack OAM



Raising money for the White Ribbon Foundation with Actors, John Claude Van Damme and Tyler De Nawi



Raising money for the Leukaemia Association through Australia's Biggest Shave with the cast of Here Come the Habibs.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP VINCENT'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN?

Make a donation and/or help on election day
9 September 2017
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Postal Vote Application

Local Government Elections

Instruction To Complete This Application

1. Complete all details in block letters using a blue or black pen.
2. Use a tick () where it is applicable.
3. You must declare at least one of the ground/s in the declaration in order to receive a Postal Vote Pack to your delivery address.
4. The declaration must be signed by the applicant. An application that is incomplete or not signed will not be accepted.

Lodgement Information

When does the application have to be submitted?

Applications for a postal vote must be received by the NSW Electoral Commission no later than **5.00pm on the Monday before Election Day**.

Where do I send the application?

Applications for a postal vote must be returned to the NSW Electoral Commission:

By post: NSW Electoral Commission
Centralised Postal Vote Centre
Locked Bag 5049
KINGSGROVE NSW 2208

By fax: 02 8412 2310

By email: pva@elections.nsw.gov.au

By hand: NSW Electoral Commission
Riverwood Business Park
Unit 11, 100 Belmore Road
RIVERWOOD NSW 2210

When do I get my ballot paper and what do I do next?

- Postal vote packs will be sent from approximately 3 weeks prior to Election Day.
- Electors will receive a postal vote pack containing ballot paper(s), instructions for postal voting, a postal vote declaration envelope and a reply paid envelope.
- Completed postal ballot papers must be received by 6.00pm on the Monday after Election Day.

Privacy

Privacy notice: The NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) is authorised under the *Local Government Act 1993* (LGA) to collect the personal information on this form for the purpose of conducting elections. For further detail see the NSWEC Privacy Management Plan available at www.elections.nsw.gov.au/publications/plans/nswec_privacy_management_plan.

If a third party seeks to lodge your application to the NSWEC on your behalf, you should review that third party's privacy policy as the NSWEC is not responsible for the third party's information protection practices with respect to the information it collects from your application form.

Further Information

For more information visit the NSW Electoral Commission at: **www.votensw.info** or phone **1300 135 736**.

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Please refer to page 1 of this application form for instructions and lodgement methods.

Applicant Details

I hereby apply for a postal vote declaration envelope and postal ballot paper(s) to enable me to vote by post at the forthcoming election for:

Only tick 1 type of enrolment; Complete a separate application for additional enrolment(s).

RESIDENTIAL ROLL **OR** NON-RESIDENTIAL ROLLS (ROLL OF OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS OR RATE PAYING LESSEES)

FAMILY NAME

GIVEN NAME(S)

DATE OF BIRTH DD / MM / YYYY

ENROLLED ADDRESS

SUBURB/LOCALITY STATE POSTCODE

CONTACT NUMBER

EMAIL

Postal Vote Ballot Paper Delivery Address

AS ABOVE ENROLLED ADDRESS **OR** SEND TO ADDRESS BELOW

DELIVERY ADDRESS

SUBURB/LOCALITY STATE POSTCODE

COUNTRY (IF OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA)

Declaration

I declare I am an elector enrolled in NSW and that the ground on which I apply to vote by post is (as applicable)

- I will be outside my ward or council area on election day.
- I will be more than 8km from a polling place in my ward or council area on election day.
- I will be travelling which prevents me from attending a polling place on election day.
- I have a serious illness or condition that prevents me from attending a polling place on election day.
- I am approaching maternity.
- I have religious membership or beliefs that prevent me from attending a polling place on election day.
- I am residing in a correctional centre which prevents me from attending a polling place on election day.
- I will be caring for a person outside of a hospital setting which prevents me from attending a polling place on election day.
- I will be working on election day.
- I am a silent elector.
- I am a person with a disability.
- I believe that attending a polling place on election day will place the personal safety of myself or members of my family at risk.

SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR

DATE DD / MM / YYYY

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DATE RECEIVED DD MM YYYY