

Vincent De Luca OAM

*The True Independent
Community Before Developers*



About Vincent De Luca OAM

He has been courageous in speaking out against over-development, excessive salaries for bureaucrats and fought against rate rises, waste of ratepayers' money, and for transparency and accountability in decision making at Council. He is a true Independent, not a member of any political party and has no vested interests.

He has worked extensively in youth affairs, suicide, domestic violence, drug and alcohol prevention. Vincent has been a strong voice for the vulnerable and those without voices. He holds a Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and was admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW. In 2004, in recognition of his outstanding service to the community through youth welfare, sporting and charitable organisations, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Vincent was appointed a Delegate to the National Peoples' Convention on Youth Suicide Prevention in 1997 at which, with community leaders from across the country a National strategy was introduced. He has been a Delegate to the National Conference on Suicide Prevention, served on the Executive Committee of the National Peoples' Council on Drug Prevention - High on Hope, attended the National Cities Against Drugs Summit and co-founded GAPS youth suicide prevention and support Association, served as President of the Curl Curl Youth and Community Centre for nearly two decades, 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. Devoted to many charities, having fought cancer on two occasions, he has raised significant funds for cancer research and support services. He has supported the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation and Cure the Future Foundation for Stem Cell Research and devoted himself to the White Ribbon Foundation for stopping violence against women and numerous refuges and safety houses.

He has been an Independent Councillor for over a decade.

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Vote above the line only

- DE LUCA
Vincent**
Independent
- GILTINAN
Robert**
Independent
- COOK
Tammy**
Independent

True Independents

Stopping Over-development

I voted against the recent Housing Strategy, as I believe it forces overdevelopment, threatens our environment and the very reasons why we live here. I am concerned that Mayor Michael Regan declared a pecuniary conflict of interest and could not vote on it. This document dictates the future of our area and lifestyle. For decades I have argued that our community doesn't want Chatswood like development. We simply don't have the infrastructure to cope with high and medium density development. Even if the Northern Beaches Tunnel eventuates, it will not cater for the level of development targets set. Our roads will be carparks. I have a proven track record over the decades of stopping over development and inappropriate development. I will always put the interests of the community above developers. I have moved various successful Motions at Council, calling on State Governments to reform planning legislation, have more effective public consultation in relation to Planning Policies, particularly on Boarding Houses and Seniors Living development. I have spoken out against the misuse and manipulation of Policies, by some developers relating to Boarding Houses and Seniors Living developments to avoid usual transparent application processes. Communities are being destroyed with these type of developments not having services or infrastructure to cope with the population and vehicle increase. I have also supported residents in their fights against the placement of mobile phone antennae near schools, pre-schools and other sensitive areas.

Narrabeen Lagoon strategy

Millions of dollars have been wasted on ad-hoc, often ineffectual openings of Narrabeen Lagoon often causing flooding to residences and increases in insurance premiums. I have worked to ensure a long-term solution. I've ensured the public had its say on the Options Paper issued in February on possible future management strategies of the opening of the lagoon, such as the installation of low flow pipes, ebb-tide channels and other proposals. I have continued to encourage Council's bureaucrats, of the need to be proactive and open the Lagoon prior to predicted rain falls to prevent flooding - this has occurred. I will continue to advocate that the manual opening based on a set level height of the Lagoon is ineffectual and too costly and that long term solutions need to be urgently installed to prevent flooding and waste of ratepayers' money. I have also made representations on behalf of constituents to insurers regarding increases to their premiums.

Wakehurst Parkway Flood Mitigation plan and Mona Vale Road improvement works

I moved Motions at Council and lobbied for State and Federal Governments' funding to be urgently advanced and works expedited, noting that works should have been completed prior to the closure of Mona Vale Hospital and the opening of the Northern Beaches Hospital. Flooding still prevents

access by the residents of the northern part of the peninsula from travelling quickly to the new hospital. I have also emphasised that any works must be undertaken sensitively with care to prevent damage to Aboriginal heritage sights, fauna and bushland.

Saving Mona Vale Police Station and standing up against Gang Violence and other crime



Our community has experienced gang attacks on a Police Inspector at Warriewood and children bashed, threatened and robbed on a weekly basis, drug dealing, home and car break-ins, vandalism, stabbings and a vicious cowardly gang attack at Newport that received National condemnation.

I have been the only strong voice on Council against any possible closure of Mona Vale Police Station and the need for greater Police presence. I initiated a Petition and have strong public campaign against gang violence and crime and the need for Mona Vale Police Station to be made fully operational. My interviews on 2GB Radio and Ch 7 News, lobbying of government, resulted in the Police Commissioner initiating a special operation into gang and youth crime. My encouraging victims to come forward has led to arrests and convictions.

Rubbish collections and waste fee increases

I voted against the URM contract, which costs ratepayers over \$17 million per year. I felt the costs were excessive and there would be service deficiencies. The replacement bins cost \$13.25 million which I believe was unnecessary and wasteful. The new smaller bins are non-sensical. The discontinuance of the traditional regular, twice a year curbside bulky goods collection (now residents must book and go on a wait list) has also attracted residents' complaints and this was another reason I voted against the contract. I have processed since the contract started, thousands of residents' complaints about bins not collected, collections starting from 4am contrary to the specified contract stipulation that collections must be after 6am. I have ensured residents' complaints have been addressed and worked hard to ensure residents receive a service they are paying millions of dollars for each year. I also ensured extra bulky goods and clean up collections, free of charge, during the floods for those suffering flood damage and hardship.

A leader in Social and Welfare issues

I will continue to be the leader in Council focussing on social issues, pursuing mental health and wellness and domestic violence prevention. During COVID lockdowns I struck a Petition and made hundreds of representations on behalf of residents and local businesses to expedite and extend Government Financial Support and provide mental health services.

Holding the bureaucracy accountable and keeping rates down

Since the amalgamation of Pittwater, Warringah and Manly Councils into one, rates have gone up by \$30 million. Amalgamation was promised to reduce rates, red tape and bureaucracy.

Every year, I have voted against Mayor Regan and his party's rate and fee rises as they simply cannot be justified. Particularly as people are struggling due to COVID-19 and associated financial pressures due to lost jobs and businesses. I will work to cut the huge bureaucracy, exorbitant fat cat salaries and other self-interests. I also moved for cuts to Mayoral and Councillor fees.

I believe cutting the bureaucracy and lowering excessive salaries would prevent the need of increasing rates every year. For over 20 years I have campaigned for reform of the excessive salaries paid to Council bureaucrats.

Some bureaucrats are paid more than State Premiers, cancer specialists and people with much more responsibility than a Council bureaucrat. At Northern Beaches Council over 40% of Council's entire budget, \$138 million - your money - is spent on salaries and benefits. Our CEO is on over half a million dollars - \$522,321 and is entitled to a vehicle. Millions of dollars of rate payers' money is spent each year on several levels of management bureaucracy: Directors (which were doubled from three to six upon the CEO's request) cost \$2,248,008, Executive Managers cost \$5,893,810, Managers cost \$15,208,330 and Team Leaders cost \$18,593,901. I am delighted that the NSW Government has finally taken up my and others' requests for reform. The NSW Government is considering introducing an independent panel to set salaries of executive bureaucrats.

Telecommunications infrastructure

I have supported residents in their fights against the inappropriate placement of telecommunications antennae near schools, pre-schools and other sensitive areas. I have moved successful motions at Council calling for better community consultation on locations of 5G antenna and that determination of Telecommunication Infrastructure should be returned from Federal Government to Local Government.

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Dedicated to the Community and Charities



At the opening of the Isa Wye MBE OAM Rock Pool Dee Why, with former Olympian Lisa Forrest, Bronwyn Bishop AC and the Wye family.



With the Chair of Beyond Blue, The Hon Julia Gillard AC and Councillors at the National Suicide Prevention Conference.



Raising money for the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation, with Di Langmack OAM, Paula Duncan AM and Julie Singleton



With Voice of a Veteran, Heston Russell and Phil Gould AM discussing veteran support and youth welfare initiatives.



Grace Fava OAM supporting the Autism Advisory Support Service fundraiser



At the NSW Woman of the Year Award (Pittwater) with Animal rescuer, Lynleigh Greig.



Raising money for the White Ribbon Foundation for the prevention of violence against women



Raising funds for Womens and Children's Safe Houses and Emergency Centre



With members of Narrabeen Beach Surf Life Saving Club



At the opening of the renovated Narrabeen Swimming Club house with long time member Edwena Pedersen



At the 40th Anniversary of the Warringah Aquatic Centre which Vincent's late grandmother, Marjorie Smith OAM helped to achieve in the 1970s



At the Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Prevention Network with Rachael Natoli of The Lokahi Foundation

Achievements

Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure

I have lobbied for much needed pedestrian safety infrastructure and thanks to the Infrastructure Stimulus package, schools will receive new pedestrian safety infrastructure: Collaroy Plateau PS, Cromer HS, Cromer PS, Elanora Heights PS, Narrabeen Lakes PS and Pittwater House School. I have fought for safety initiatives across the Council area for better roads and pedestrian crossings.

Caring about the community

Our community has suffered unprecedented trauma and financial loss due to COVID-19. During the first lockdown, I lead the charge, initiated a Petition, wrote to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Premier, Treasurers, Ministers and Members of Parliament and liaised with Federal and State decision makers to ensure more services on the Northern Beaches and better access to benefits for struggling residents and small businesses. The lines at CentreLink Brookvale were Kms long. My calls for better services also helped lead to the CentreLink's Call back service as well opt in online service for expression of interests for benefits.

\$1.7 million COVID Memorial abandoned after pressure

During the height of the first COVID-19 first lock down, residents were outraged by a councillor in Mayor Regan's party move to expend a minimum of \$100,000 from the merger savings fund of \$1.7m, with no maximum expenditure cap, on a COVID Memorial. Worse, the insensitive decision didn't even include a provision that only local struggling artists could tender to do it. With Councillor Rory Amon, we took up residents' concerns, many of whom had lost their jobs or businesses, and put a stop to this insensitive proposal.

Narrabeen New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

A new 3 metre wide pedestrian and cycle way alongside the existing bridge.

Helped to ensure millions of dollars have been identified in Council's Budget to support services, renew assets and capital projects:

- ✓ Collaroy and Long Reef - \$20.2 million
- ✓ Collaroy Plateau - \$7 million
- ✓ Cromer and Cromer Heights - \$12.9 million
- ✓ Elanora Heights - \$6.6 million
- ✓ Ingleside - \$1.6 million
- ✓ Oxford Falls - \$1 million
- ✓ Narrabeen and North Narrabeen - \$29.3 million
- ✓ Warriewood - \$24.8 million
- ✓ Wheeler Heights - \$4.4 million



With former President of the Manly Warringah Football Association, Ray Fanning and Brookvale Premier League player, Luke Femia at Cromer Park looking at the new synthetic all weather surface which Vince helped to achieve.



With The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP and Cr Rory Amon collecting donations at Warriewood



Congratulations Sea Eagles Trbojevic brothers

Stopping waste on luxury vehicles – no more Jaguars, Mercedes and Audis for bureaucrats

I publicly exposed the lucrative benefits to Council Staff and the Mayor of Council's car fleet. That \$3,017,770 of your money is budgeted for vehicles for bureaucrats can also use for personal travel. In the past, the Mayor had a Council purchased and funded Jaguar an array of other luxury vehicles. Bureaucrats had council providing them them with Mercedes Benz, Audis, BMWs, Landcruisers and other luxury vehicles. My pressure has stopped the Mayor having a Council purchased luxury vehicle and stopped the purchase of luxury vehicles for Council staff.

Maintaining Free Parking for Rate-Payers at Beaches and Parks

I overturned Regan's 2012 decision to remove the free second Parking Sticker from Rate-Payers. I will continue to ensure this is maintained

Ingleside Place strategy

I have serious concerns regarding the current proposal by the Department of Planning and oppose it. The fact the State Government has not allocated funding in its Budget for infrastructure or improvement to Powderworks and Mona Vale Roads, makes the proposal untenable. Traffic is already chaotic on Powderworks and Mona Vale Roads as well as the Wakehurst Parkway. Having nearly one thousand new homes will only exacerbate this. The small lot sizes and destruction of bushland and cultural heritage is also a concern. The State Government, in its previous proposal, also proposed a new school – this has been removed and ratepayers', will be paying for new infrastructure as well as the future infrastructure the proposal is not in the public interest. I was absolutely shocked when the Department of Planning revealed that there would not be assisted evacuation in the case of an emergency. "Unassisted evacuations" are proposed to be via the already choked Powderworks Road. I have a genuine fear for public safety in the event of a disaster and feel the government needs to review its current plan. I have worked closely with residents and the Department of Planning, to ensure residents can have their say and that issues of concern and questions are properly considered and answered.

Off Leash Dog Areas

I have lobbied hard for new off-leash dog exercise areas after requests from residents. I believe we need to cater for dogs and their owners and promote healthy lifestyles and will work for more areas.

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TESTIMONIALS



He's extremely passionate and very committed to providing what's best for the community!
Tom Trbojevic,
NRL Dally M winner, Australian and State of Origin Rugby League representative player.



His devotion to improving soccer and other sporting facilities and always being there for residents to help them is greatly appreciated by many.
Luke Femia,
Brookvale Premier League Soccer Player & Local Business Owner



He truly cares about the issues that matter and will go out of his way to help people.
Phil Gould AM,
Sports Commentator & Former NSW Rugby League State of Origin Coach



Vincent has always shown dedication and commitment to our community, helping those in need or working to solve issues effecting the wider community. He is a passionate supporter of local sporting clubs and works to enhance the facilities for clubs and competitors at all levels. His commitment to Swimming is legendary, over many many years.
Lois Clarke OAM, Life Member, Dee Why Ladies Amateur Swimming Club, Life Member, Warringah Amateur Swimming Club



We have known Vincent all our lives. He has been a mentor, supported all sports and worked tirelessly to help people. He loves our community and is always the first to fight for what is right.
Mo'onia Gerrard OAM and Mark Gerrard
*Former Australian Diamonds Netballer, NSW Swifts and Manly Warringah representative player
Former Australian Wallaby, NSW Warratahs and Warringah Rugby representative player*



He is a strong leader who listens and cares deeply about his community and its people and has the courage to stand up for what matters. We know Vince to be a kind, honest, empathetic, courageous, and committed person and Councillor and he has our full support.
Martin and Michelle Taupau,
International representative and NRL player



As a cancer survivor like Vince, I know how important it is to raise money for ground breaking research and equipment to find a cure for cancer. Vince's work in continually fundraising for cancer research, equipment and patient support services is extraordinary.
Diane Langmack OAM,
Chair, Cure the Future Foundation

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Where you can Vote in the Narrabeen Ward:

Collaroy Masonic Hall –

1183 Pittwater Road, Collaroy

Collaroy Plateau Public School –

Plateau Road, Collaroy Plateau

Cromer Community Centre –

150 Fisher Road North, Cromer

Cromer High – Northern Beaches Secondary College -

South Creek Rd, Cromer

Elanora Heights Public School –

43 Elanora Road, Elanora Heights

Narrabeen Lakes Public School –

Pittwater Road, Narrabeen

Narrabeen Sports High School –

10 Narrona Street, North Narrabeen

RSL Lifecare –

90 Veterans Parade, Narrabeen

Ted Blackwood Community Centre –

Boondah Road, Warriewood

The Lakes Parish Hall –

21 Lagoon Street, Narrabeen

Wheeler Heights Public School –

36 Veterans Parade, Collaroy Plateau

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THE TRUE INDEPENDENTS



Vincent De Luca OAM's True Independent Team

True Independent candidates NOT members of a political party

Tammy Cook

- Community leader for over 20 years
- BA degree in Business
- Sub Contracts Manager in Defence Industry
- Awarded Distinguished Service Award – Narrabeen Beach Surf Life Saving Club
- Long term advocate for youth.
- Has served on the Management Committee of Narrabeen SLSC, former Manager Cromer Cricket Club, volunteer Dee Why Lions Rugby Club and Cromer Netball Club

Robert Giltinan OAM

- Community leader for over 40 years
- Former Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Warringah
- Awarded the Order of Australia for outstanding service to tennis and the Northern Beaches community
- Recipient of the Australian Sports Medal
- Recipient of the Australian Volunteer Medal
- Recipient of the Australian Defence Medal
- Local small business owner and Tennis coach
- Former professional tennis player, including Wimbledon, US Open, French Open and Davis Cup
- Justice of the Peace for NSW

Support from **Patricia Giles OAM**, Founding Member of Pittwater Council and longest serving Mayor of Pittwater



Vincent De Luca OAM is an outstanding community representative, who like me, became involved with Local Government from the grass roots due to concern about over-development and that residents were being ignored.

Vincent has been loyal to all of the Northern Beaches and supported me in many campaigns, particularly to Save Mona Vale Hospital and protect our beautiful and unique area from over-development. I have absolute trust and confidence in him that he will represent all in the community, regardless of whether they come from Pittwater or Warringah. He has a proven track record of fairness, integrity and taking up the fight for residents.

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