

## RECORD REGIONAL FUNDING & BIG AWARDS JUST SOME OF 2014 HIGHLIGHTS AS NEW SHOROC PRESIDENT ELECTED

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Record transport and health infrastructure funding for the Northern Beaches and Mosman as well as SHOROC being awarded the state's highest accolade in planning excellence have been highlighted the SHOROC 2013-14 Annual Report.

In presenting the Annual Report, outgoing SHOROC President and Mayor of Pittwater, Cr Jacqueline Townsend says "the \$644M in funding for public transport, \$129M for health services, and receiving the PIA's President's Award for excellence in planning is testament to the strong model of collaboration between councils and the NSW Government that is SHOROC".

"This is record funding for transport and roads for our region and we will all benefit enormously with a modern and sustainable public transport system and major road upgrades, a new and upgraded hospitals and community health centres," Cr Townsend said.

The Annual Report was released at the SHOROC AGM which also saw the election of Cr Peter Abelson Mayor of Mosman as President and Cr Jean Hay AM Mayor of Manly as Vice-President.

Cr Abelson says it is an honour to be elected the SHOROC President.

"SHOROC is a leader for what can be achieved collectively and it is a privilege to be elected President as we work together for our communities.

"I would also like to acknowledge the work of outgoing President, Cr Jacqueline Townsend who led SHOROC through one of our most successful years to date in terms of funding allocated to the region for much needed transport and health infrastructure.

"We plan to build on these successes and continue advocating on behalf of the Northern Beaches and Mosman.

"Transport remains our core priority and we will be working with the government to deliver the Pittwater Rd BRT and road upgrades, as well as calling on the government to fast-track the tunnel under Mosman. The BRT between Dee Why and Chatswood is critically important and needs to be funded now along with road upgrades around the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

"Teamwork and the united voice of our four councils gets results – we are good at advocacy, we have good outcomes and we have an excellent Board. I look forward to leading SHOROC over the coming year and continuing our work with NSW and Commonwealth Governments for an even better region.

"On behalf of our councils I thank our State and Federal MPs for their commitment to addressing our infrastructure needs and working closely with us to make our region even better. Thank you particularly to the SHOROC Board, councillors and staff who have made outstanding contributions and demonstrate the value and results councils achieve through partnership," Cr Abelson said.

### **SHOROC 2013/14 Annual Report**

Ends. For more information: Ben Taylor – SHOROC Executive Director 9905 0095.

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