

## MAYOR TOWNSEND ELECTED SHOROC PRESIDENT

28 November 2013

Pittwater Mayor Jacqueline Townsend has been elected the new President of SHOROC at the 2013 Annual General Meeting. Mayor Townsend succeeds Warringah Mayor, Cr Michael Regan, who held the position for the past year. Manly Mayor Jean Hay AM was elected as SHOROC Vice President.

Cr Townsend said it was an honour to be elected the SHOROC President and to lead the SHOROC partner councils into another year of advocacy and collaboration.

“Many other councils look to SHOROC as a model for what can be achieved collectively and it is a privilege to be elected President to lead the work of SHOROC as we work together for our communities.

“It has been a challenging year for local government with foreshadowed changes to planning laws and the local government framework which makes the progress achieved by SHOROC and our partner councils even more significant.

“I would also like to acknowledge the work of outgoing President, Cr Michael Regan who successfully 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 for better public transport and roads including the Warringah, Mona Vale and Pittwater/Spit/Military Road corridors and the much anticipated Bus Rapid Transit system.

“Our other big focus will be the ensuring the successful construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital, along with the necessary and long overdue road upgrades surrounding it, and upgrading Mona Vale Hospital for its long term complementary role.

“We will continue to build on the significant cost savings already achieved by leveraging our regional buying power and continued business improvements.

“It’s clear the teamwork and a united voice of our four councils gets results and in my role as President, I look forward to leading SHOROC over the coming year and working with NSW and Commonwealth Governments for a better Northern Beaches and Mosman,” Cr Townsend said.

The Hon Bronwyn Bishop attended the AGM and affirmed SHOROC is an important organisation for councils and said it was important all three levels of government continue to work together and be involved in the interest of their communities and that SHOROC continues to work constructively together which evidence shows it already does.

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