

## MPS AND MAYORS FROM NORTHERN BEACHES AND MOSMAN TALK PRIORITIES AT BIENNIAL SHOROC LEADERS FORUM

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Record transport and health funding for the SHOROC region was a hot topic of discussion at the meeting today of NSW Members of Parliament and Mayors from Sydney's Northern Beaches and North Shore.

The Hon Jillian Skinner MP, The Hon Brad Hazzard MP, The Hon Rob Stokes MP and Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP met with the SHOROC Board of Mayors and General Managers from Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah councils.

SHOROC President and Pittwater Mayor Jacqueline Townsend said "we have achieved much together over recent years through collaboration and these regular meetings enable us to address the big issues for our region as a united group. "

"The NSW Government recently announced \$633 million Northern Beaches Transport Action Plan and today we discussed how the councils will work closely with the NSW Government to implement the Bus Rapid Transit system and major road works," said Mayor Townsend.

"A key priority we all agreed is advocating to maintain our vital social infrastructure and services such as youth homelessness services, support for sufferers of domestic violence, and youth employment and education services", said Mayor Townsend.

"The partnership we have built with our local MPs is achieving great results for this region and I congratulate our local MPs and in particular NSW Premier The Hon Mike Baird MP for finally delivering a plan that will address our major transport choke points.

"It's also great to see work progressing at a rapid rate on the new health system including the Northern Beaches and Mona Vale hospitals.

Boosting the local economy and attracting business investment to provide more local jobs and improve job containment is an area discussed the group will be focussing on in the coming year.

"These forums are invaluable for us as a region. Together we can make this fantastic area even stronger for the future."

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