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Value & results for councils through partnership, shows Annual Report

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SHOROC has released its 2011-12 Annual Report, which shows the significant results and value gained for councils and the region in the past year.

"In this past year, our continued regional advocacy as four councils with a united voice has seen great results as we seek to secure hospital and transport infrastructure for our region," said Michael Regan, SHOROC President and Mayor of Warringah.

Planning for construction on the Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest is on target to commence in 2013/14, with Mona Vale Hospital to be retained in a complementary role.

"The community will benefit greatly when the planned new facilities and services are in place and we will continue to push the State Government to ensure planning remains on track and that it commits to the necessary and long overdue Warringah Road upgrades."

"The campaign for transport is gaining traction and this year a detailed feasibility study on a Northern Beaches Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) was released which showed that BRT is feasible for our region. It is now time for the NSW Government to move to detailed planning and commit the funds for construction."

Value for councils is a key part of SHOROC's role. This year council staff worked together on six joint tenders, including roads construction services, minor capital works and more, ran collaborative projects such as a regional groundwater investigation and the delivery of training, and collectively saved over \$1.5 million for their councils.

"I am also pleased that this year has seen councils agree that a common waste collection system will be introduced in the coming years that will enable us to achieve better resource recovery and is expected to achieve major cost savings for councils".

SHOROC has also advocated on behalf of the region through joint submissions on the NSW 2021 Northern Beaches Regional Action Plan, NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, Metropolitan Strategy and NSW Planning System Review.

The 2011-12 Annual Report contains more information on these and other projects, clearly showing the value and results councils can achieve through partnership.

"I would like to thank and congratulate the Board members, Councillors and staff for their support and commitment during what was a very productive year" Mayor Regan concluded.

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