

## NEW REGIONAL REPORT CARD PUTS INFO AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

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SHOROC's new State of the Region website shows the area covered by Mosman, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater councils is becoming greener, healthier and more productive, but buying a house or getting a hospital bed might be harder compared to the state average.

The engaging new infograph-style website includes five areas of health and wellbeing, economy, natural environment, built environment and leadership to keep both community and government informed of how the region is tracking against these key indicators.

SHOROC President and Mayor of Warringah, Michael Regan, says having this information readily available will make it easier to track progress and identify priorities.

"Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah have joined forces through SHOROC to work for stronger councils and a stronger region and having this kind of regional information at our fingertips shows what's working and where we need to increase our efforts.

"The indicators show that we are exercising more and living longer than the state average, though we currently have a shortfall of hospital beds compared to national average which validates the NSW Government's plan to build the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest while maintaining complimentary services at Mona Vale.

"Our green credentials are looking positive with the data showing residents living in the SHOROC region have increased the amount of waste being diverted from landfill from 48% to 52%, 20 of our 21 beaches are rated as 'good' or 'very good' and in the past year councils have decreased their green house gas emissions by 1,413 tonnes.



“Our transport habits appear to be changing too with an increase in the proportion of trips made by public transport or walking over the past five years. The Bus Rapid Transit system SHOROC has proposed for the region would make public transport use an even more attractive alternative to private car travel.

“Another important indicator shows SHOROC residents are now contributing more than \$20 billion to the NSW economy, an increase of almost 14%.

“Having this detailed information gives us a better idea about the big picture and we can see how we are tracking and where we can work together to improve as a region such as housing affordability and the use of public and active transport to reduce traffic congestion.

“The State of our Region report will be released every two years and this type of robust reporting will allow the community and councils to measure progress and focus our united efforts to reach our objectives,” Mayor Regan said.

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