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NEW PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ANNUAL REPORT FOR SHOROC

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The value of councils working together for the northern beaches and north shore has again been demonstrated as SHOROC released its annual report, while new leaders have taken the reins of the award-winning organisation for the year ahead.

Over \$140 million in infrastructure funding for the region through advocacy, the state's highest accolade in planning excellence, plans to supports jobs in the visitor economy and \$1.6M in waste grants are highlights in the SHOROC 2014-15 Annual Report.

In presenting the Annual Report, outgoing SHOROC President and Mayor of Mosman, Cr Peter Abelson said that even though it has been a challenging year for local government, SHOROC has continued to help deliver great outcomes for our councils and this region.

"We have built and consolidated strong partnerships to ensure councils have a central role in implementing the major regional infrastructure projects. With over \$770M allocated to the region for transport and health services as a result of regional advocacy in recent years, we are now working closely with the state to help make the most of this investment.

The partnership with the NSW Government is a major achievement of SHOROC with a model of council and state government collaboration that has delivered great outcomes for the region. Other areas of success include SHOROC's joint procurement service which now centrally manages seven contracts worth \$18.5M annually which are used by 10 councils across northern Sydney.

The Annual Report was released at the SHOROC AGM which also saw the election of Cr Jean Hay Mayor of Manly as President and Cr Michael Regan Mayor of Warringah as Vice-President.

Cr Hay 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 region.

"I would also like to acknowledge the work of outgoing President, Cr Peter Abelson who led SHOROC through a challenging yet quite successful year 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 and health remain our core priorities and we will be working with the government to deliver the BRT, road upgrades, new hospital and community health services that we have so strongly advocated for over the past decade.

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Cr Hay made particular mention and thanks to the outgoing SHOROC Executive Director Ben Taylor who led the organisation for six years and achieved much for the region, and welcomed Dominic Johnson the new Executive Director.

"On behalf of our councils I thank our State and Federal MPs, the SHOROC Board, councillors and staff who have made outstanding contributions and demonstrate what councils can achieve through partnership and I look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of the region and our areas," Cr Hay said.

SHOROC 2014/15 Annual Report

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