

Councillors' feedback...feedback...



I was elected councillor one year ago. As I look back I would describe it to be a very challenging and fruitful year in 2018.

Beaches Link Tunnel

The RMS has not made a final decision as to the location for work sites associated with the Beaches Link Tunnel. A temporary construction site is proposed at either Bicentennial Reserve Baseball Diamond or in the Flat Rock Gully Reserve, along the eastern edge of Flat Rock Drive. There are advantages and disadvantages associated with both sites. Whichever site is chosen the RMS is committed to restoring it to its present form. Our community concerns include noise, truck movements, dust and disturbance of contaminated fill. RMS has indicated that the removal of landfill material will be disposed of to a licenced landfill and any spoil removed from the tunnelling works will not be dumped at the site. RMS is still undertaking considerable investigation and consultation on both sites and the final plans for these sites still has not been fully developed.

Artarmon Bowling Club Land

Willoughby City Council is seeking to establish a community garden on

a portion of the former Artarmon Bowling Club site. A council sponsored community meeting has been conducted on site for residents interested in the project and to provide feedback.

Artarmon Residents Parking Scheme

The residents parking scheme and 4 hour parking restriction in East Artarmon is being monitored closely by Willoughby Council. The council is in the process of implementing the final stage of this scheme. This has resulted in the delay in completion of the Artarmon west resident parking study which will be exhibited for community consultation early next year.

Development Applications

I get asked a lot about the processes and determination authority for development applications (DA) and planning proposals, so I have decided to provide an outline and some clarifications.

The determination of a DA is now done through either:

1. Delegation – Council Officers
2. Willoughby Local Planning Panel
3. Sydney North Planning Panel

Most DA's fall into the first category, where determination is done by a Willoughby City Council planning officer, with peer review by Team Leader or by the Assessment Review Panel.

When there are ten or more objections from different householders, or a variation of more than 10% to a development standard, or three and more storeys, or four and more dwellings, or demolition of heritage items, it would fall into the second category and be determined by Willoughby Local Planning Panel.

The last category consists of Council owner or applicant for development greater than \$5 million, Crown development greater than \$5 million, Eco tourist facility greater than \$5 million, and Development greater than \$30 million.

I hope this answers most questions.

Please share your thoughts with me and I welcome any feedback on current issues.

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Artarmon Shopping Centre Development

I am pleased that Council has made a budget commitment to the redevelopment of our shopping strip.

It is tired and in much need of love. One factor that we need to consider is how best to do this needed work and minimise the impact on residents and local businesses. I have been working hard with council staff on the best way

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for us to progress this project, and I am pleased that Mayor Gail has suggested hosting a meeting between the Council, the APA and local businesses. I look forward to these meetings and to work starting on these sites in the coming months. If you have suggestions please contact me – I would love to hear your feedback.

Western Harbour and Beaches Link Tunnels

A lot of residents have contacted me concerned about the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link developments and the impacts that these projects will have on our community. We have been advised that two of the main tunnelling sites will be located in our local Council ward, and involve the destruction of either local parklands or sporting fields.

Despite assurances from the NSW Government, many in our community remain concerned about the impact of unfiltered smoke stacks near our homes, our parks, our schools and our hospitals.

While the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal has now closed, you can always contact our local member, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian MP and let her know your thoughts on 9439 4199.

Happy Holidays

As 2018 winds down and Council goes

into recess, I hope you all have a chance to relax and unwind with family and friends this festive season. It has been a long year and we have achieved a lot as a community.

As always, I am always keen to hear your feedback about what we are doing well or where we could improve. Please contact me using the details below if you've got any suggestions.

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Nineteen year anniversary

In September this year, I celebrated the 19th anniversary of being elected as a Local Government councillor. As some would joke: "you get less for murder". For me, it has been an honour and extraordinary privilege to represent and advocate for the people of Naremburn Ward, those living in Artarmon and Naremburn.

I sought election all those years ago, not as someone with a personal agenda to be achieved under the guise of being a community representative but to assist with community building the best way possible. I hope I have passed my own self-imposed test. I have certainly tried at all times to follow the objective behind this principle.

In this regard, I have been very fortunate that two people who recently

left us offered me friendship and support and passive advice at different times in these 19 years. These individuals were Richard Gartrell and Ted Mack. Both very different individuals but with one common quest – strong principles and community without compromise. Both men had a wonderful sense of humour and great insight and observations. I was privileged to have the conversations that I did have with them. They certainly in their own separate ways assisted me greatly. In thinking about Richard, I must also pay tribute to Glenda.

Noise and disturbance from Metro works

Residents have approached me with alarming accounts of the noise and disturbance during night works in the rail corridor. It is as bad as, if not worse than, accounts provided to the Upper House inquiry into the CBD Light Rail Project.

I have been to see the Local State Member about the issue. My advice to people impacted is just keep writing to the Local Member about the issue so that the problem is known. The Sydney Metro project has taken steps with some residents in West Ward to mitigate potential noise and disturbance. But these cases are not numerous.

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