

Council Elections Results 2012

Quinn romps home with 42pc of the vote



fighting for his Council position after more than two decades of elected service.

Conservationist mayoral candidate Clr Peter Astridge has been re-elected but gained around only 10 per cent of the mayoral vote with a six per cent swing against him.

Mark Bennett from the Richard Quinn team has been elected alongside Justine McLaughlin from the Sheil team.

High profile young candidate Zac Miles is engulfed in a desperate battle for preferences against Gary Bird from the Richard Quinn team and Jason Lin from the Sheil team.

Ungrouted candidate Jim Sanderson was the outstanding candidate and he gained close to 10 per cent of the vote and was almost elected.

Richard Quinn said his first priority was to ensure a stable transition from the era of recently retired Mayor Sue Hoopmann.

He said he also wanted to "move quickly" to honour an election promise to re-establish Hunters Hill's precinct committee system, last used during the garden suburb's fight against forced amalgamation in 2003.

"We are a close, caring community with a unique character and I have every confidence we can represent everyone in the community when everyone gets a say and an everyone gets an opportunity to put their views and their ideas."

Clr Quinn was rubbished by opponents during the election who claimed he held extreme protectionist views on heritage and that Hunters Hill would become a "museum suburb" if he were elected mayor.

"My team has stated a position in favour of an adaptive, creative re-use of heritage as well as a commitment to integrity, honesty and a fair and impartial consideration of developments within the framework of our draft

LEP and our DCP," he said.

"With these plans and with our commitment we can safeguard against inappropriate over development."

The new council will face an immediate development challenge from the NSW State Government which has set the municipality a population increase target that General Manager Barry Smith recently warned it would be "hard pressed" to meet.

Failure to meet this target could strengthen the case for the O'Farrell Government to look into a forced merger with neighbouring Ryde, which has exceeded its population targets.

Clr Sheil and her team received around a third of all pre-preference votes and will seek to honour election promises which include turning Hunters Hill Shopping Village into "a child friendly and true village" environment.

Both Clr Sheil and her team colleague Justine McLaughlin have also resolved to fight over development at Gladesville Hospital as well as forced amalgamation.

Clr Sheil was the first to publicly congratulate Richard Quinn who she said was "very deserving of the position of Hunters Hill's new popularly elected Mayor, having won the majority of first preference support".

Waterfront mayor staying afloat in a sea of Liberals

Angelo Tsirekas looks certain to be re-elected Mayor of Canada Bay with just under 50 per cent of the vote on the back of a 9.6 per cent swing.

His popular vote for mayor bests a general swing to Labor across Canada Bay of 4.6 per cent on last election results.

Liberal mayoral candidate and former Mayor Clr Michael Megna gained around 41 per cent of the popular vote on top of a city wide swing of 10 per cent swing to the Liberals overall.

Both the Liberal and Labor parties were deadlocked on around 44 per cent of the vote before preferences.

A two per cent swing against The Greens saw the party capture less than 12 per cent of votes. The Greens preferred Labor.

Alongside Michael Megna; Liberal candidates Helen McCaffrey and Mirjana Cestar were elected while Labor candidates Tony Fasanella, Marion O'Connell and Neil Kenzler have also been elected.

Final counting for Canada Bay's eight member council closes this Thursday.

Mayor Tsirekas recently told The Weekly Times it was his priority to ensure Canada Bay was financially well managed and income from developments distributed fairly and equitably.

He said his immediate priority was to push ahead with the Rhodes Master Plan and promote the Rhodes peninsula as a popular venue for residents and visitors.

PARRAMATTA

In the north of TWT territory around Epping in the Lachlan Macquarie ward of Parramatta City Council the high profile

followed by the Karola Brent Independents on 23 per cent and The Greens on 17.5 per cent.

In West Ward the Scott Bennisson Liberals won 47.1 per cent of the vote ahead of their nearest rivals the Daniel Strassberg independents.

In East Ward the David Brooks-Horn Liberals won 41 per cent of the vote ahead of three groups of independents on 27 per cent, 14 per cent and 5 per cent.

Ungrouted candidate Wendy Stamp gained 11.2 per cent of the vote.

HORNSBY

The mayoral race in Hornsby is going down to the wire with Liberal Steve Russell narrowly ahead of former Mayor Nick Berman.

On first preferences Russell is leading with 43.12 per cent of the vote to Berman's 39.84 per cent.

Berman ran as an independent after losing Liberal preselection and suffered a swing against him of 22 per cent on last election results.

Independent mayoral candidate Mick Gallagher, a former mayor, has 13.35 per cent of the vote and the Liberal Democratic Candidate Peter Whelan has 3.69 per cent.

Overall the Liberals have won all three wards and captured 46 per cent of the overall primary vote ahead of the Independents on 29 per cent, The Greens on 14 per cent.

The Liberals won in C Ward where Michael Hutchence captured more than 50 per cent of the vote well ahead of their rivals the Bernadette Azizi team on 24 per cent.

LANE COVE

In Lane Cove the Liberal Party has achieved a swing of more than 8 per cent to capture 49 per cent of the vote and win Central Ward, East Ward and West Ward.

The win comes at the expense of The Greens who suffered a swing of 10 per cent against them while the Labor vote increased by around 4 per cent.

In Central Ward Deborah Hutchens' Liberals received around 59 per cent of the vote

Top Ryde has a top ride

One of the world's top bike companies is celebrating Bike Week 2012 in the heart of Top Ryde.

Avanti Plus (Top Ryde) will be celebrating Bike Week with displays of the world renowned Avanti mountain, road, path, trail, track and kids bikes.

Experts will be on hand to advise of the best Avanti bike to suit the needs of families, fitness riders and children.

Avanti recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary of bike technology including outstanding performances in the Tour de France.

"For 25 years, we've pushed the design and innovation to stay out in front and we call this approach Avanti Design Technology," the Avanti pit crew said.

"It's what the ADT insignia means on your bike and it's what gives you and us the edge."

Avanti bikes are only sold in eight countries and equip many of the world's elite cyclists.

"Our goal is to get more people, everywhere, riding," the Avanti crew said.

"We want people to have more fun, spend more time with their family, get fitter,

look after the planet better, travel, meet people, participate and compete at every level."

Avanti is honoured to be involved in Bike Week.

"We work with local communities to grow cycling."

"When you're this close to the real people who ride, it can't help but come through in everything you create."

The Pit Crew stressed their passion for riding as well as creating advanced bike technology.

"Riding is in our DNA and we ride it, we live it and we love it and we want share this with you."



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