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## **FORMER DEPUTY MAYOR OF PITTWATER TO RUN WITH “YOUR NORTHERN BEACHES INDEPENDENT TEAM”**

Former Deputy Mayor of Pittwater, Ian White, has announced he is standing for election in the Pittwater Ward at the Northern Beaches Council election on Saturday 9 September.

The Primary School teacher will be running with the “Your Northern Beaches Independent Team” and says his eight years of experience on the former Pittwater Council will ensure the people at the northern end of the peninsula will have a strong and independent voice.

“I have already been a councillor and know how to get things done” said Mr White. “The new council will need the stabilising influence of experienced former councillors. Particularly experienced councillors who are not interested in grandstanding”.

Ian is passionate about keeping local government transparent, accountable and representative of the community. “I believe local government is the backbone of our democratic system. It is the level of government that has the greatest impact on peoples' everyday lives” said Mr White.

Ian believes the new Northern Beaches council will offer opportunities to reduce the infrastructure deficit in the Pittwater Ward. He is excited about the new Northern Beaches Council and its potential to make the Northern Beaches a more vibrant, interesting and inclusive community.

“It’s vitally important for the new council to plan for change and not react to change” said Mr White.

Ian is passionate about preserving the Northern Beaches natural environment, as reflected in his long list of achievements which include:

- Actively involved in the fight to modify the 10/50 legislation that led to the loss of more than 5,000 trees in the former Pittwater LGA;
- Being part of the team helping to preserve Currawong for the community;
- Working to revive Newport village;
- Head of the 'Recreation and Development Committee' 2008 – 2012;
- Chair of the 'Natural Environment Committee' 2012 – 2016;
- Rotational chair of the Bushfire Management Committee 2008 – 2015.

Your Northern Beaches Independent Team, led by Michael Regan, is a group of locals who will run as candidates across all five wards of the new Council area.

Michael Regan says the election is a unique opportunity to ensure the foundations of the new council are strong and independent.

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“With our team, every vote is a conscience vote” said Mr Regan. “The council should not be in the hands of any of the major parties – the first allegiance of all the Councillors should be to the people of the Northern Beaches”

Mr Regan points to Mr White’s track record as a councillor and as an active member of the Pittwater Community. “Ian was a brilliant representative for the Central Ward of the former council – we worked together on some ‘cross border’ issues and I was always impressed by his obvious passion for the Pittwater area”.

“I also know that as a teacher, he is concerned with improving facilities and support for the youth of our community”.

“Ian presents an exciting opportunity for the people of Pittwater to elect a representative who is passionate and truly independent”.

An opportunity to meet Ian and other candidates of "Your Northern Beaches Independent Team" will take place over the coming weeks. For more information about Your Northern Beaches Independent Team, visit [www.YourNorthernBeaches.com.au](http://www.YourNorthernBeaches.com.au)

## **BIOGRAPHY:**

Ian is a former Deputy Mayor of Pittwater, serving as Councillor for 7 years. He’s a teacher at Newport Primary school and is an active member of the Warringah Pittwater Rural Fire Service and senior deputy captain of the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade. Throughout his years of service, Ian has remained true to his belief that Council should create a vibrant and inclusive community, while preserving the natural environment.

## **SERVICE ABOVE AND BEYOND**

Ian White cuts a familiar figure around Pittwater. His service to the community, both professionally and as a volunteer, over the past 30 years has not gone unnoticed. It’s to be expected really when you consider how committed he is to making things better.

Whether it is teaching children, preventing the destruction of the habitat, rescuing people, or finding solutions for more affordable housing, local residents know they can rely on Ian.

The Newport Public School Primary School teacher served on the former Pittwater Council for seven years and is credited with facilitating the improvement of roads, villages, waterways and the environment using economic responsibility and community involvement. He is still involved with the Northern Beaches Council as a member of the Local Representation Committee Environment and is on the Affordable Housing Advisory Group.

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However, his enduring responsibility to his community doesn't end with council. For 22 years Ian has been an active member of the Warringah Pittwater Rural Fire Service and is senior deputy Captain of the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade. He is also a volunteer paramedic for a volunteer ambulance service and belongs to several bush regeneration groups.

Ian has a track record for making considered, informed and pragmatic decisions and not capitulating to the easy or popular way out when confronted with difficult decisions.

He is a clear-headed and proven leader in any emergency and a calm, resourceful mentor when it comes to leading people in government. He rallied large numbers of booth workers and volunteers to support him during his two successful council election campaigns for the Ian White Group and strongly believes the new council will need the stable influence of experienced former councillors, "particularly experienced councillors not interested in grandstanding".

He also understands that State Government one-size-fits-all templates are not beneficial for his community. Instead, he'd rather work tirelessly with the residents tackling the issues directly affecting them, "planning for change, not reacting to change". The Your Beaches Independent Team is the perfect solution for Ian's plan to join the Northern Beaches Council, maintain his own high integrity and work towards a community that is vibrant, inclusive and liveable.

## **Wish list**

- Preserving the natural environment
- Create a vibrant and inclusive community
- More affordable housing

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