



Nathan Zamprogno

Community, Innovation, Leadership
Hawkesbury preselection candidate



Dear Liberal Party colleague,

I am writing to seek your support to represent you as the next member for the state seat of Hawkesbury.

The strength of the Liberal government led by Gladys Berejiklian comes from the diversity of talent and experience our party brings into the parliament. Unlike Labor, it represents a true cross-section of NSW; my own background is in teaching.

I have served our community all my life, as a currently serving Councillor on both Hawkesbury City and Hawkesbury River County Councils. I am director of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC), and have a lifetime of leadership with charities, youth leadership and mentoring, advocacy groups, emergency services and the performing arts.

We live in an era where faith in the ability of governments to do good is being actively challenged by a cynical populace. The Liberals have a great story to tell, but will only retain office if candidates demonstrate an ability to engage, persuade and lead.

I believe I can demonstrate an overwhelming advantage in this area. It's time for new thinking.

I am honoured by your consideration,

Clr. Nathan Zamprogno,
Masters of Teaching
Bachelor of Arts (History, Philosophy and Politics)
Justice of the Peace.

*“Australians have lost faith in major political parties. What they are looking for are **local, tribal, authentic relationships.**”*

— Social demographer, Bernard Salt

A member of the local community

The people have spoken: they want their elected representatives to be one of them. Leaders who send their kids to the same schools as us. Who get stuck in the same traffic. Whose instincts are for our interests because they live among us.

I am the only candidate in this preselection who was born into the Hawkesbury. I completed 100% of my schooling in the area, and my family roots in the Hawkesbury date back to the third fleet – my ancestor William Kentwell died at Windsor (then Green Hills) in the flood of 1809.

I and my family have lived and worked in the Hawkesbury all our lives. I now proudly represent the community on Hawkesbury Council and the Hawkesbury River County Council, as well as a range of other community groups.

Both my son and I attended Oakville Public School, and he now attends Arndell Anglican. I attended Windsor High.

I've taught in many local schools. I've lived in Oakville, North Richmond and McGraths Hill, and Richmond – where I own my house. I've run a successful local consultancy business for over twenty years.

I've always sought to serve our community, including through:

- The Rural Fire Service
- The Macquarie Youth Leadership Forum (committee secretary and group leader, under the patronage of Macquarie MP Louise Markus)
- Charitable fundraising, including Red Cross Calling (chair, two years) and in helping to raise money towards a local oncology clinic.
- The performing arts (Director and actor with The Richmond Players), 12yrs +



The key to retail politics: Meeting people where they're at

We aren't confronting a serious question: Why is a government doing good work at risk of losing office?

The Liberals have resurrected NSW from the malaise and corruption Labor left behind. Unemployment is down, record infrastructure is coming on stream, and the state is solvent.

Part of the answer is ineffective communication. We must do a better job to bring the people of NSW with us.

Since I was elected, I have recognised the need to do more in engaging voters. I have been communicating complex issues in ways that actually reach people. No candidate before you has done more to front community groups, raise the profile of issues in the media, and reach a new generation of voters via YouTube, my website and social media.



Service to our Party, and to our classical Liberal values

I am proud to have maintained continuous support of the Liberal Party for twenty-seven years. I joined the Liberal Students at Sydney University, took up membership within the Young Liberal Movement in the Hawkesbury, and through active local branches.

I support classical Liberal values of free enterprise, fiscal prudence, an unashamed sense of national identity, and pride in Australia's heritage as a tolerant and egalitarian nation.

In every campaign I have participated in, I have pulled my weight. In the Local Government Elections of 2016, I secured in the largest external donation toward the campaign.

These values were best summed up by our party's founder, Sir Robert Menzies when he explained that Australia was fighting in WW2 to preserve "good humour, fair play, and the right of every person to find self fulfilment in their own way."

I have volunteered at every election to captain a booth, and variously served as Secretary, Treasurer or VP in conferences and branches.

In Local Government, I have voted consistently to lower taxes, improve service delivery and increase accountability.





“Nathan earns my respect as a man of ideas. He thinks deeply about our party and its values. He has demonstrated his support for reform and democratisation within the Liberal Party – a subject close to my own heart -- over many years. As an elected representative, he has distinguished himself as a selfless servant of the Hawkesbury community and a real innovator in the way politicians should engage – by focusing both on real issues, but also enduring principles, and then using a remarkable savviness in getting that message out in print, on video and to the media. He has a turn of phrase that can persuade and inspire, and his background as a teacher just shows what a great cross section of NSW the Liberal Party is.

I am confident in his ability to take the fight to the real threat to NSW, and that is a Labor government. He is a confident, erudite communicator who has honed his craft in local government and is ready, in my opinion, to step up to this challenge. His time has come. He would make a fine addition to the NSW Parliament and deserves your most serious consideration. I am happy to recommend Nathan to you.”

— **John Ruddick,**
author of ‘Make the Liberal Party Great Again’ and advocate of party reform



“I have been impressed by the breadth and depth of Nathan’s knowledge across a wide range of issues. In his time with us, Nathan became a highly regarded member of our College community who possessed impeccable personal characteristics. I believe he has the personal qualities to become a fine candidate for the Liberal party. Nathan has my full support in his bid to become a member of Parliament. I am convinced that he would provide excellent representation and leadership in that role.”

— **Dr Charles Justins,**
Principal, Mountains Christian College



Standing for ideas

People know where I stand because I’ve consistently spent my public life presenting my views, advocating for worthy causes, and delivering real results for the Hawkesbury Community.

Here is my challenge: None of the other candidates, however worthy, can point to a body of work where they demonstrate their arguments on important issues. No long form writing. No debates or speeches. Not in print, or on video, or in any other medium.

What I stand for is out there in the public domain for you to see and to judge, and I am seeking your support to continue to fight this good fight.



I offer this brief extract of my writing as an example of what I stand for.

“What would a political leader look like who spoke unapologetically about Western Civilisation being objectively, measurably better than its alternatives? Who was able to demolish the intellectual impostures of cultural relativism and postmodernism, and who built and articulated an intelligent and publicly compelling case for the subsequent and necessary decisions on immigration, foreign policy and defence? A leader who, as John Howard says ‘Can win arguments, not just elections.’

What would a leader look like who understood that we live in a society, not just an economy, and while admitting that free-markets consistently generate greater wealth, good regulation and accountability are necessary?

What would a leader look like who was prepared to address existential threats to civilisation such as overpopulation, climate change or resource depletion, but did so honestly? Who understood that our fundamental duty is to the generation after our own, more even than to our own? Who values science funding and education? Who acknowledges our Judeo-Christian heritage at the same time as respecting the necessity of separation between church and state? Who was welcome to be a practicing Christian, but refused to wear it on their sleeve or ram it down your throat?

Whose attention span is longer than a tweet?

Being an Australian Liberal should have everything to do with acknowledging the wisdom that our future comes from our past, and that there is value in a sense of continuity and connection with that.

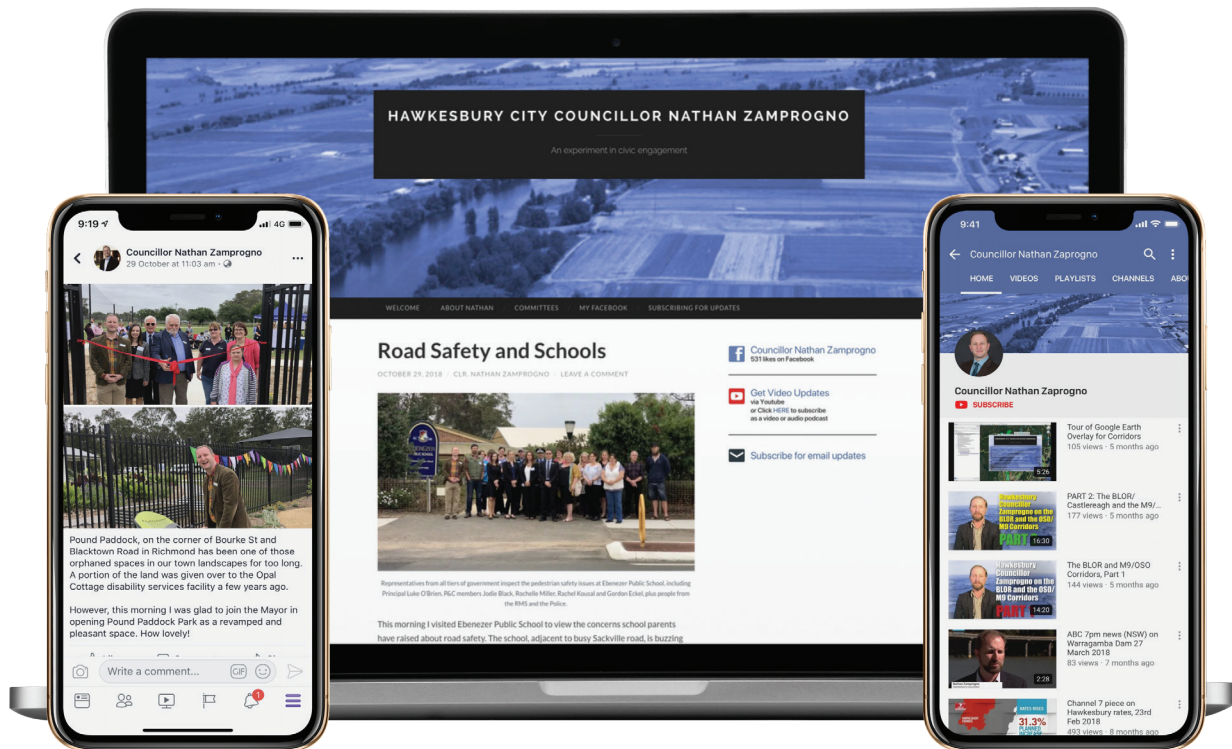
The Crown, the Constitution, and our inheritance from the Enlightenment are worth defending, because they have given us health, wealth and (relative) peace for over a century. That’s something Australians should be prouder of than they are.

Being a Liberal should be about an absolute commitment to balancing our budgets and living within our means as the surest way of preserving intergenerational equity, but it shouldn’t be about driving efficiency at any cost, because the electorate will spit you out.

Being a Liberal should be about preserving an absolute right to free speech and being confident enough in the force of our arguments to never seek to censor. Censorship robs us all of our right to see bad ideas fail in a fair fight in the public square.

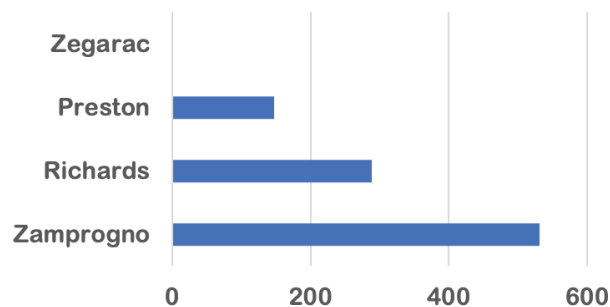
Lastly, we should be about governing for everybody, because when the pie is bigger, everyone gets a bigger slice.”

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Full article at <http://councillorzamprogno.info>



Since election in 2016, I have provided real leadership within the party in engaging and communicating Liberal Principles. This can be seen with my reach being greater than the other candidates on social media.

Social Media Reach (official Pages)



I invite you to look at my website to see my collected output in print, in the media, and on youtube.

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Please call me at any time. I would like the chance to talk with you before the preselection.

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