

VOTE 1

**RE-ELECT
COUNCILLOR**

**NATHAN
ZAMPROGNO**

INDEPENDENT HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCILLOR

and his team at the Council elections on December 4th



**Independent Voices.
Good Government.**

- ✓ Against over-development
- ✓ Defending our heritage
- ✓ Protecting the environment
- ✓ Supporting flood mitigation
- ✓ Accountable and responsive government
- ✓ Fixing Council's poor service
- ✓ Independence with integrity
- ✓ Focusing on core issues - roads and infrastructure



@CouncillorZamprogno



Before you vote...

Even if you vote Liberal or Labor, it is clear most people prefer Council to be above "party politics" - to be free to stand up to other tiers of Government when they try to impose growth, drive through highway projects, cost-shift to Councils, fail to invest in infrastructure, or impose unfair planning rules on us.

I was elected as a Liberal Councillor in 2016, but I am standing at this election as an Independent because I believe you deserve representation with integrity.

None of your Councillors have sought to engage with you as directly as I have. I have explained **every** position I've taken over the last five years on my website, and exposed Council's failings through many videos, newsletters, on TV and on radio.

If the other Councillors can't point to a record like this, what have they been doing for the last five years?
How can you be confident of what they stand for?
How they voted on the important issues?

I'm a life-long resident of the Hawkesbury. A teacher by training, I've taught at most local high schools, and as an ethics teacher in local primary schools.

I promise to continue striving to preserve what makes our city so great to live in, while making the Hawkesbury an innovative, prosperous and economically sustainable city.

If you tend to support one of the major parties at State or Federal elections, I challenge you to consider your vote for Council. You're electing twelve Councilors, **vote for strong local independents first.**

I need your support through your vote to continue this work.

Councillor Nathan Zamprogno

Meet the team

We are independent voices. Life-long Hawkesbury residents. We promise integrity and hard work. We will drive better, forward thinking government.

With a huge wealth of experience in business, governance, and community service, we want to turn Council around.

Hawkesbury Council has a poor record in many areas. Customer interactions are slow. Planning laws are inconsistent. Goalposts on DA's get moved. Processing times are unacceptable. Rates go up, but you see less for it in roads, parks and infrastructure.

A vote for our team is a vote for real action to address these issues.



Ben
NEWTON
Grose Vale

My family has a long history in the Hawkesbury. My grandparents lived in Kurrajong and my parents married at Kurrajong Anglican Church. They attended Richmond High School just like my sister and I. I now live at Grose Vale with my wife and two kids.

I've been a high school Art teacher for the past 20 years.

Growing up here I've noticed a change in Hawkesbury Council. It has not been for the better. It never used to be about party politics - it used to be about the people, and strong community groups, and about understanding what makes the Hawkesbury such a special place.

The Hawkesbury desperately needs independent voices that can improve our area without destroying what makes it great. I believe we can do better in local government- it's time for a change.



**Bindi
CORPE**

Bilpin

I was born in Windsor and spent my formative years on the other side of the mountain in Bilpin and Mountain Lagoon. My family has deep roots within the community, being among the first to settle in Bilpin. As someone living in an area where there are roads named after their family, I feel a great responsibility to protect and preserve these regions for future generations.

My background is in Education and Social Services and I have worked throughout Asia and Europe in various roles. I am constantly striving to expand my understanding of the world we live in and how I can apply this knowledge to the betterment of my community.

I am passionate about sustainable development and embracing human diversity. I believe in the necessity of overcoming the divides caused by party politics in order to achieve meaningful policy which will help to improve infrastructure and services while maintaining the integrity of the natural environment.



**Donna
PELLEW**

Wilberforce

I have lived and worked almost my entire life in the Hawkesbury and I now run and own two local businesses, **Unique Floral and Events** – a business I started from scratch, and I recently bought the **Richmond Kurrajong Florist** in the main street of Richmond, a shop I actually worked at over 24 years ago. We used to run the Richmond Retravisation store.

My family – husband Glen and our four beautiful daughters have lived in Wilberforce for over 21 years. My family moved to South Windsor when I was 5 and we also lived in Freemans Reach and McGrath's Hill. I attended Windsor Primary and Windsor High School. I believe state and federal political agendas do not belong in local councils. The Hawkesbury is such a special place to live and work, and my experience in business convinces me that Council needs to understand that local businesses are the spine of our community.



**James
JACKSON
Tennyson**

A reformed bank executive, I live in Tennyson. The preservation of the Hawkesbury's unique, natural and historic character is my focus for Council. I've gained extensive business experience in Australia and overseas and believe there is great untapped potential in the Hawkesbury – both its local businesses and tourist drawcards.

I believe Hawkesbury constituents deserve a Council that delivers world class service and infrastructure on budget and with no rate surprises! I also believe that the Hawkesbury is the best place in the world to raise a family. I'm passionate about family, tradition, our history, life-long learning, and our wondrous landscapes. I love touring our Macquarie towns landmarks by river and on 2 wheels, the latter especially favouring our legendary bitumen gems, The Putty and The Bells Line. Perfect weekends typically include cruising up to Bilpin on an apple run or a hike down to the Grose River for a refreshing dip!



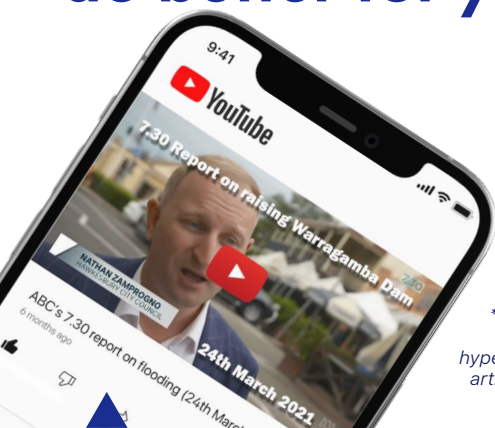
**Zed
SPARKS
Kurrajong Heights**

I grew up in Bowen Mountain and now live in Kurrajong Heights.

I have appreciated all that the Hawkesbury has offered me, and so I am passionate about ensuring that this city keeps offering opportunities to young people now and far into the future, for jobs, for education, and as a place to raise a family.

I am currently studying at Macquarie University and having worked in and commuted to the city, I understand the importance of keeping the Hawkesbury's unique balance of peaceful quiet and convenient linkages to the rest of Sydney. I'm passionate about youth activism. I am currently the Vice President of the Australian Liberal Student's Federation, and was previously President of the Macquarie University Liberal Club.

Hawkesbury Council needs to do better for you



** For more information, stories in this PDF are hyperlinked to the relevant articles and videos on my website*

The Hawkesbury carries the worst risk of flooding in the nation.

I have championed the cause of flood safety.

This Council reneged on decades of unbroken support for raising Warragamba Dam, a project that will decrease the frequency and severity of floods. It's our community in the firing line, while it's often the case those who oppose the project live elsewhere, high and dry and out of harms way.

I have called on other Councillors and candidates to state clearly before the election whether they support this project.

This Council lost the power to vote on development applications due to a change in State laws. I disagree with my Liberal colleagues about the wisdom of "planning panels".

I've been calling for these laws to be repealed. It's wrong that the people who rule on DA's - and especially on bigger projects, don't have to live in our area and aren't accountable to voters. I want to see that change, discussing the issue with 2GB's Ray Hadley.



I've called out Council for failing in its duty to get the Grose River bridge built on time

In 2014, Council obliged the Redbank developers to build the Grose River Bridge by the time they sold 641 lots. 7 years later, 658 lots have been sold and there's still NO BRIDGE, and NO FINAL AGREEMENT.

Watch my video where I explain where it all went wrong.

I want Council to have a stronger voice in demanding the State Government does the right thing and properly funds infrastructure

The State Government has imposed mandatory housing growth through the North West Growth Precinct at Vineyard, and yet provides no money for infrastructure, even though other areas got State money. Now, it's trying to take developer contributions away from Council in a further grab.

I've said a lot about seeking a better balance between prosperity, progress and the tragedies of urban sprawl.

How I've fought for you for the last 5 years



I have pushed Council to support Secondary Dwellings (granny flats) and detached dual occupancy dwellings in acreage zonings

This Council has failed to reform planning rules that mean that granny flats can be built in built-up areas on small houseblocks, but acreage landowners can't - not even for modest structures (~60sq.m) to look after elderly parents or give their kids a leg up. The fault lays with both a lack of leadership and State government roadblocks.

Watch my video where I explain this issue.

I've voted consistently to keep rates lower

I voted against the Special Rate Variation that has jacked up your rates by a third. I voted against the abolition of the rural residential category. I voted against the change to the rating formula that means some of you are now paying twice or three times the rates you used to, despite no change to your access to Council services.

The Gazette gave me an 'A' for attendance in their report on Councillor engagement.

I've only missed 1 meeting in 5 years whilst one 'Big Party' Councillor spent the last 5 years attending NO briefings, NO workshops, NO community meetings, and took up membership in NO committees. I think that is disrespectful to the community.



I've been relentless for 4 years to secure funding for road sealing programs.

Without my stubbornness, Council would have failed to prioritise funding to seal or provide maintenance to highly trafficked dirt roads. I fought for and won the \$560k of funding to seal Brennans Dam Road and Old Stock Route Road.

Now I'm fighting for Mahons Creek Road at Yarramundi, Roberts Creek Road and Packer Road at Blaxlands Ridge.

Which road improvement project would you like us to champion for you in this coming term? Get in touch with us.

I voted against the overdevelopment of the Kurmond-Kurrajong plan

Council pursued the failed Kurmond-Kurrajong plan from 2015 to 2021, creating huge uncertainty for landowners and threatening inappropriate development on the western side of the river.

I've supported the reform of our key planning documents (our LEP and DCP) to incorporate 'design excellence principles' in our built environments, and push for leafier, smarter and more sustainable communities, and support ecotourism.

I put a motion to Council to update the antiquated Councillor expenses policy which will save ratepayers' money

As a member of Council's important Heritage Committee, when the Liberal and Labor Councillors wanted to abolish it, I dug in and helped ensure its continuation

I've represented your interests as Council's representative to WSROC (our regional fraternity of Councils) and served two years as Chairman of the Hawkesbury River County Council (which looks after weed control and waterway health). I've defended our association with these from politically opportunistic attacks, given both are valuable partnerships for us.



My efforts secured the Richmond School of Arts a State grant of \$90,750 to upgrade the lighting system in this jewel of Hawkesbury colonial architecture.



My team and I stand for **Values you can get behind**

Fighting over-development

We will take a strong stance to ensure the preservation of our rural lifestyle, while encouraging best practice in urban design excellence and renewal. We support our businesses, building infrastructure and providing housing choice. **But we should determine what our future looks like, not developers.**

Independence with integrity

We promise good, respectful common sense and hard work. Council shouldn't be merely a stepping stone to higher political ambition, be coloured with developer entanglements, or be a cushy gig where you can cynically get away with doing no work. Sadly, we've seen too much of that in this term. You deserve better. It's about serving our community.

Supporting the performing arts

Council's Civic Centre was built in 1980 and is showing its age. We believe that the Hawkesbury deserves a major new performing arts space worthy of the creativity of our area.

We are locals, helping locals

We recognise that governments don't make societies – people do.

The spine of the Hawkesbury's community is the web of service organisations, sporting clubs, emergency services, churches, care groups, charities, fundraisers, bushcare volunteers and social organisations. We want Council to strengthen and empower these groups.

A renewed focus on the basics

We promise responsive, accountable government.

Sick of delayed DA assessments? Slow responses? Inconsistent application of rules? Too many fees and charges for simple things?

We believe Council has a poor reputation for customer service, especially compared to neighbouring Councils.

We stand for reform to Council's culture, and modernising a focus on the basics of roads, parks, and basic infrastructure.

Living with the River

130,000 people live and trade on the floodplain.

600 Houses were flooded in March's 'moderate' flood. It could have been worse, and some day, it will be.

We believe the debate about flooding needs a dose of truth – firm commitments to improving our safety, preserving flood-height planning controls, limiting inappropriate encroachment on the floodplain, while protecting our world-class ecologies, both above and below the Dam.

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upcoming elections
and what we stand
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