

VOTE GROUP  to Re-elect

# NATHAN ZAMPROGNO

**INDEPENDENT COUNCILLOR**  
FOR HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL



**Independent Voices.  
Good Government.**

Vote to re-elect him and his team at the  
Local Council elections on **Saturday 14th September**

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- ✓ Against over-development
  - ✓ Defending our heritage
  - ✓ Protecting the environment
  - ✓ Supporting flood mitigation
  - ✓ Accountable and responsive government
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## Before you vote...

Even if you usually 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 push costs onto Councils, fail to invest in infrastructure, or impose development or unfair planning rules on us.

I was elected as a Liberal Councillor in 2016, and then re-elected an Independent Councillor in 2021. I now stand as an Independent once again because I believe you deserve representation with integrity, and without the drama and poor press that has typified the current Council.

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 eight years through my website, and in many videos, newsletters, and interviews I've given 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 three years of this COVID-shortened term? How can you be confident of what they stand for? How they voted on the important issues? Indeed, some voted against an accountability measure I proposed to report on Councillor voting, attendance and expenses.

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. Ditch the drama and the self-interest. **You're electing twelve Councillors. Your vote will go further if you either number all the squares above the line, or number more than six below (we recommend twenty or more).**

**Vote for strong independents first.**

I am seeking your support through your vote to continue this work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Zamprogno". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Councillor Nathan Zamprogno**

# We're for...

## Focusing on the basics

- ✓ #1 priority: fixing roads & potholes
- ✓ Improving our infrastructure
- ✓ A more efficient & responsive Council
- ✓ A transparent & accountable Council
- ✓ Updating our delayed LEP and DCP

## A resilient Hawkesbury

- ✓ Action on flood mitigation
- ✓ Protecting the environment
- ✓ A fairer rating system
- ✓ Supporting our service organisations

## Protecting the Hawkesbury

- ✓ Defending our Heritage
- ✓ Protecting the environment
- ✓ Standing against inappropriate development

# We want to change...

## Toxic politics

Hawkesbury residents are tired of their Council being the venue for personal drama, politicians focused on climbing the political ladder, supporting their friends and not focusing on your issues. We want Council to be collaborative, respectful and drama-free.

## More transparent government

Liberal and Labor Councillors have made it clear several times they would prefer you to have less information on who shows up, how they vote and what they spend. I will bring back this reporting so that all your elected representatives are accountable to you.



**Turn the page for more info**

# Meet the team



## Nathan Zamprogno

📍 Oakville

A life-long Hawkesbury resident with family history going back to the third fleet, I've lived in Oakville, McGraths Hill, Richmond and North Richmond, and sent my son to local schools. I spent many years with the Richmond Players dramatic society acting and directing.

### As a school teacher

I've worked in a number of Hawkesbury High Schools and as an ethics teacher in Primary schools. Teaching, mentoring and raising up engaged young people who have a heart to serve our community is my passion.

### As a Councillor

I've served on Hawkesbury Council since 2016, and served as Chair of the Hawkesbury River County Council for two years. I was first elected as a Liberal, but have earned far more encouragement since becoming an independent. I am committed to hard-working, sensible representation.





## Donna Pellew

📍 Wilberforce

I have 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 the Richmond Kurrajong Florist in the main street of Richmond, a shop I actually worked at over 27 years ago.

We used to run the Richmond Retravision store.

My family moved to South Windsor when I was 5 and over the years I have also lived in the surrounding Hawkesbury suburbs of Freemans Reach, McGrath's Hill and South Windsor. I attended Windsor Primary and Windsor High School. I now live in Wilberforce with my husband Glen and our 4 beautiful daughters and have done so for over 24 years. I believe state and federal political agendas do not belong in local councils.



## David Ball

📍 Pitt Town

I've been fortunate to call the Hawkesbury home for the past 17 years. I love its natural beauty and peaceful lifestyle, which is a welcome contrast to the hustle of the surrounding areas.

Throughout my career, I've worked as an IT professional for prominent Australian companies such as Westpac, Woolworths, Western Sydney University, and various well-known manufacturing companies. I have been able to initiate and implement positive changes within these organisations.

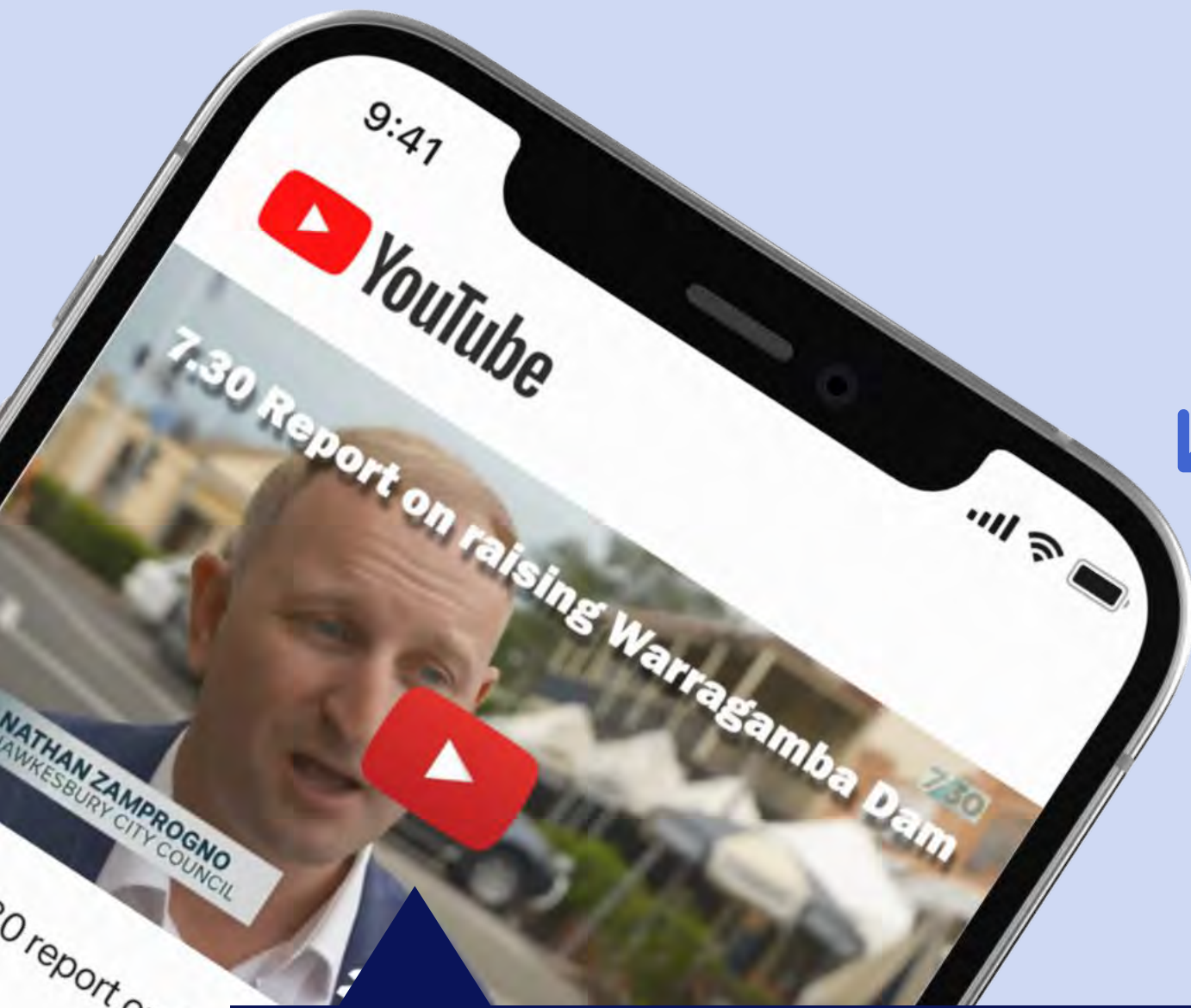


## Philip Price

📍 Richmond

I am a passionate advocate for community welfare, and responsible environmental stewardship. I've lived in Hawkesbury for 10 years having undertaken my University studies and then moving back for employment. Throughout my career, I have excelled in biosecurity and environmental management, earning the 2023 Stephenson Local Government Award for outstanding contributions to weed management in NSW during my tenure at Hawkesbury River County Council. In my personal life, I enjoy researching Australian peacock jumping spiders, macro photography, hiking and serving as a deputy captain and vice president at my local RFS brigade.

# Hawkesbury Council Needs to Do Better For You



I've spoken publicly about your concerns more than any other Councillor

## ✓ FLOOD MITIGATION

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

The State Labor government has shelved support for raising Warragamba Dam. They have not told us what they will do instead.

It's our community in the firing line, and **I have championed the cause of flood mitigation.** This is a critical safety issue, and **I have also argued for adequate funding for flood evacuation routes like Old Pitt Town Road.**

## ✓ OPPOSING PLANNING PANELS

This Council **lost the power to vote on development applications** due to a change in State laws.

Most DA's are approved by "Planning Panel" bureaucrats who aren't democratically accountable.

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, aren't accountable to voters and don't even have to live in the area. **These decisions should be made by locals who are accountable to you.**



✓ **FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**

Council has ***failed 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.

A decade later, the milestones have been moved again and again and there's still **NO BRIDGE**.

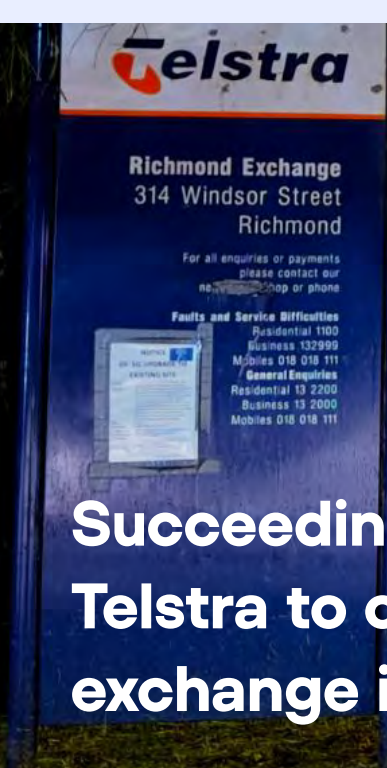
Worse, the proposed road for the bridge would have wiped out the Wilcox home and their farm. **I moved the motion that saved their house and found a better route.**

✓ **BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Council must 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, yet has fallen short on providing funds for infrastructure, even though other areas got State money. Then, it ruled to reduce 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.**



Succeeding in getting Telstra to clean up their exchange in Richmond!



# How I've fought for you for the last 8 years

## ✓ HELPING COST OF LIVING

I've voted consistently to **keep rates lower**

**I voted against the Special Rate Variation that jacked up your rates by a third.**

I voted against the unfair abolition of the rural residential category.

**I voted for a fairer rating formula that partly fixes the problem of some households paying twice or three times the rates of others, despite similar income and access to Council services.**

## ✓ PROTECTING HERITAGE

When I was 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.**

## ✓ MODERNISING OUR PLANNING LAWS

I have **pushed Council to finalise its new LEP**

The last term of Council finished work on this key planning document that would permit detached dual occupancies, granny flats and secondary dwellings in acreage zones, encourage ecotourism, and strengthen protections for the environment and heritage. Developers prefer the outdated 2012 LEP because it allows things a more modern LEP would forbid.

It's shameful that the **Liberal and Labor Councillors voted to haul the LEP back for "more work". That was three years ago. It's an abject failure of leadership.**



## ✓ PROMOTING ARTS & CULTURE

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.

## ✓ ACCOUNTABILITY

***I brought in a measure for greater accountability, only to have it rescinded by the Liberal and Labor Councillor bloc.***

**I introduced a motion which would call for a report card of Councillor attendance at the end of the term**, not just for chamber meetings, but for briefings, workshops, other functions, and Councillor expenses which were not previously reported.

I was disappointed that some of my colleagues don't like the idea of being accountable in this way, so I co-founded the Facebook group and website "Hawkesbury City Councillor Watch" to present you with the same data.

## ✓ REPRESENTING YOU BEYOND THE HAWKESBURY

I've represented your interests as **Council's representative to WSROC** (a 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.

## ✓ ACCOUNTABILITY

**I have an *outstanding attendance record* as a Councillor.**

I turn up, I read my paperwork, and I ask the right questions. Remarkably, some of your Councillors have much poorer attendance and aren't keen for you to know about it. I think that is disrespectful to the community.

# Values you can get behind



## 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.**

## I recognise roads *should be our number 1 priority*

When Council staff recommended we abandon the sealing of Packer Road, a key link road at Lower Portland, it would have reneged on a key promise that was made in 2017 to seal that road. **I fought for Council fulfil its pledge, and we won.**

Just like **I secured the \$560k of funding to seal Brennans Dam Road and Old Stock Route Road at Oakville.**

Now I'm fighting for other local roads that are in a shocking condition. Which road improvement project would you like us to champion for you in this coming term? Get in touch with us.



## 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.**



## Living with the River

130,000 people live and trade on the floodplain.

600 Houses were flooded in the 2022 '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, appropriate flood-height planning controls, limiting inappropriate encroachment on the floodplain, while protecting our world-class ecologies** both above and below the Dam.



## We are locals, helping locals

We recognise that governments don't make strong 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 clubs. **We want Council to strengthen and empower these groups, in part by restoring Council's Committee system to encourage and respect public involvement.**



## 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.**



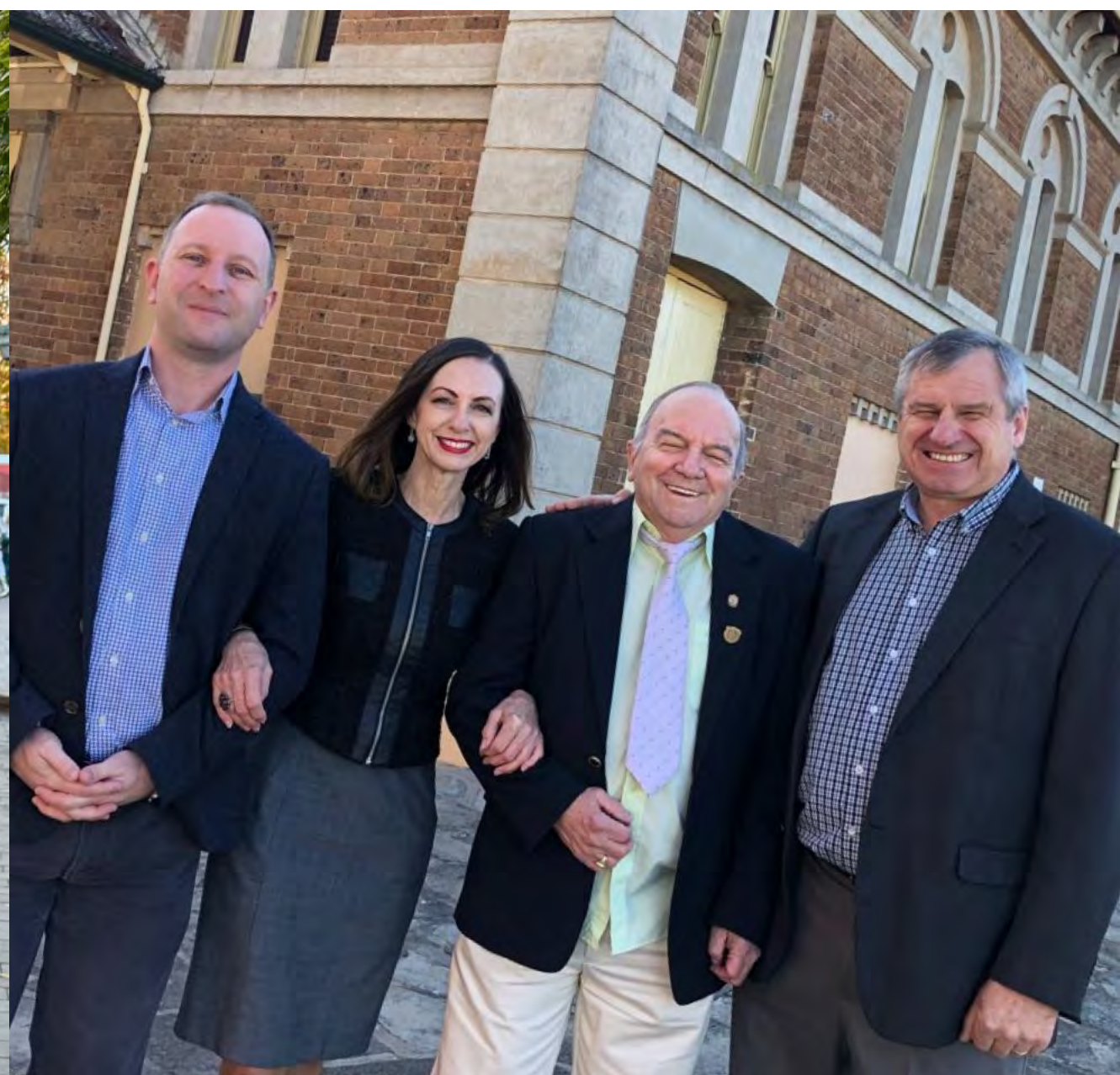
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- ✓ Delivering on the basics, like roads
- ✓ Independence with integrity
- ✓ A more efficient, more co-operative council
- ✓ Protecting the environment & heritage
- ✓ A transparent & accountable council
- ✓ Against inappropriate development

# VOTE GROUP H

'H' for Hawkesbury!

## Don't exhaust your vote!

You're electing 12 Councillors. Your vote is stronger if you **number all squares above the line** starting with these recommendations

Alternatively, we recommend you number **at least 20 squares below the line**

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