

6.3. Vale Richard Gillard

Alderman Richard Gillard served as an independent alderman (now known as councillor) on North Sydney Council from 1983 - 1985; 1987 - 1997. Alderman Gillard represented Tunks Ward and lived in Crows Nest.

In later years, he returned to Queensland, where he was born in 1944.

Alderman Dianne Patenall, who served with Alderman Gillard recalls that Alderman Gillard was a “free thinker on issues and spent a lot of time with locals who had a matter before council to properly understand the issues involved. He took the time to visit impacted sites and talk to all parties involved. Alderman Gillard did not just focus on his own precinct or ward but took a broader interest in significant issues affecting North Sydney as a whole”.

Alderman Gillard is remembered as having voted without fear or favour on issues that he had thought through - sometimes taking tough decisions on issues where parties were passionately opposed. Alderman Gillard was a “no nonsense”, serious representative with little time for issues that he felt were frivolous or not in keeping with his standards.

Alderman Gillard was a true independent and served his Ward and the broader community of North Sydney with diligence and care.

I therefore recommend:

THAT: Council acknowledge Alderman Richard Gillard’s contribution to our community and extend condolences to his relatives.

**COUNCILLOR ZOË BAKER
MAYOR**