

## **8.1. MM01: Farewell Councillor Jilly Gibson, Councillor Georgia Lamb, and Councillor John Lepouris**

On 14 September 2024, local government elections will be held across New South Wales. On 14 August 2024, when nominations closed, current serving councillors Councillor Jilly Gibson, Councillor Georgia Lamb, and Councillor John Lepouris had not nominated for re-election.

Councillor Jilly Gibson has served on Council for more than 25 years. Councillor Gibson was first elected in 1999 representing Tunks Ward and subsequently represented Victoria Ward (now Cammeraygal) from 2004 - present.

In 2012 Councillor Gibson was directly elected Mayor of North Sydney and served in that role until 2021. Throughout her service on Council, Councillor Gibson has exhibited an abiding interest in arts and culture and particular passion for Kirribilli, Lavender Bay, and McMahons Point. Councillor Gibson has given long service to our community.

Councillor Georgia Lamb was elected representing Cammeraygal Ward in 2021 at the age of 20 years. The youngest councillor to serve, she brought a unique perspective and a focus on sustainability to her role.

Councillor John Lepouris is the first councillor to assume the role by way of the recently introduced “countback” provisions, joining Council at the meeting held on 27 February 2023 following the resignation of Councillor Alanya Drummond in January 2023. Councillor Lepouris represents St Leonards Ward and brought his passion for Neutral Bay and the needs of small business to his role.

Serving as a councillor requires significant commitment and time. Such service is not possible without the support and understanding of the representative’s family, friends, and colleagues.

On behalf of Council and our community, we thank Councillor Gibson for her more than 25 years of service as both councillor and directly elected Mayor and extend warmest and best wishes for this next chapter in her life. We also extend our thanks to Councillors Lamb and Lepouris and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

### **I therefore recommend:**

- 1. THAT** Council acknowledge and thank Councillor Jilly Gibson for her 25 years’ service on North Sydney Council as both councillor (1999-2024) and directly elected Mayor (2012-2021) and arrange an appropriate memorial of her service.
- 2. THAT** Council acknowledge and thank Councillors Georgia Lamb and John Lepouris for their service on Council (2022-2024).
- 3. THAT** a tree be planted in honour of the service of each of the retiring councillors.

**COUNCILLOR ZOË BAKER  
MAYOR**