

## **BACKGROUND**

4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Candidates for the upcoming Willoughby local government elections were invited to a Meet the Candidates public forum where they were given the opportunity to address the meeting and answer questions posed of them.

A summary of the candidates' addresses and response was published in the latest West Ward News. It should be noted, that due to limited publication space, verbatim reporting was not possible.

Subsequently we received correspondence from Ms. Lynne Saville that what was reported was different to what she said. Ms. Saville supplied her version of answers. We have no problem in acknowledging what Ms. Saville has supplied as being factual.

We were also asked to tender an apology which you will find below along with Ms. Savilles' tendered corrections.

## **REQUESTED APOLOGY**

You have asked for corrections to be made of our reporting of your responses during the 'Meet the Candidates' meeting.

We apologise for any errors / or points of clarification required, and to ensure we 'set the record straight' we will publish your version of responses on our website on the post that contains the latest West Ward News.

Once again, our apologies if our efforts to inform the public generally has caused any misunderstanding.

## **REQUESTED CORRECTIONS TO 'HOW THEY ANSWERED'**

In what community organisations have you recently held executive position?

SAVILLE: Save CHS, Secretary WEPA, CHS Bushcare Convenor, Sydney Coastal Councils Group, Chair (current)

Would you support a move that would allow a Councillor to be temporarily substituted in the case of extended illness?

SAVILLE: It would depend on circumstances

Can you assure us that you will focus on issues directly related to our local community and that you will not pursue personal or party political agendas on issues more related to state and federal governments?

SAVILLE: Yes. Although mindful that councillors are also expected to consider more regional issues such as waste and transport.

Please explain what you will do to alleviate the present vehicle congestion throughout Willoughby?

SAVILLE: More public transport and more community bus service.

Should council provide services where people are prepared to pay for them?

SAVILLE: Complex issue: Councils collect rates to provide mandated services such as waste, road maintenance and recreation and are guided by Local Government Act. Increasing population, affordability and equity are key considerations.

Qualifications?

SAVILLE: Registered Nurse, further studies in health related subjects, Masters App. Science (Environmental Health) with extensive recognised experience in hospitals, community health, health promotion and the voluntary sector. I have strong advocacy skills developed over many years community participation, including saving Chatswood High School from closure. As university lecturer and academic I am interested in career development of young people.

How would you recommend council work with neighbouring councils to ward off the spectre of future amalgamations?

SAVILLE: Support ONLY voluntary amalgamations. Work with NSROC, LGNSW and Save Our Councils.

Affordable housing question?

SAVILLE: There are 2,800 empty homes in Chatswood yet families, young people and essential key workers are unable to afford accommodation in Chatswood. Homelessness is an issue locally. Council should explore options.

What would you do for Climate change locally?

SAVILLE: Support target 90% renewable energy by 2040. Ensure council reviews its targets for renewable energy according to the Paris Climate agreement.

Group D: Lynne SAVILLE from Chatswood, Seamus Myles LEE from Artarmon and Marie CLIFTON-BASSETT from Castlecrag. All are residents and standing as members of the Greens. Lynne has served three terms on council, advocating for the environment, community well being and health. A Registered Nurse with Masters Applied Science in Environmental Health, she has extensive experience in public hospitals, including RNSH, community health, health promotion, helped establish Hawkesbury Harvest and Sydney Food Fairness Alliance. Current Chair Sydney Coastal Councils Group. Until recently she was employed as university Lecturer in Health Science, now sessional academic.