



# NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

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## **North Sydney Council GM resigns**

Mr Ken Gouldthorp has resigned from North Sydney Council after four and a half years in the top job. Council accepted Mr Gouldthorp's resignation, effective from 1 July 2022, at its meeting on Monday 23 May.

In moving the resolution accepting Mr Gouldthorp's resignation, Mayor Zoe Baker stated *"Council conveys its sincere thanks to Mr Gouldthorp for his service to the Council and for leading the organisation during a period of unprecedented challenges which have included a once in 100-year pandemic."*

Mr Gouldthorp was recruited to North Sydney Council following the September 2017 elections and the State Government's intent to merge North Sydney, Mosman and Willoughby Councils being set aside. Mr Gouldthorp's initial focus was to re-establish strategic programs and planning for North Sydney to continue as a stand-alone organisation, in particular putting in place asset management plans and accelerating renewal of essential Council infrastructure.

Mr Gouldthorp said that it has been a privilege working with the North Sydney community and leading the dedicated and committed staff of North Sydney Council.

"While North Sydney is a subset of the greater Sydney City area, it retains a very strong sense of community with high levels of volunteerism in Council programs such as Bushcare, Streets Alive and through all its Community Centres," Mr Gouldthorp said.

Local Government NSW has been appointed to recruit a new general manager. Robert Emerson, Director of Open Space and Environmental Services, has been appointed as acting general manager while the recruitment takes place.

"Mr Emerson has extensive experience at the senior management level and is well known and respected in the community. We are confident that Council will continue to operate effectively in this transition period," said Cr Baker.

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