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Our Local Hero!



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WIN! with TWT!

Kuring-gai Male Choir: at Ryde Eastwood Music Club's final concert for 2016 on Wednesday November 9 featuring the Kuring-gai Male Choir in the Community Hall, 201 Cox's Road, North Ryde at 8pm. SEE PAGE 13

Balmain Sinfonia Concert
A lucky TWT reader is the winner of a Double Pass to Balmain Sinfonia's All Tchaikovsky concert on Saturday November 5 at the Leichhardt Forum at 23 Norton Street at 5pm. SEE PAGE 2.

Book Launch: The Enigma Diaries
TWT readers can win copies of Lynda A Calder's *The Enigma Diaries* Forgotten Future launched last Friday week and the first in the series called *Hidden History*. They are specifically written for children 9 - 14 years and are science fiction reading. SEE PAGE 13.

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Council votes to hold Baird to Sheil promise



*Dr Meredith Sheil is pictured at Monday night's Hunters Hill Council Meeting.
TWT on-the-spot PHOTO*

Hunters Hill Council moved a motion on Monday night to ensure Mike Baird will keep a promise to hear its objections to a forced merger with Lane Cove and Ryde.

Baird made the promise to Cllr Dr Meredith Sheil at last week's Local Government Conference in Wollongong (see page five) but Councillors fear he'll break it.

"Hunters Hill Council has formally documented Premier Baird's agreement to meet and that this Council agrees to pursue this agreement at the earliest possible opportunity," the unanimous motion states.

Councillor Mark Bennett said he hoped Lane Cove MP Anthony Roberts would attend the meeting.

"Anthony Roberts will not want to miss the opportunity, although he seems to have been compromised (on forced mergers) given his previous commitments to us," Cllr Bennett told the Council meeting.

The meeting echoed comments by broadcaster Alan Jones in The Weekly Times that it had been Liberal Party policy not to support forced mergers and that Local Government Minister Paul Toole had previously opposed them.

A further motion proposed by Mayor Richard Quinn to write to the Premier and to Mr Roberts raising the Council's "profound concern" about a lack of legislation to control political lobbying of councillors, was also passed.

Councillor Sheil moved a further, successful, motion calling for changes to laws to ban political lobbyists from serving as councillors.

Mr Roberts did not return calls made to The Weekly Times to his electorate office on Friday, despite his previous and enthusiastic support for a Joint Regional Authority alternative to the forced merger.

"At least Baird said he was willing to talk and I'm waiting to hear from him," Dr Sheil said.

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