

Former mayor steps up with independent team



Williams heads trio's election bid

John Besley

ROSS Williams and his independent team of Alison Voulgaris and Derek Low have officially launched their campaign for the Hunters Hill Council elections.

Mr Williams, a longtime resident and former mayor of Hunters Hill, is running for mayor as well as councillor in the north ward alongside his running mates Voulgaris and Low.

Ms Voulgaris has been involved with the community for more than 20 years, serving on multiple fundraising and organising committees and co-ordinating the not for profit volunteer association Discover Hunters Hill.

Another longtime Hunters Hill resident, Mr Low has been associated with organisations such as the Gladesville Ravens.

The team held their launch party last week, where they unveiled their mantra as a "commitment to defend the Municipality's in-

dependence and special character, listen to the community and act on the aspirations and needs of the community".

Mr Williams said the true independence of his team is what sets them apart.

"It is important that we keep the 'local' in local government to ensure it remains true to the people it serves," he said.

Even though Hunters Hill's forced merger with Ryde and Lane Cove was called off, Mr Williams said that the Liberal party's endorsement of councillor Zac Miles and his team "sent shockwaves through the community".

"The Premier has clearly stated . . . that the government has withdrawn from the legal action but still has a policy of forced council amalgamation," he said.

"Do these endorsed Liberals support their party's policy or not?"

The Hunters Hill elections of mayor and councillors take place on September 9.