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# PEOPLE POWER

## Forces Gladys Backflip & Saves Our Councils!

BY OUR CHIEF CIVIC ROUNDSMAN



*Hunters Hill leading anti-amalgamation campaigners celebrated their victory by taking their protest signs to storage after the good news (for possible future use if needed?).*

*They are headed by Hunters Hill Mayor Clr Richard Quinn, former councillor and barrister Phil Jenkyn OAM, former mayor Ross Williams and Clr Justine McLaughlin. TWT on-the-spot PHOTO.*

### Hunters Hill celebrates Victory!

People power recorded a monumental victory last Thursday when NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian backflipped on the forced amalgamation of fourteen Sydney metro councils in a snap announcement.

**Most importantly for TWT readers three of the saved councils are Hunters Hill, Lane Cove and Ryde who have fought hard and long to remain independent in the name of local democracy. Plus - Canada Bay, Burwood, Strathfield, Willoughby, Mosman and North Sydney.**

The Weekly Times has received accolades from many sources for leading the fight along with the Save Our Councils Coalition and the Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition spearheaded by former Hunters Hill councillors Phil Jenkyn OAM and Ross Williams who is standing again for mayor on September 9.

Timing of the backflip by Half-a-Job Gladys was obviously intended to minimise the Liberal party losses at next month's Local Government elections due on Saturday September 9.

A groundswell of public opinion was motivating electors to "Put Liberals Last" on Ballot papers. Time will tell if the premier's belated announcement will quell the discontent in the community.

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