

Phil Jenkyn OAM awarded Freedom of Hunters Hill

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Stalwart anti-amalgamation campaigner Phil Jenkyn OAM of Hunters Hill has been awarded the Freedom of the Municipality.

Mayor Richard Quinn announced the prestigious award at Monday night's council meeting, which adds to Mr Jenkyn's recognition as Hunters Hill's Citizen of the Year in 1989.



Mayor Richard Quinn



Phil Jenkyn OAM

Mr Jenkyn is a barrister and former alderman who received his Order of Australia medal in 2005 for the protection and preservation of the environment, particularly heritage sites on the Sydney Harbour foreshore.

He is the current spokesman for the anti-amalgamation group – the Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition – and has attracted huge community support for rallies outside NSW Parliament and a popular campaign within the municipality.

His efforts were rewarded recently with Premier Gladys Berejiklian's backflip over the proposed forced merger of Hunters Hill with the City of Ryde and Lane Cove.

"Phil, together with Emeritus Mayor Ross Williams and with significant support from many people in our community has fought long and hard and successfully to save Hunters Hill from forced amalgamation," Mayor Richard Quinn said.

"Phil has led the community tirelessly and generously."

Mayor Quinn said his enthusiasm had inspired others.

“Phil is a genuine altruist and community activist who, for many years, has dedicated his time, talent and treasure to ensure ongoing grassroots democracy in Hunters Hill.

“His strong sense of service and his Never Give Up attitude have inspired others to come together to achieve the best possible outcomes for this local community that is so dear to him, his wife Gloria and many others.

“Through his political advocacy and passionate involvement in community affairs, Phil has continued to leave a significant legacy for future generations.”

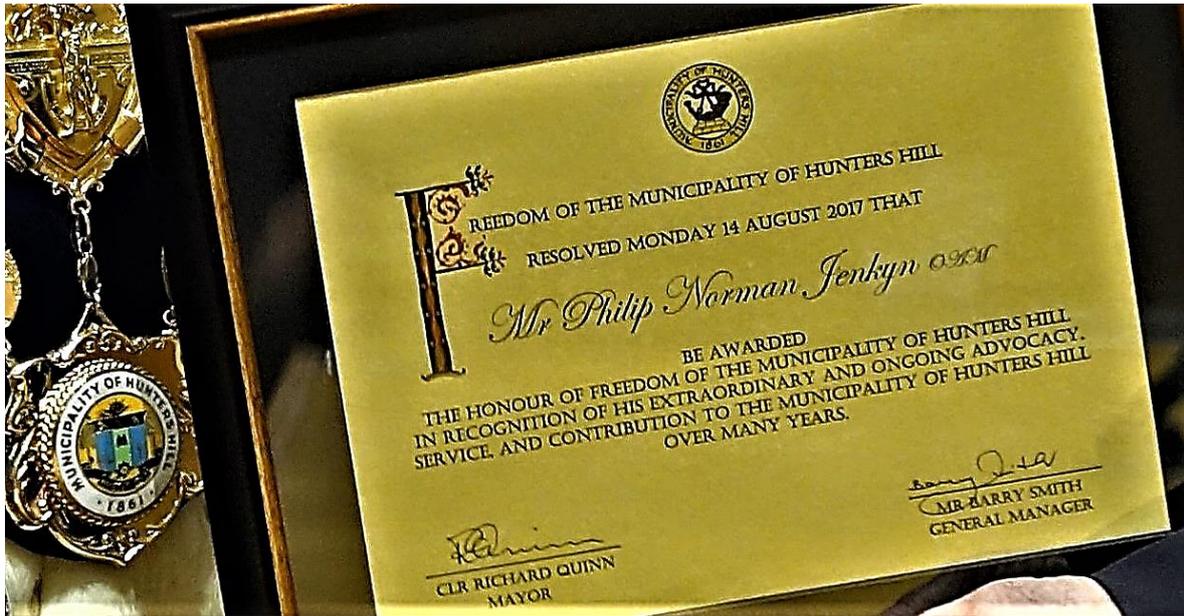
Mr Jenkyn told The Weekly Times he was honoured to be awarded the Freedom of the Municipality and thanked everyone who stood by him to stand up for Hunters Hill.

He modestly – and typically – played down his own contribution.

“I suppose being awarded the Freedom of the Municipality means I can continue to run amok,” he joked.



Mayor Quinn presents Mr Jenkyn with the Freedom of the Municipality on Monday night 14 August 2017. TWT On-the spot Photo.



The Award of The Freedom of the Municipality of Hunters Hill presented to Philip Norman Jenkyn OAM by Hunters Hill Council 14 August 2017.

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