

I'll stop Hunters Hill's street tree pruning lunacy

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HUNTERS Hill Mayoral candidate Ross Williams has vowed to take action to prevent overzealous contracted tree pruners destroying trees in residential streets.



Hunters Hill Mayoral candidate and former Mayor Ross Williams is pictured with running mate Alison Voulgaris and Independent candidate Jim Sanderson. TWT on-the-spot PHOTO

The Weekly Times has recently published photographs of the damage done by contractors in Boronia Park and Mr Williams said it's time these "tree vandals" are stopped.

"There is a classic example of this lunacy with eight trees in Mary Street in Hunters Hill where the trees have been stripped right back, despite no electrical wires involved.

"It shows an absolute disregard for the area and the way I'll stop it is to put checks on what contractors can and cannot do."

Mr Williams is also critical of overdevelopment which destroys trees and does not replace them.

"You look at any new development, it is stripped of trees and the loss of trees in the municipality at the moment is extraordinary," he said.

"A lot of this loss has to do with State Government laws which allow trees to be destroyed but it remains my strong belief that trees are as fundamental to Hunters Hill as heritage."

Mr Williams is also wants ratepayers to get more notice of controversial neighbourhood developments.

"Council has been very slow to notify neighbours and should be engaging all relevant stakeholders as soon as a controversial development application comes to it."

The Williams' Team campaign this week received the endorsement of Save Hunters Hill Municipality spokesman Phil Jenkyn OAM who was recently awarded the Freedom Of The Municipality for his role in the fight against the Liberal State Government's proposed forced merger of Hunters Hill with Ryde.

"Ross Williams in my view is the stand out candidate for Mayor of Hunters Hill," Mr Jenkyn said.

"He is highly qualified in the environment field, governance and administration, and experienced in local government having been Mayor 1989-93.

"He is a person of the highest integrity and passionate about Hunters Hill and its special character.

"Ross over many years has worked tirelessly for the community.

"He was pivotal in the recent battle to keep our independence.

"Our battle is not over yet, the Liberal Government's policy of forced council amalgamations remains.

No other candidate can bring to the table such depth and breadth of experience and leadership.

"This is the very time that this community needs Ross for Mayor."

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Our commitment is to **DEFEND** the Municipality's independence and special character, to **LISTEN** to the community, and to **ACT** on the aspirations and needs of our community.

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