

Revellers warned of Liberal party policy ahead of September 9 council elections

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It was touted as a celebration of Hunters Hill's victory over forced amalgamation.



(L-R) Former Mayor Sue Hoopmann, Phil Jenkyn and current mayor Richard Quinn at the SHHMC celebration.

But Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition Co-Convenor Phil Jenkyn says it was much more than that.

Former mayor Sue Hoopmann and Hunters Hill Council hosted a ‘Thank You’ event at The Deckhouse in Woolwich on Monday night to pay tribute to the efforts of the community in repelling the state government’s attempt to forcefully merge Hunters Hill, Ryde and Lane Cove.

“It was a fun night,” Mr Jenkyn said.

“It was the greatest victory we have ever had in Hunters Hill and people needed to be thanked for that.

“The battle to maintain Hunters Hill has been won.”

However, according to Mr Jenkyn, the event was also an opportunity to ensure the community’s continued support of an independent Hunters Hill Council ahead of the upcoming council elections.

“The Liberal Party has endorsed a candidate for the first time ever,” he said.

“Liberal Party policy remains to continue with the forced amalgamation of Hunters Hill and Ryde.”

While Liberal mayoral candidate Zac Miles has stated that he intends to continue the community’s opposition to forced amalgamations, Mr Jenkyn says that an elected Liberal council would “inevitably” tow the party line.

“Should the Liberal Party take control of Ryde and Hunters Hill, it’s just a matter of time before the two councils meet and decide they should amalgamate.

“That’s what’s coming if people vote Liberal.”

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