

Hunters Hill mayor Richard Quinn has announced he will not be running in upcoming council elections

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Mayor Richard Quinn and his endorsed replacement Mark Bennett

Hunters Hill will have a new mayor following this year's council elections with Richard Quinn set to stand down from the role he has held since 2012.

"My experience as mayor has been very positive," said Cr Quinn, who is also the director of development at Hunters Hill's St Joseph's College.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed it.

"However it is a very time-consuming position, and trying to balance a full-time day job with the demands of being the mayor is quite challenging."

Cr Quinn has endorsed current deputy mayor Mark Bennett to replace him following the September 9 mayoral elections. Hunters Hill holds separate elections for mayor and for three councillors on each of the North and South Wards.

“I fully support Mark Bennett for mayor, as well as Justine McLaughlin for council,” he said.

“Mark is a very successful businessman and has been for a long time. Both he and Justine are very well placed to lead this council.”

Cr Gary Bird has also stated he will not be returning.

Cr Zac Miles has not indicated whether he will seek re-election and while councillors Meredith Sheil and Peter Astridge have not yet made their intentions known, they are also not expected to run again.

Nominations for the elections open on July 31 and close on Wednesday, August 9. The NSW Electoral Commission is running Hunters Hill and Ryde elections.

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