



A Personal Message to the people of Manly from Michael DARBY 1 September 2008



Member for Manly for 33 years
Douglas Darby MLA, with Esmé Jean
Darby MBE (photo: Manly Daily)

On Saturday 13 September 2008, Manly residents and ratepayers will choose a Mayor and Councillors to guide the destiny of the Manly Municipality for the next four years. You are likely familiar with my reason for nominating for Council, the need to bring Council back into line with the aims and aspirations of the people of Manly.

Very many Manly residents were well acquainted with my Douglas and Esmé Darby, both great contributors to Manly, who taught me that the legitimate purpose of being involved in public life is to speak up for individuals who cannot speak adequately for themselves.

My parents would be horrified by members of the Manly Council encouraging the closure of Manly Hospital and doing nothing to reopen Seaforth TAFE. Well informed Manly residents are astonished that in more than three decades the Manly Council has not taken the lead in rebuilding Manly's Harbour Pool. With Manly deprived of the drawing power of the world's largest safe saltwater swimming pool, the emphasis has shifted away from encouraging a huge number of family visits, in the direction of attracting individuals whose focus seems to be alcohol, drugs and violence.

In recent times Manly's future has fallen victim to a cadre of party factional opportunists who deride the efforts of those of us who are campaigning to save and upgrade Manly Hospital and to reopen Seaforth TAFE in 2009. The real people of Manly support those campaigns, just as the real people of Manly uphold and support the efforts of Street Mission and Speranza.

Typical of the factional opportunists, the current member for Manly apparently sees his role in politics as competing with the Government in mishandling the sale of NSW electricity resources. A genuine local representative would be demanding that a sizeable portion of projected revenue be quarantined for the colossal restoration of infrastructure urgently required for the people of Manly and their neighbours.

I am proud to seek your support for the Independent **Group C** team led by Doug Price and including former councillor, David Dickman. Group C candidates have a long record of standing up for what is right. Doug Price was the driving force behind the plebiscite which allowed the locals to express their overwhelming support for the reopening of Seaforth TAFE. Doug Price is a long term and powerful advocate for the retention and upgrading of Manly Hospital. Group C candidates have a practical plan for a cost-effective supplement to the Spit Bridge. Doug Price has the enthusiasm, energy, determination and stature which other candidates for the Mayoralty might envy.

By voting **[1] Price** and **[1] Group C**, voters can refuse to return Manly Municipality to the grip of the established political elites. Let's have an energetic Mayor plus influential Councillors committed to a safe environment for families, with the promises and the plans to defend and enhance Manly's public infrastructure.

For details of Group C plans for progress, please visit the Group C website: www.dougprice.net

Kind regards

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