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New WSROC Executive committee to tackle regional issues

Liverpool Councillor Tony Hadchiti has been elected for his third term as President of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils at its AGM last week.

"I'm very honoured to be elected President for the third year running and I look forward to continuing the important work of WSROC," Cllr Hadchiti said.

"WSROC has had some great successes in achieving recognition and resources for our region in the last twelve months. This includes $5.3 million in funding for an energy saving street lighting program, development of a regional waste management strategy, and the execution of a wood smoke reduction program."

"The next twelve months will be an equally challenging and exciting time for Western Sydney, with local government reforms and major infrastructure projects at the top of the agenda – opportunities that will benefit from WSROC's collaborative, regional approach," he said.

Parramatta Councillor Steven Issa took the role of Senior Vice President.

"The next twelve months will be an important period for local government and I feel privileged to serve as Senior Vice President at a time when WSROC's position is evolving in the context of the NSW Government's Fit for the Future initiative" said Cllr Issa.

Hawkesbury Councillor Tiffany Tree replaced Fairfield Councillor George Barcha as Junior Vice President. Cllr Tree previously was the organisation's Vice President.

"I am delighted to be back on the WSROC board and am looking forward to working towards outcomes resulting from the challenges that lie ahead for the local government sector. The next few years will see great changes to the role of the ROCs and it is likely that they will provide more services to member councils than ever before," said Cllr Tree.

Auburn Councillor Salim Mehajer took on the role of Treasurer, succeeding Cllr Jacqueline Donaldson of Blacktown.

"As the elected Treasury Member for WSROC, I will strive to achieve the best possible result for both WSROC and my fellow residents of Western Sydney. I believe that WSROC plays a key role in government reforms as the complete representation of the entire Western Sydney precinct, be it Councils or its people," said Cllr Mehajer.

President Cllr Hadchiti said he looked forward to working with a strong and effective team. "The new WSROC Executive provides a good spread of perspectives from across the region which is to the benefit of Western Sydney."

There were several new faces on the WSROC Board which saw delegates appointed by their Council's last month. Cllr Hadchiti welcomed WSROC's newest members Cllr Linda Downey (Mayor, Bankstown), Cllr Frank Carbone (Mayor, Fairfield), Cllr Nasr Kafrouni (Holroyd), and Cllr Gus Balloot (Liverpool).

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About WSROC:

Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) represents 10 local councils in Western Sydney and provides a strong voice for the residents of Western Sydney to improve their quality of life. WSROC manages a number of projects, which are either funded jointly by its members or from external sources.

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