

Meet the Candidates 2012 – Dixie Coulton

Apologies for this very late notice to let you know that I am unfortunately unable to attend your Meet the Mayoral Candidates session this evening due to my commitment to attend my one and only fund-raising event – which is at the same time as your meeting. I am late in responding as I have been desperately trying to work out a way to attend both gatherings, but it is not possible.

I am very keen to work with members of the Glebe community and the Glebe Society and would welcome the opportunity to respond to the questions you have offered to send to me – hopefully it is not too late to provide you with answers.

During 2003-2004 when I was a councillor and the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney Council and the City took over Glebe, I attended precinct meetings and worked with members of your community and council to deliver Bellevue House and the Foreshore Walkway – among others.

I have a very fond connection with Glebe through Nancy Coulson – my husband's 92-year old aunt who still lives independently in Eglinton Road. She is a grandmother to my 2 daughters and as such we often visit the area. I also have many other friends (both young and old!) living in The Glebe.

Basically I am standing for Lord Mayor as I believe planning policies have been disastrously mismanaged – such as the Kings Cross Late Night Precinct; the extreme anti-car policies of council which is severely hampering and disadvantaging small business and residents; and the lack of open, transparent consultation with communities. In essence it is time for change as the Moore-led council has stopped listening and is taking Sydney backwards.

My team is made up of residents and business people who are dedicated to making Sydney liveable again with a very positive understanding and respect for heritage, design excellence, green space, all forms of transport, culture and the arts.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the issues you face in your community and how we can work together.

Regards,

Dixie Coulton