

NO PARKING

President: Charles Matthews

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METERS PARTY

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Est. 24 February 2006
Founded by:
Charles Matthews
First Mayor Elected
to the City of Randwick
1990 - 1991

RESPONSE TO ARTICLE "No meter quest hits a snag at Coogee"

Dear Editor (Lisa),

As you would no doubt have listed on record, prior to the last Randwick City Council election, all the party's standing stated that parking meters were not an issue and would not support parking meters.

Prior to the last election, of particular interest were the comments and 'blogs' made by Cr. Matson, whom I may add was the Councillor who raised the motion for replacement of existing meters at Coogee which will cost the ratepayers \$60,000.00. Only four (4) Councillors voted against the motion for replacement and installation of additional parking meters as raised by Cr. Matson, they were; Cr. Matthews (NPMP), Cr. Andrews (IND), Cr. Belleli (LIB) and Cr. Stevenson (LAB).

Unfortunately as the old sayings state " ... *you get the Concillors you vote for* ... ", " ...*leopard's don't change their spots* ...".

Also of interest is the statement that " ... *are expected to raise the Council's parking meter taking by \$120,000 to \$400,000.*".

Cr. Matson's rationale for his motion is backpackers ... He may be dopey but I'm not, it obviously hasn't occurred to him, or he and the other 11 Councillors don't care, what effect this will have on the local residents, parents or visitors who visit this beautiful City and its beaches. Let's put it in perspective, as a resident or ratepayer; just to go shopping, visit friends, pick your children up from school, let alone extend your god-given right to go to the beach, IT'S GOING TO COST YOU.

Rather than suggesting the NO PARKING METERS PARTY is no longer a force, the party is needed now more than ever to point out the anomalies not only within Randwick City Council but other Councils within NSW who use parking meters as revenue raising instruments contrary to the Act, and that all the major players within Randwick City Council MISLED the electorate prior to the last election.

Sincerely

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VOTE **NO** AGAINST REVENUE PARKING METERS