

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 "Meters Will Stay" Page 36 (Sunday Telegraph 17/5/09)

Dear Editor,

I find it astonishing that your reporter, Around The Councils, ran as a by-line state "*Meters will stay at Randwick*" and write that the No Parking Meters Party " ... *has had little effect* ... ".

Perhaps your reporter forgot, that prior to the last Randwick City Council Election the parties standing (Liberal, Labor and Greens) all stated NO parking meters and stated that the No Parking Meters Party therefore had no policy(s) to offer the electorate.

It's sad how people forget. But you get the Councillors you vote for.

As an ex-serviceman, I hold people to their word and unfortunately, Liberal, Labor and the Greens have misled the electorate. Considering the effect of the cost of parking meters and their percentage of a family's budget, just to go shopping, visit friends, pick their children up from school, let alone extend their god-given right to go to the beach. What percentage is that over a week, a month or a year? Parking meters are just an extra tax on the family car.

Only four (4) Councillors voted against the motion for replacement of parking meters at a cost of \$60,000 of ratepayers money as raised by Cr. Matson they were, Cr. Matthews (No Parking Meters Party), Cr. Andrews (Independent), Cr. Belleli (Liberal) and Cr. Stevenson (Labor).

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, excluding the four Councillors named above, MISLED the electorate prior to the last election.

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VOTE **NO** AGAINST REVENUE PARKING METERS