



MAYOR TANYA TAYLOR

Mayor of Willoughby City Council

Cr Tanya Taylor is the popularly elected Mayor of Willoughby City Council in Sydney, first elected in 2021 and re-elected in 2024. She also serves as President of the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) and is a Board Director of Local Government NSW, contributing to regional and statewide collaboration on the priorities shaping resilient, connected communities.

With a background in community development, local government leadership, and not-for-profit governance, Tanya is a strong advocate for social impact and for empowering communities to thrive in the face of change and uncertainty. As Mayor, she has championed initiatives that strengthen social cohesion, support sustainable urban environments, and build local capacity to respond to emerging challenges - from climate and infrastructure pressures to social vulnerability and recovery after disruption.

Leading one of Australia's most diverse local government areas, Tanya is passionate about celebrating Willoughby as a city of belonging - where cultural diversity is recognised as a strength and community connection is central to long-term security and wellbeing.

At the National Security College's Securing our Future: a Ready and Resilient Australia Conference, Tanya will share insights on why security matters at a local level, and how community consultation and social research can help empower preparedness and resilience across local and regional communities.