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## Reilly to run again

**Robert Burton-Bradley**

Willoughby mayor Pat Reilly has confirmed his bid for the seat of Willoughby at this month's NSW election.

Cr Reilly revealed his decision last week just hours before the launch of his campaign. The announcement brought an end to months of speculation about his political intentions.

Cr Reilly said his decision to contest the seat a second time was triggered by a call from six of his fellow Willoughby councillors, who said they were disappointed by the lack of choice for voters.

"The fact that a number of my colleagues on the council have called on me to stand brought out what this election is all about - that independents are the only force left in politics that can deliver for communities, as neither major party is a credible choice for voters," Cr Reilly said.

Cr Reilly was narrowly defeated by the Opposition transport spokeswoman Gladys Berejiklian at the 2003 election, losing by a slim 144-vote margin.

Cr Reilly said he was deeply concerned by the State Government's metropolitan strategy for Sydney and its potential impact, saying there was not enough infrastructure to support the plan.

"All the aspects... in this election come down to infrastructure. There will be more people so more pressure that will affect health, mental health, childcare and aged care," he said.

"My campaign will not be aimed at personality attacks; it will be aimed at the philosophy of how party politics is letting us down."



### Fairytale ending as local toys triumph

Photo: Danielle Butters

A treasure trove of toys in St Ives has been awarded the best toy retailer in Australia for the fourth year. Elizabeth Milford, owner of Toys and Tales, said the store had a philosophy of 'nurturing the creativity and imagination of children'. The store was awarded 'Toy Retailer of the Year in Australia - small' by the Independent Toy Retailers Association.

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