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LEO PORT BACK AS MAYOR — BY PUBLIC SUPPORT



ALDERMAN PORT

Alderman Leo Port won the post of Lord Mayor of Sydney through constant support from the public and his fellow aldermen, he said today.

He was pre-selected for a further term yesterday and will officially be voted in next month.

The defeated contender, former Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Andrew Briger, said he would continue to support Mr Port and remain chairman of the Strategic Plan Review committee.

Mr Port agreed that his constant exposure to the public had helped in the pre-selection ballot.

The new Deputy Lord Mayor will be alderman Barry Lewis, outgoing chairman of the Works Committee.

Mr Briger said today he was not bitter about losing the pre-selection for Lord Mayor and Deputy

"My own personal task for the past six years has been forming a total plan

for Sydney," he said.

"I have bent over backwards to make the strategic plan a non-political one and my Labor colleagues have congratulated me on it."

Mr Briger said he had not stood for election to the Works committee because his influence in planning would be maintained on the Strategic Plan Review committee.

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