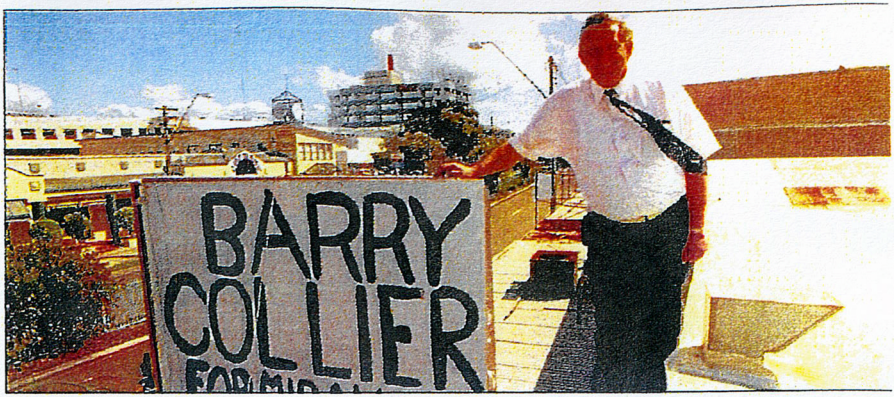

POLITICAL CAREER: Barry Collier with a home-made sign above his campaign office in Miranda at the 1999 election. **Picture: Steven Siewert**

Three careers add up to a lot of service

BARRY Collier is best known for his political career as a former state MP for Miranda and in his present role as a Sutherland Shire councillor.

However, his Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), awarded in the Australia Day honours, also recognised his service to the law and education.

Mr Collier, of Kareela, started as a teacher and progressed to become a curriculum consultant to the NSW Department of School Education in Legal Studies, Economics, Business Studies and Commerce.

He was a member and chairman of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) economics examination committee, a senior examiner and authored five economics textbooks for HSC students.

Positions he held included director of the Economics and Commercial Teachers Association and inaugural president of the Legal Education Teachers Association.

Mr Collier became interested in the law while designing the legal studies curriculum, and studied to become a lawyer.

He was a solicitor from 1990-97 and then went to the Bar where he worked for both the Director of Public Prosecutions and for legal aid.

Mr Collier was the MP for Miranda from 1999-2011 and from 2013-2015. Last year, he was elected to the council.

Mr Collier said, "I am completely humbled to be recognised in this way...and I am so grateful for the support of my family. It is their honour as much as mine."

– MURRAY TREMBATH