

3 September

2011

Report on the Conduct of the Shellharbour City Council Election



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Election Timetable

Activity	Date
Close of rolls	6:00pm Monday, 25 July 2011
Close of nominations	12:00 noon Wednesday, 3 August 2011
Pre-poll voting starts	Monday, 22 August 2011
Registration of how-to-vote material closes	5:00pm Friday, 26 August 2011
Postal voting applications close	5:00pm Monday, 29 August 2011
Declared Institution voting commences	Monday, 29 August 2011
Declared Institution voting concludes	Wednesday, 31 August 2011
Pre-poll voting finishes	6:00pm Friday, 2 September 2011
Election day	Saturday, 3 September 2011
Return of postal votes closes	6:00pm Monday, 5 September 2011
Distribution of preferences	Tuesday, 6 September 2011
Declaration of the poll	Wednesday, 7 September 2011

Election at a Glance

Date of Election Saturday, 3 September 2011

Returning Officer Ms Andrea Pearson

Councillor Election

Total Candidates 52

Female Candidates 18

Male Candidates 34

Successful Candidates Ms Marianne SALIBA

Ms Kellie MARSH

Mr John MURRAY

Mr David BOYLE

Mr Paul RANKIN

Mr Peter MORAN

Ms Helen STEWART



Voter Participation

Total Electors 44,920

Formal Votes 34,209

Informal Votes 3,771

Total Votes 37,980

Voter Turnout 84.6%

Rate of Informality 9.9%

Voting Methods Electors used

Ordinary 32,237

Postal 1,002

Pre-poll/Declared 4,702

Institution Section/Silent 39

Polling Places

Pre-poll Voting Centres 1

Polling Places 17

Election Officials 127

Cost of Election \$217,297.00

Conduct of the Election

Background

Shellharbour City Council is an undivided council with seven councillors. The Council was placed under administration on 9 July 2008.

The Council continued under administration until returning to democracy by electing seven councillors on Saturday, 3 September 2011.

Councillors are usually elected for a period of four years, commencing their role on the day that the election is declared and holding the position until the next ordinary election.

As this election was not part of the 2012 NSW Local Government Elections, a specific piece of legislation was passed to allow the election and to ensure the next election falls in line with the September 2016 Local Government Elections.

Performance

Against Charter

The Local Government Elections 2012 Service Charter was used as the service standards to apply.

Comparisons to LGE2008

Shellharbour City Council was placed under administration prior to the 2008 Local Government Elections, so there was no election held in 2008.

Changes to Legislation

As Shellharbour City Council required fresh elections that were not part of the 2012 elections, and to ensure another election would not be required as part of those elections, the *Local Government (Wollongong and Shellharbour Elections) Act 2011* was passed and then commenced on 10 May 2011.

Innovation

Wollongong Count Centre

A count centre for Shellharbour City Council was established by the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) at Wollongong Town Hall, in conjunction with the Wollongong City Council Election.

The Councillor ballot papers for Shellharbour were examined and sorted in preparation for data entry. The ballot papers were then data entered twice into the NSWEC computer counting software.

This required employing up to 100 staff for the count centre who were involved in the examination and data entry of the ballot papers.

The count centre operated from Sunday, 4 September 2011, to Wednesday, 7 September 2011.

The count for Councillors for Shellharbour City Council was conducted on Tuesday, 6 September 2011.

The establishment of the count centre in Wollongong allowed scrutineers, appointed by candidates, to observe the counts.

Senior Office Assistant appointed to the Returning Officer's Office

At previous elections it had been noted that unofficially Returning Officers used somebody in their office to whom to delegate more responsibility. For example, the management of staffing (recruitment) and pre-poll activities often takes up significant blocks of time. Hence it is difficult for the Returning Officer to assume day to day responsibility for all these tasks. At the 2011 NSW State Election and at the Shellharbour City Council Election, NSWEC introduced the category of Senior Office Assistants (SOA) and paid them a higher hourly rate to recognise their additional responsibilities.

The introduction of the SOA position improved administration within the Returning Officer's office.

iVote

Although iVote was allowed for the NSW State Election in 2011, legislation is yet to be passed to enable iVote at Local Government elections.

Communications

Advertising

The 2011 Local Government Election advertising campaign for Shellharbour consisted of council specific statutory advertisements.

Statutory Campaign

Prior to the election the NSWEC consulted Shellharbour City Council to determine in which local newspapers the statutory advertisements, required under the legislation, were to be placed. The NSWEC also requested that council provided information about the number of times the advertisements were to appear in the newspapers.

Items covered in the statutory advertisements included:

- enrolment on residential and non-residential rolls;
- nomination information;
- candidates and polling place information; and
- election results.

Reproductions of the Newspaper Advertisements are at Appendices A-C

Social media

Social media was monitored but not engaged during the election period.

Website

The NSWEC's website provided all the information that stakeholders generally, not just electors, needed

to participate in the by-election. It provided information on the election timetable, employment opportunities, enrolment, polling places, candidates and poll results.

The NSWEC had a specific Shellharbour Local Government Election page from which stakeholders could source information on:

- election timetable;
- election employment opportunities;
- enrolment requirements and online enrolment confirmation;
- methods for voting;
- Local Government political parties;
- candidates;
- polling place lookup facility; and
- election results.

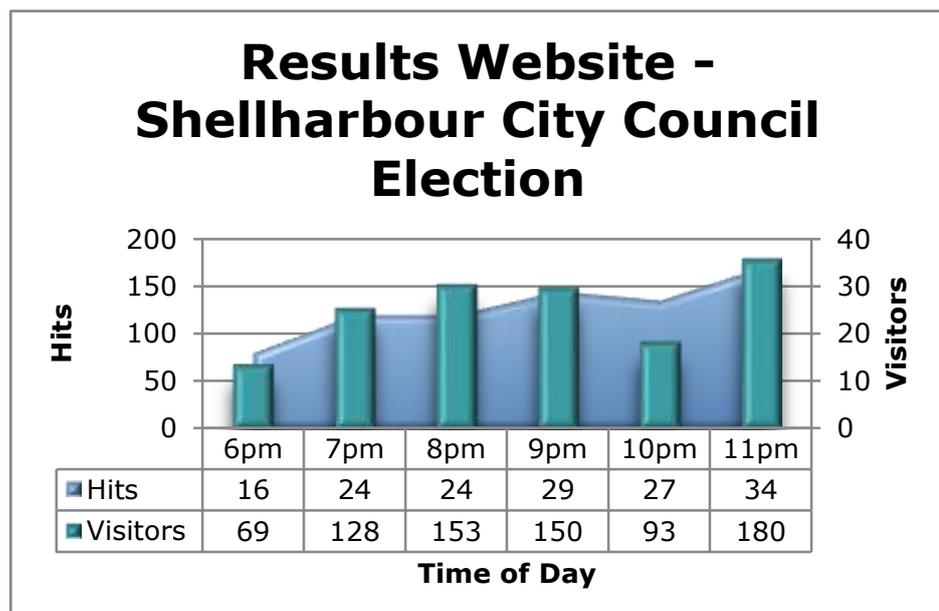
An enrolment search facility on the NSWEC website was available to assist electors verify their enrolment information including their council and, where applicable, ward information.

Polling place information provided on the website included accessibility information for electors with a disability.

To ensure availability of election information the NSWEC requested Shellharbour City Council provide a link on their website to the NSWEC site.

There were over 4,000 unique visitors to pages related to the Shellharbour City Council Election.

Use of the NSWEC’s website is typically greatest on election night when users seek information on results. The following graph provides a picture of usage over the period from close of polling to midnight on election night for the Shellharbour City Council Election.



Nominations

Nominations closed at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 3 August 2011.

A total of 52 nominations were received by close of nominations. The list of nominations is at Appendix D.

The draw for ballot paper position, held at 2pm on nomination day, was conducted by the Returning Officer at the Returning Officer's office.

The ballot papers were printed in Sydney by the NSW Electoral Commission's preferred security printer with the ballot papers being produced with a security background. A reproduction of the Ballot Paper is at Appendix E.

For a nomination to be accepted by the Returning Officer, candidates were required to complete a nomination form and a Candidate Information Sheet. All Candidate Information Sheets were published on the NSWEC website and were made available for public inspection at the Returning Officer's office, pre-poll centres, Declared Institutions and all polling places.

As part of the nomination process, candidates were also required to submit a statistics form and pay a nomination deposit to the Returning Officer at the time of nomination. The nomination fee of \$125 was applicable to all candidates, however, groups with six candidates or more were required to pay a

maximum of \$625 for a group to nominate.

The nomination deposit is refunded to candidates if:

- a candidate is elected or receives at least 4% of the total first preference votes;
- in a group, any one of the group is elected or receives at least 4% of the total first preference votes; or
- the election is uncontested.

Rolls

Residential

In NSW, enrolment and voting are compulsory at all Federal, State and Local Government elections. The NSW electoral roll is managed by the Australian Electoral Commission in conjunction with the NSWEC.

Legislation provides that for Local Government elections the electoral roll closes on the fortieth day before the day of the election. Any person who was on the roll at the close of roll date, 6:00pm Monday, 25 July 2011, was required to vote.

There were 44,920 electors on the residential electoral roll for Shellharbour City Council.

Non-residential

The non-residential roll of electors is a means to allow people who pay rates to a council for property they own, but do not occupy, to participate in the democratic process for that area. The non-residential roll lapses after each election. Electors must make a fresh application to appear on the roll for each election. Electors on the non-residential roll are not fined for failing to vote. While the NSWEC undertook steps to promote non-residential enrolment as part of the advertising campaign, the responsibility for compiling the non-residential roll remained with the Shellharbour City Council General Manager. The General Manager was required to prepare and certify a list of the potential electors who applied for the non-residential rolls and provide the list to the NSWEC.

There were two electors on the non-residential roll for Shellharbour City Council for the 2011 election.

Voting

Method of Voting

Section 285 *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes that the voting system in a contested election of a councillor or councillors is to be:

- optional preferential if the number of councillors to be elected is one or two; or
- proportional representation if the number of councillors to be elected is three or more.

For the election of councillors, proportional representation was the method used.

Absent Voting

Unlike State and Federal elections, absent voting is not available at NSW Local Government elections for electors who are outside their council area or ward on election day.

Early Voting

Pre-poll Voting

Pre-poll voting was available to those electors who met at least one of the following criteria set out in the legislation:

- were not within the ward or area for which the election was being held on election day;
- were not within 8 kilometres of any polling place within their council area or ward on election day;

- were travelling under conditions that prevented them from attending a polling place to vote;
- were unable to attend a polling place to vote for religious beliefs;
- were caring for another person who requires his or her care for medical reasons and so were prevented from attending at any such polling place to vote; or
- were working throughout the hours of voting on election day.

Electors meeting the above criteria were provided with the opportunity to cast their vote in the two weeks prior to election day.

Postal Voting

Postal voting services were provided to those electors who were unable to cast their vote on election day at a polling place for any of the following reasons prescribed in the legislation:

- will not be within the ward or area for which the election is being held on election day;
- will not be within 8 kilometres of any polling place within their council area or ward on election day;
- will be travelling under conditions that prevent them from attending a polling place to vote;
- due to illness, disability or approaching maternity are prevented from attending a polling place to vote;
- are unable to attend a polling place to vote for religious beliefs;
- are incarcerated;
- are caring for another person who

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- requires his or her care for medical reasons and so will be prevented from attending at any such polling place to vote;
 - will be working throughout the hours of voting on election day; or
 - are a silent elector.

Electors who are registered as a Registered General Postal Voter at State level are not required to register again for Local Government elections and were therefore automatically sent postal vote ballot papers.

Applications for postal voters opened on nomination day with electors able to obtain applications from the NSWEC website, the NSWEC head office or the Returning Officer's office. Applications for postal voting closed at 5:00pm on Monday, 29 August 2011.

In order to be admitted to the count postal votes needed to be received by the Returning Officer by 6:00pm on Monday, 5 September 2011.

Declared Institutions

The Electoral Commissioner has the authority to appoint hospitals, nursing homes, retirement villages and like facilities as Declared Institutions, to assist the residents and/or patients of these facilities who are unable to attend a polling place on election day.

Election officials visited Declared Institutions from the Monday until Wednesday before election day.

A total of three institutions were visited:

- Shellharbour Private Hospital;
- Shellharbour Public Hospital; and
- Warrigal Care.

Election day Voting

Voting

Three types of votes were distributed to electors on election day. The type of vote the elector receives is determined by their individual circumstance and includes:

- Ordinary
 - Issued to an elector whose name and address is on the roll at the polling place.
- Silent
 - Issued to an elector whose name appears on the roll but their address has been suppressed.
- Section Vote
 - Name Not On Roll - issued to an elector whose name cannot be found on the roll but claims to be entitled to vote; and
 - Name Already Marked As Voted - issued to an elector whose name is already marked off as having voted, but claims not to have voted.

Polling Places

The establishment of polling places for election day is a major component of the election preparation for the NSWEC and the Returning Officer. It is a difficult balance to select the number of

polling places to meet the needs of the community while keeping the costs to a minimum. These issues present the NSWEC head office with challenges that cannot be met through exact science but are determined by a series of formulae developed by the NSWEC and based on prior experience in that Local Government area.

In the lead up to the election the NSWEC provided council with a draft list of proposed polling places to be used at this election. Comments from the council received by the NSWEC were taken into consideration prior to the final selection of polling places.

Polling places were open to electors from 8:00am to 6:00pm on election day.

There were 17 polling places across the Shellharbour City Council area on election day. Of those, eight were fully wheelchair accessible and seven were accessible with assistance. The NSWEC website provided details of which polling places were accessible and the restrictions on accessibility where relevant.

While the NSWEC does not own any of the venues used for voting it is committed to providing the best possible voting facilities for electors with a disability and understands the importance of providing accurate accessibility information to the public. Where possible, the NSWEC hired wheelchair accessible venues as polling places.

A list of polling places is included in the reproduction of the Polling Places Initial Counts in Appendix F.

Counting the Votes

The accuracy of vote counting and the impartiality of this process are key tenets of electoral administration. The counting of results is a complex process, prescribed by legislation, to ensure accuracy in the results.

The method of counting votes for Local Government elections is set out in the Regulation.

For the Councillors election the proportional representation method was used.

Counting Procedures

On election night all polling places conducted an initial sort and count of first preference votes for all groups above the line and all candidates below the line. At the Returning Officer's office, declaration (ie postal, pre-poll and Declared Institution) votes are opened, sorted and first preference counted for all groups above the line and all candidates below the line. The count results were placed on the NSWEC website on election night.

The NSWEC established a Count Centre at Wollongong Town Hall to conduct the count of ballot papers for Councillors for both Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council.

On the Sunday after election day the Councillor ballot papers were collected from the Returning Officer's office and transported to the Wollongong Town Hall where all ballot papers were check counted, sorted and batched ready for data entry.

The ballot paper markings were data entered into a computer programme by approximately 40 data entry operators, working over two seven hour shifts per day and managed by senior NSWEC staff.

To ensure the accuracy of results, all ballot papers were put through two data entry rounds and, where any discrepancies arose, a third verification round was applied. Before running the count, data entry totals were reconciled against election night figures to ensure totals were complete and correct.

The Councillor count for Shellharbour City Council was completed on Tuesday after election day with the final result (pressing of the button) completed on the Tuesday afternoon after election day. The count results were placed on the NSWEC website.

A reproduction of the distribution of preferences is at Appendices G-H.

Declaration of the Poll

The successful candidates were declared elected by the Returning Officer on Wednesday, 7 September 2011, following the statutory 24 hour period required for any recount requests.

Once the declaration paperwork had been signed by the Returning Officer, copies of the declaration were provided to the Electoral Commissioner, the Council's General Manager, the Director General, Division of Local Government NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Secretary, Local Government and Shires Associations. In addition, the Returning Officer advised all candidates either by phone, email or SMS that the election results were available on the NSWEC website. Election results were also published in local press.

Electoral Staffing

Returning Officer

The Electoral Commissioner appointed Ms Andrea Pearson as Returning Officer for the Shellharbour City Council's election. Appointment was from 4 July until 9 September 2011, with a performance review conducted on completion of her service, as part of the feedback process.

Returning Officer's Duties

The Returning Officer had a number of responsibilities which were central to the running of the election. Operational duties included:

- set up and decommissioning of a temporary office;
- training of office staff and Polling Place Managers;
- making arrangements for voting at polling places and Declared Institutions;
- issuing and processing postal and pre-poll votes;
- dealing with enquiries and complaints from candidates and the public;
- processing candidate nominations; and
- counting of votes and declaring the result of the election.

The Returning Officer's office for Shellharbour City Council was located at:

Shellharbour City Council
Lamerton House,
Lamerton Crescent,
SHELLHARBOUR CITY CENTRE

Returning Officer Support Officer

A Returning Officer Support Officer (ROSO) was appointed in order to provide support on electoral matters and procedures in the conduct of the election. The appointed ROSO was an experienced former Returning Officer.

Staffing

Staffing is a significant cost driver for elections and as such the NSWEC recognises the importance of accurately predicting the number of required staff while taking into consideration the associated costs without compromising the level of service to electors.

The level of staffing required at the Returning Officer's office varied during the different phases of the election. These staff were employed to administer a variety of tasks including:

- office setup;
- engaging polling place staff;
- packing materials for each polling place;
- registration, distribution and receipt of postal votes;
- operation of pre-poll voting;

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- visits to Declared Institutions;
 - counting of the votes; and
 - office pack-up.

All polling places must have a minimum of two staff, one of whom is the Polling Place Manager. Staff roles at polling places are:

- Polling Place Manager:
 - manages the polling place and all polling place staff.
- Deputy Polling Place Manager:
 - assists Polling Place Manager running the polling place.
- Ordinary Issuing Officer:
 - issues ballot papers to enrolled electors (ordinary voters).
- Ballot Box Guard:
 - guards the ballot boxes;
 - ensures electors place completed ballot papers in ballot box before leaving the polling place;
 - indicates the exit for voters leaving the polling place; and
 - relieves ordinary vote issuing officers during breaks.
- Information Officer and Part Day Election Official:
 - controls queue and flow of electors to issuing tables;
 - deals with elector enquiries;
 - assists voters who require assistance;
 - keeps the polling place in a clean and tidy condition;
 - relieves ordinary vote issuing officers during breaks; and
 - assists the Polling Place Manager to issue declaration votes.

Polling Place Manager and Deputy Polling Place Manager

The Polling Place Managers' and Deputy Polling Place Managers' training programme was developed by the NSWEC to assist in the understanding of their duties and responsibilities during voting hours and when conducting the count on election night. Polling Place Managers and Deputy Polling Place Managers attended a training session at the Returning Officer's office and completed an online training programme.

Face to face training for Polling Place Managers and Deputy Polling Place Managers was conducted by the Returning Officer in the week prior to election day.

Training, both face to face and online, was well received by Polling Place Managers and Deputy Polling Place Managers.

Election Officials

The Returning Officer provided all election officials, part day election officials and information officers with the *Election Officials Manual* prior to election day. The handbook contained an overview of their responsibilities, voting processes, tasks undertaken before voting started, and instructions on how to issue ordinary votes and election night activities including reconciliation of ballot papers and counting of the votes.

Services to Electors

Election Information Brochure

Shellharbour City Council opted not to use an elector brochure for its enrolled electors.

Braille Ballot Papers

Amendments to the *Local Government (General) Regulation (2005)* allowed for the introduction of Braille ballot papers for electors with vision impairment.

No Braille ballot papers were requested for electors at this election.

Equal Access to Democracy/ Electors with a Disability

The NSWEC's Equal Access to Democracy Plan focuses on ways to improve services to, and participation in, the democratic process for people with a disability.

Recent changes to the Plan included:

- the provision of Braille ballot papers upon request for electors who are vision impaired;
- increased consultation with NSW government organisations such as the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care;
- increased website accessibility, including a page with information for electors with a disability;
- review of the Returning Officer guidelines to include information

on assisting electors who have a vision impairment, mental illness or intellectual disability.

These measures have been applied to this election.

Non-voters

Failure to Vote

Under electoral legislation, the NSWEC was required to issue 'failure to vote' notices to those electors whose names were not marked off the electoral roll as having voted or as having provided a valid excuse. All electoral rolls marked at polling places and in the Returning Officer's office were scanned after election day to create a list of non-voters. The penalty for failing to vote without a valid reason at a Local Government election is \$55.00.

For this election 5,822 penalty notices were issued. Of these, 19% were issued to electors under 26 years of age.

Services to Candidates and Political Parties

Candidate Information Seminars

A candidate information seminar was conducted by the NSWEC to assist prospective candidates in their preparation for the election.

The seminar provided prospective candidates with the opportunity to clarify any issues with senior NSWEC

staff. Major topics covered in the seminar included:

- the election timetable;
- candidate eligibility criteria and how to nominate;
- groups of candidates and political party names on ballot papers;
- campaigning (election advertising, 'how-to-vote' material and public scrutiny of candidates);
- complaints handling by NSWEC;
- voting and counting ballot papers;
- scrutineers; and
- election funding obligations.

The seminar was advertised in local newspapers covering the council area.

The NSWEC's handbook "*Information for Candidates and Scrutineers in Local Government Elections*" was made available as was the "*Election Funding Handbook*" which explains candidates' obligations under the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981*.

There were 32 prospective candidates who attended this seminar.

Candidates and other interested parties were appreciative of the opportunity to have the election process explained to them.

How-to-vote material

All electoral material to be distributed by candidates or their representatives on election day must

be registered by the NSWEC. Registration does not apply to posters, whether they are displayed before or on election day, nor is it required for material to be distributed before election day.

Candidates are required to provide an application form and a copy of each item to be registered. The NSWEC provided candidates with guidelines to assist them to meet the registration requirements. A candidate help line was also set up by the NSWEC to aid candidates. The NSWEC registered all how-to-vote material that met the requirements.

Election Costs

As prescribed in the Act the Electoral Commissioner conducts Local Government elections on behalf of councils on a full cost recovery basis. The NSWEC is not funded by the NSW Government for the conduct of the elections.

Key cost drivers for the election included:

- Election Official wages;
- Returning Officer wages;
- office accommodation for Returning Officer;
- information and technology support;
- polling places;
- number of electors in council area;
- newspaper and elector brochure advertising; and
- printing/materials for polling places.

To assist with budgeting, the NSWEC provided Shellharbour City Council with an estimate of the costs for the conduct of their election.

The final cost of NSWEC conducting the election was \$217,297 (GST exclusive). This was made up of Local Government Elections Programme Management \$24,107; Finance Services \$4,940; Election Services \$177,060; Election Information Services \$2,410; Information Technology \$8,780.

Future Directions

Legislative

The NSWEC is currently providing submissions for the Local Government (General) Amendment (Election Procedures) Regulation 2012.

Operational

Local Computer Count

The NSWEC computer counting software will be used in Returning Officer's offices at the Local Government elections to be held on Saturday, 8 September 2012.

Office Managers

The new innovation of a Senior Office Assistant, trained as a Returning Officer, has been enhanced and will be implemented at the Local Government elections in 2012 in the form of an Office Manager for Returning Officer's offices.

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**SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
SATURDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Election of 7 Councillors

Enrol to vote

Non-residential Rolls

If you are an owner, rate-paying lessee or occupier of rateable land which is not your primary residence, you or a nominee may be entitled to be enrolled on the roll of non-residential owners of rateable land or the roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees for this election.

Details of the eligibility criteria and enrolment claim forms may be obtained from **Shellharbour City Council Office, Lamerton House, Shellharbour City Centre (behind Stockland Shellharbour), Phone: (02) 4221 6111, Fax: (02) 4221 6016, Website: www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au** or will be forwarded to you upon request to the council.

The claim must be completed and lodged with the General Manager of Shellharbour City Council on or before **6pm Monday, 25 July 2011**.

If a claim for non-residential enrolment was made for a previous council election, and you wish to claim enrolment for this election, you must re-apply.

Residential Roll

All electors enrolled on the Commonwealth/State electoral roll as at **6pm Monday, 25 July 2011** residing in Shellharbour City Council local government area will be included on the roll for the election.

To check your enrolment details or to obtain a residential enrolment form visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736. Enrolment forms are also available from any Australia Post office. Enrolment forms must be received by **6pm Monday, 25 July 2011**.

Voting in Local Government elections is compulsory for all electors included on the residential roll.

Information: www.elections.nsw.gov.au or 1300 135 736

For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service 13 14 50

For hearing and speech impaired enquiries, call us via the National Relay Service on 13 36 77

Colin Barry, Electoral Commissioner

Appendix B: Polling Places & Candidates Advertisement
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SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL - ELECTION
SATURDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2011

Election of 7 Councillors

Voting on election day

Voting will take place on Saturday, 3 September 2011 between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm.

If you are enrolled in Shellharbour City Council area you must vote at one of the polling places listed below:

To check your enrolment details visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

Polling Places

W	Albion Park	Albion Park High School	Church Street
W	Albion Park	Albion Park Public School	Hamilton Road
	Albion Park Rail	Albion Park Rail Public School	Tongarra Road
W	Oak Flats	Balarang Public School	Government Road
	Barrack Heights	Barrack Heights Public School	Hunter Street
W	Flinders	Flinders Public School	Adam Murray Way
W	Lake Illawarra	Lake Illawarra High School	Reddall Parade
W	Albion Park	Mount Terry Primary School	175 Ashburton Drive
	Mount Warrigal	Mount Warrigal Public School	Hogarth Avenue
	Oak Flats	Oak Flats Public School	Griffiths Street
W	Shell Cove	Shell Cove Public School	Killalea Drive
W	Shellharbour City Centre	Shellharbour City Centre Anglican Church	Wallaroo Drive
	Shellharbour	Shellharbour Public School	Mary Street
	Barrack Heights	Warilla High School	Kerross Avenue
	Warilla	Warilla North Public School	Oldfield Street
	Warilla	Warilla Public School	Leawarra Avenue
	Warilla	Warilla Surf Life Saving Club	Osborne Parade

W= Wheelchair accessible. For information regarding accessibility please call 1300 135 736.

Voting before election day

Postal Voting and Pre-Poll Voting

You may be entitled to a postal or pre-poll vote. For details check www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

Pre-Poll voting in person

You can vote in person at the following location and times:

Returning Officer's Office, Old Council Chambers, corner Lake Entrance Road and Shellharbour Road, Warilla.

Monday, 22 August - Friday, 26 August 2011, 8.30am to 4.30pm

Monday, 29 August 201 - Thursday, 1 September 2011, 8.30am to 4.30pm

Friday, 2 September 2011, 8.30am to 6.00pm

Voting by post

Postal vote applications are available from www.elections.nsw.gov.au, the Returning Officer, the Council office or by calling 1300 135 736.

Completed application forms must be received by the Returning Officer, PO Box 540 Warilla NSW 2528 , fax: (02) 9290 5294, not later than 5.00pm Monday, 29 August 2011.

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all electors. The penalty for not voting is \$55

Appendix B (continued): Polling Places & Candidates Advertisement
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Candidates

Group	Name of candidate	Name on ballot paper	Party Affiliation or Independent
Group A	Helen Clare STEWART	STEWART, Helen	Independent
	Elaine JACKSON	JACKSON, Elaine	Independent
	Wayne Paul James HARTMAN	HARTMAN, Wayne	Independent
Group B	Robert John PARSONS	PARSONS, Bob	Independent
	Leon Francis CICOLINI	CICOLINI, Leon	Independent
	Steven Lee CAUNT	CAUNT, Steve	Independent
Group C	Kenneth Edward GOODHEW	GOODHEW, Ken	Independent
	Richard Lindsay CANNAN	CANNAN, Richard	Independent
	Brian Leonard PEMBER	PEMBER, Brian	Independent
Group D	Joanna COMBE	COMBE, Joanna	Independent
	Keith Michael ROBINSON	ROBINSON, Keith	Independent
	David Norman CHOLSON	CHOLSON, David	Independent
Group E	Joan VINTON	VINTON, Joan	Independent
	Norelle Jean PULLEN	PULLEN, Norelle	Independent
	Kenneth Richard Peter PULLEN	PULLEN, Ken	Independent
Group F	Janet Mary WATSON	WATSON, Janet	Independent
	Donald Leslie BRIGGS	BRIGGS, Don	Independent
	Enver SALI	SALI, Enver	Independent
Group G	Barry Gordon YOUNG	YOUNG, Barry	Independent
	Paul Raymond HOCKEY	HOCKEY, Paul	Independent
	Marianne Frances SALIBA	SALIBA, Marianne	LABOR
Group H	Robert John MURRAY	MURRAY, John	LABOR
	Molra HAMILTON	HAMILTON, Molra	LABOR
	Timothy Ivan BANFIELD	BANFIELD, Tim	LABOR
Group I	Paul Joseph Arthur WESLEY	WESLEY, Paul	LABOR
	Peter Charles MORAN	MORAN, Peter	Independent
	Susan Lorraine MORAN	MORAN, Sue	Independent
Group J	Paul Victor JOHNSON	JOHNSON, Paul	Independent
	Dennis George CHAMBERS	CHAMBERS, Dennis	Independent
	Carolyn Anne VAUGHAN	VAUGHAN, Carolyn	Independent
Group K	Shane Anthony COOK	COOK, Shane	Independent
	Desiree ZEBALLOS	ZEBALLOS, Desiree	Independent
	Geoffrey Thomas SMITH	SMITH, Geoff	Independent
Group L	Rachael Louise COOK	COOK, Rachael	Independent
	Kellie Joan MARSH	MARSH, Kellie	LIBERAL
	Paul Anthony RANKIN	RANKIN, Paul	LIBERAL
Group M	Stuart Gordon WRIGHT	WRIGHT, Stuart	LIBERAL
	Harry Thomas GOODEN	GOODEN, Harry	LIBERAL
	Paul Alexander GILBERT	GILBERT, Paul	LIBERAL
Group N	Allsa Louise O'LEARY	O'LEARY, Allsa	LIBERAL
	David Wayne BOYLE	BOYLE, David	
	Robert PETRESKI	PETRESKI, Rob	
Group O	Kim Leanne GLEESON	GLEESON, Kim	
	Alexander Linton Proctor MACLEOD	MACLEOD, Alex	—
	Diane Lesley QUINLIN	QUINLIN, Diane	Independent
Group P	Russell John HANNAH	HANNAH, Russell	Independent
	Max Raymond CLAY	CLAY, Max	Independent
	Patrick Robert GILES	GILES, Patrick	Independent
Group Q	Mairi Isobell Wilson PETERSEN	PETERSEN, Mairi	Independent
	Sonya Lea MHKAY	MHKAY, Sonya	Independent
	Steven KRINKS	KRINKS, Steven	Independent
Group R	Robert Anthony LOPICH	LOPICH, Robert	Independent

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

Electors may view each candidate's information sheet at www.elections.nsw.gov.au.

Andrea Pearson

Returning Officer for Shellharbour City Council

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SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION Held Saturday, 3 September 2011

Result of Election

An election was held to elect 7 Councillors. I declare the following elected as Councillors until the next ordinary election of the Council in 2016.

SALIBA, Marianne

MARSH, Kellie

MURRAY, John

BOYLE, David

RANKIN, Paul

MORAN, Peter

STEWART, Helen

Detailed results are available from the NSW Electoral Commission website and are available for inspection at the Council.

Andrea Pearson
Returning Officer for Shellharbour City Council
Date: 7th September 2011

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Appendix D: List of Nominated Candidates

BANFIELD, Tim	MARSH, Kellie
BOYLE, David	McKay, Sonya
BRIGGS, Don	MORAN, Peter
CANNAN, Richard	MORAN, Sue
CAUNT, Steve	MURRAY, John
CHAMBERS, Dennis	O'LEARY, Alisa
CHOLSON, David	PARSONS, Bob
CICOLINI, Leon	PEMBER, Brian
CLAY, Max	PETERSEN, Mairi
COMBE, Joanna	PETRESKI, Rob
COOK, Rachael	PULLEN, Ken
COOK, Shane	PULLEN, Norelle
GILBERT, Paul	QUINLIN, Diane
GILES, Patrick	RANKIN, Paul
GLEESON, Kim	ROBINSON, Keith
GOODEN, Harry	SALI, Enver
GOODHEW, Ken	SALIBA, Marianne
HAMILTON, Moira	SMITH, Geoff
HANNAH, Russell	STEWART, Helen
HARTMAN, Wayne	VAUGHAN, Carolyn
HOCKEY, Paul	VINTON, Joan
JACKSON, Elaine	WATSON, Janet
JOHNSON, Paul	WESLEY, Paul
KRINKS, Steven	WRIGHT, Stuart
LOPICH, Robert	YOUNG, Barry
MACLEOD, Alex	ZEBALLOS, Desiree

held on 3 September 2014

ELECTION OF 7 COUNCILLORS SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

You may vote in one of two ways:

either Place the number "1", "2", "3", "4" or "5" in the square above the group of candidates for whom you wish to vote. You may also place the number "6" in the square above the group of candidates for whom you wish to vote. You may also place the number "7" in the square above the additional group of candidates for whom you wish to vote.

OR Place the number "1", "2", "3", "4", "5" or "6" in the square above the group of candidates for whom you wish to vote. You may also place the number "7" in the square above the additional group of candidates for whom you wish to vote.

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H	GROUP I	GROUP J	GROUP K	
<input type="checkbox"/> STUART Miles <input type="checkbox"/> JACKSON, Elaine <input type="checkbox"/> HARTMAN Wayne <input type="checkbox"/> PHILLIPS Bob	<input type="checkbox"/> COULLEN Leon <input type="checkbox"/> GILBERT Steve <input type="checkbox"/> GOODBANK Ian <input type="checkbox"/> GAMMA Stewart	<input type="checkbox"/> FURVELI Rose <input type="checkbox"/> CLARKE James <input type="checkbox"/> EGGERSON Rob <input type="checkbox"/> COULSON David	<input type="checkbox"/> YUNICK Jane <input type="checkbox"/> PULLIN Neville <input type="checkbox"/> PULLER Ian <input type="checkbox"/> WATSON Janet	<input type="checkbox"/> BRIDGES Ian <input type="checkbox"/> MILLER Trevor <input type="checkbox"/> YOUNG Sandy <input type="checkbox"/> HOCKEY Paul	<input type="checkbox"/> GULKA Rosemary <input type="checkbox"/> MERRITT John <input type="checkbox"/> HAMILTON Mike <input type="checkbox"/> SMYTHE Tim <input type="checkbox"/> WEBSTER Paul	<input type="checkbox"/> JACKSON Peter <input type="checkbox"/> MURRAY Ian <input type="checkbox"/> JANKINS Paul <input type="checkbox"/> CHAMBERS David <input type="checkbox"/> WALDMAN Carole	<input type="checkbox"/> COOK Shane <input type="checkbox"/> PERLINS Trevor <input type="checkbox"/> SMITH Geoff <input type="checkbox"/> COOK Richard	<input type="checkbox"/> WATSON, Susan <input type="checkbox"/> WANKER Paul <input type="checkbox"/> MORGAN Stuart <input type="checkbox"/> GOODEN Henry <input type="checkbox"/> ALBERT Paul <input type="checkbox"/> OLSBY Alan	<input type="checkbox"/> BATEL David <input type="checkbox"/> PETERSON Rob <input type="checkbox"/> GLEESON Ian <input type="checkbox"/> MACLEOD Alan	<input type="checkbox"/> QUINN Al Diane <input type="checkbox"/> HANNAH Richard <input type="checkbox"/> CLARK Alan <input type="checkbox"/> GILES Patrick <input type="checkbox"/> PETERSEN Mark	<input type="checkbox"/> HACKETT George <input type="checkbox"/> MURPHY Steven <input type="checkbox"/> LARSEN Robert

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Appendix G: Distribution of Preferences

Party / Group and Candidates Result Report			
Event: Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council Local Government Elections			
Work Location: Wollongong Count Centre			
Area: Shellharbour City Council		Ward: Undivided	
Date of Election: 03 September 2011	Candidates to be Elected: 7	Counts Required: 48	Quota: 4,277
		Order of Election/Exclusion	Count at which Elected/Excluded
GROUP A			
STEWART Helen		ELECTED* 7	COUNT 48
JACKSON Elaine		EXCLUDED 6	COUNT 10
HARTMAN Wayne		EXCLUDED 21	COUNT 25
PARSONS Bob		EXCLUDED 36	COUNT 40
GROUP B			
CICOLINI Leon		EXCLUDED 41	COUNT 45
CAUNT Steve		EXCLUDED 27	COUNT 31
GOODHEW Ken		EXCLUDED 24	COUNT 28
CANNAN Richard		EXCLUDED 12	COUNT 16
GROUP C			
PEMBER Brian		EXCLUDED 42	COUNT 46
COMBE Joanna		EXCLUDED 3	COUNT 7
ROBINSON Keith		EXCLUDED 10	COUNT 14
CHOLSON David		EXCLUDED 17	COUNT 21
GROUP D			
VINTON Joan		EXCLUDED 40	COUNT 44
PULLEN Norelle		EXCLUDED 33	COUNT 37
PULLEN Ken		EXCLUDED 23	COUNT 27
WATSON Janet		EXCLUDED 25	COUNT 29
GROUP E			
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Appendix G (continued): Distribution of Preferences

		Order of Election/Exclusion	Count at which Elected/Excluded
BRIGGS Don		EXCLUDED 44	COUNT 48
SALI Enver		EXCLUDED 29	COUNT 33
YOUNG Barry		EXCLUDED 16	COUNT 20
HOCKEY Paul		EXCLUDED 26	COUNT 30
GROUP F	LABOR		
SALIBA Marianne		ELECTED 1	COUNT 1
MURRAY John		ELECTED 3	COUNT 3
HAMILTON Moira		EXCLUDED 39	COUNT 43
BANFIELD Tim		EXCLUDED 20	COUNT 24
WESLEY Paul		EXCLUDED 30	COUNT 34
GROUP G			
MORAN Peter		ELECTED* 6	COUNT 48
MORAN Sue		EXCLUDED 7	COUNT 11
JOHNSON Paul		EXCLUDED 11	COUNT 15
CHAMBERS Dennis		EXCLUDED 1	COUNT 5
VAUGHAN Carolyn		EXCLUDED 14	COUNT 18
GROUP H			
COOK Shane		**	COUNT 48
ZEBALLOS Desiree		EXCLUDED 8	COUNT 12
SMITH Geoff		EXCLUDED 13	COUNT 17
COOK Rachael		EXCLUDED 2	COUNT 6
GROUP I	LIBERAL		
MARSH Kellie		ELECTED 2	COUNT 1
RANKIN Paul		ELECTED* 5	COUNT 48
WRIGHT Stuart		EXCLUDED 28	COUNT 32
GOODEN Harry		EXCLUDED 19	COUNT 23
GILBERT Paul		EXCLUDED 15	COUNT 19
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Appendix G (continued): Distribution of Preferences

	Order of Election/Exclusion	Count at which Elected/Excluded
O'LEARY Alisa	EXCLUDED 31	COUNT 35
GROUP J		
BOYLE David	ELECTED* 4	COUNT 48
PETRESKI Rob	EXCLUDED 34	COUNT 38
GLEESON Kim	EXCLUDED 9	COUNT 13
MACLEOD Alex	EXCLUDED 4	COUNT 8
GROUP K		
QUINLIN Diane	EXCLUDED 43	COUNT 47
HANNAH Russell	EXCLUDED 32	COUNT 36
CLAY Max	EXCLUDED 18	COUNT 22
GILES Patrick	EXCLUDED 5	COUNT 9
PETERSEN Mairi	EXCLUDED 22	COUNT 26
UNGROUPED CANDIDATES		
MCKAY Sonya	EXCLUDED 37	COUNT 41
KRINKS Steven	EXCLUDED 38	COUNT 42
LOPICH Robert	EXCLUDED 35	COUNT 39
<p>Candidate(s) marked * elected at count 48 without reaching quota. The distribution of the total votes of candidates marked ** would not change the elected candidate(s), therefore their exclusion does not proceed.</p>		
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Appendix H: Distribution of Preferences (elected councillors)

Candidates in Sequence of Election Report				
Event: Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council Local Government Elections				
Work Location: Wollongong Count Centre				
Area: Shellharbour City Council		Ward: Undivided		
Date of Election: 03 September 2011	Candidates to be Elected: 7	Counts Required: 48	Quota: 4277	
Candidates Name	Group	Group Name	Count Electecd At	Sequence of Election
SALIBA Marianne	F	LABOR	1	1
MARSH Kellie	I	LIBERAL	1	2
MURRAY John	F	LABOR	3	3
BOYLE David	J		48	4
RANKIN Paul	I	LIBERAL	48	5
MORAN Peter	G		48	6
STEWART Helen	A		48	7

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