

Government Elections

Report on the Local

Government Elections

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2012

Councils with Elections undertaken by NSW Electoral Commission

Albury City Council	The Council of the Shire of	Uralla Shire Council
Armidale Dumaresq Council	Hornsby	Urana Shire Council
Ashfield Council	The Council of the	Wagga Wagga City Council
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Cootamundra Shire Council	Orange City Council	
Corowa Shire Council	Palerang Council	
Cowra Shire Council	Parkes Shire Council	
Deniliquin Council	Parramatta City Council	
Dubbo City Council	Pittwater Council	
Dungog Shire Council	Port Macquarie-Hastings	
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Council	
Forbes Shire Council	Queanbeyan City Council	
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Hay Shire Council	Tweed Shire Council	
Holroyd City Council	Upper Hunter Shire Council	
	Upper Lachlan Shire Council	

Foreword

I am pleased to present to the NSW Parliament, and the NSW Government, the NSW Electoral Commission's report on the conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections.

In our 2008 report I stated that it is our goal that if councils could choose, they would select the NSWEC to conduct their elections. I'm pleased to report that after legislative change allowed councils a choice as to who would provide their elections in 2012, the overwhelming majority of councils (92%), chose the NSW Electoral Commission.

In previous evidence to the Committee I said that I saw issues with councils conducting their elections. My main concern centred on the fact that then the Electoral Commissioner was accountable for the Local Government elections. Councils conducting their elections would create blurred accountability. The amendments introduced in 2011 made it clear that the General Manager of each council was accountable for the elections unless the council resolved that the Electoral Commissioner was to conduct the elections in which case the Electoral Commissioner was accountable. This addressed my previous concern. I fully support the principle that councils have a choice as to who conducts their elections. Where councils choose to conduct their elections the Electoral Commissioner is not accountable for the outcome. This was a major shift in policy and, in my view, it worked well at the 2012 elections. The challenges posed by the new arrangements are both exciting and full of potential for the Commission.

There were practical challenges in implementing this legislative change. Councils had up to 30 November 2011 to determine whether they wished to conduct their own election or to appoint the NSWEC. The deferment of the decision date to the end of November put a number of key preparations behind schedule principally because quotations for the provision of certain goods and services could not be finalised until the number of councils requiring the NSWEC's services was known. The time to consult with councils on the establishment of Regional Returning Officers for example, was compressed as a result.

It's perhaps not widely understood that although the NSWEC did not provide election services to all councils, it was required to provide some services to all councils within NSW regardless of who was conducting the councils' elections. These services were in the main electoral roll products. This added another layer of complexity to the conduct of the elections which other providers did not experience. Also, the NSW Election Funding Authority provided candidate information sessions to all councils as all candidates needed to comply with the legal requirements for election and campaign funding regardless of how the election in which they were participating was being delivered.

Many lessons were learnt from the 2008 Local Government Elections which the NSWEC addressed in the 2012 elections. The NSW Electoral Commission adopted as many of the Committee's 2008 recommendations that it could without being dependent on legislative change. One of these was the Service Charter. This was very well received by General Managers as it was an excellent tool for

communicating the services to be provided and managing expectations about levels of service.

There are two important measures of the NSWEC's performance in conducting the 2012 Local Government Elections: its performance against the targets set down in the NSWEC's 'Service Charter' and secondly, its response to the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee's Inquiry into the 2008 Local Government Elections. As our report shows, the NSWEC performed very well against the service standards and targets in the Service Charter; matching and exceeding in most cases, the targets set. Our response to the recommendations of the 2008 Inquiry also demonstrates a responsiveness and commitment to accountability and performance.

The report covers our performance conducting the 2012 Local Government Elections and uses the format recommended by the 2008 Inquiry. Each area indicated as of interest to the Joint Standing Committee has been addressed. Fortunately, overall this aligned well as with the Terms of Reference of the 2013 Inquiry. The two terms of reference not envisaged in the 2008 recommendation have been addressed as separate items. Issues to be considered for the conduct of future elections are outlined also.

I'm proud of all aspects of the Commission's performance. The overall cost of the elections was reduced from \$25.9m in 2008 to \$23.4m in 2012. There were substantial efficiencies achieved on big expenditure items such as ballot papers and using the Regional Returning Officer model. In terms of electoral administrative practices, the Sydney Town Hall initiative proved a success combining access to the democratic process for voters out of their council area (but able to vote at the Sydney Town Hall), as well more efficient and streamlined processes for voting. It's also pleasing to be able to report that SmartRoll, the automatic enrolment process, has now passed into 'business as usual' operations and continues to be very well received by electors.

It was disappointing not to be able to introduce internet and phone voting (iVote) for the 2012 Local Government Elections. The unavailability of iVote was poorly received also by electors with disabilities and their advocacy groups. iVote responds to electors' needs for greater convenience and 'customer service' in voting and electoral administration. Electors are disadvantaged in council elections as there is no provision for 'absent vote'. If electors are out of their council area they are unable to vote if they haven't organised postal vote or voted at a pre-poll centre. The option of using the 'Sydney Town Hall' initiative throughout NSW is another way of enabling 'absent electors' to vote but is not scalable to offer as a universal solution to the lack of absent voting. On the other hand, universal postal voting or iVote do offer such a solution.

Previously, the NSWEC had recommended the adoption of universal postal voting to overcome the concern about the cost of conducting the 2008 elections. Universal postal voting also enables citizens absent from the council area to vote in a relatively simple manner. The Commission maintains that this option has a number of advantages for NSW. It is a model that has been proven in a number of other jurisdictions as effective.

I would like to thank all staff involved in providing the 2012 Local Government Elections and to thank electors, councils, candidates, registered political parties and

other stakeholders for their participation in this important event. I look forward to building on our achievements and carrying these forward into the 2016 Local Government Elections.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colin Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Colin Barry

Electoral Commissioner

About this Report

The content of this report is based upon the format proposed in Recommendation 2 of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters' (JSCEM) Inquiry into the 2008 Local Government Elections.ⁱ It also addresses separately those specific Terms of Reference for the inquiry into the 2012 Local Government Elections not covered by this format.

The report is set out in three parts. The first part sets out the NSWEC's conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections, the services provided and our performance against the service targets in the '2012 Local Government Elections Service Charter for NSW Councils'.

The second part reports on the elections conducted for individual councils including results, details of the electoral services provided and successful candidates.

The third part provides copies of the survey reports prepared by independent social research companies on the experience of electors and the surveys conducted by the NSWEC.

To assist the JSCEM, the following table cross references the content area sought in future reports from the NSWEC as per the recommendations of the 2008 Inquiry plus those terms of reference for the Inquiry into the 2012 Local Government Elections which are not covered in the 2008 recommended format.ⁱⁱ

Table 1: Report Content Areas Requested by the 2008 Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2008 Local Government Elections

Content	Section/Page
(2)i. the role of the NSWEC;	Section 3
ii. electoral services provided to: - electors - councils - candidates, groups and political parties	Sections: 4 5 6
iii. recruitment and training of election staff, and the management of polling places;	Section 7
iv. counting and the provision of the election results;	page 65
v. funding arrangements and the costs associated with the local government elections;	page 38
vi. benchmarking of the conduct and administration of the local government elections; and	Section 2 page 16
vii. any relevant legislative amendments affecting the conduct and administration of the local government elections.	page 32
(6)(b) detailed information on the survey responses be provided to the Committee as part of the material examined during the proposed review of the 2012 local government elections, in addition to any statistical compilation of survey results;	page 23
(7)(c) the NSW Electoral Commission include in its report on the local government elections information on its performance in providing services for local government elections, benchmarked against the proposed Service Charter.	page 23

(15)(b) report on any initiatives undertaken by the NSW Electoral Commission toward improving counting and publication of results in the Commission's next report on the local government elections in 2012.	page 68
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Table 2: Terms of Reference Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections

Reference	Section/Page
(a) the costs of the elections;	page 38
(b) the experience of councils that conducted their own elections;	Section 8, page 95
(c) possible legislative changes to improve the efficiency of and participation in Local Government elections;	Section 9, page 98
(d) non-residential voting in Local Government elections; and	page 59
(e) the impact of requirements under the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 on participation by candidates in Local Government elections and possible legislative changes to remove any barriers to participation; and	Section 8, page 95
(f) any other related matter.	not applicable

End Notes

i Parliament of New South Wales, Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, 2008 Local Government Elections, Report No. 3/54 – June 2010, pps11-12.

ii Resolution passed 21 November 2012, Minutes No 19, Item 5

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters is to inquire into and report on the September 2012 Local Government elections with particular reference to:

- (a) the costs of the elections;
- (b) the experience of councils that conducted their own elections;
- (c) possible legislative changes to improve the efficiency of and participation in Local Government elections;
- (d) non-residential voting in Local Government elections;
- (e) the impact of requirements under the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 on participation by candidates in Local Government elections and possible legislative changes to remove any barriers to participation; and
- (f) any other related matter.

The Committee is to report on the outcome of its inquiry by 30 June 2013.

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Section 1: Local Government Elections Snapshot

The NSWEC conducted the 2012 Local Government Elections in 136 council areas on Saturday, 8 September 2012. This was 91.6% of the total number of NSW councils. The list of councils using the services of the NSWEC is provided in Appendix A.

Table 3: 2012 Local Government Elections Due, Contested and Uncontested Elections

	Due	Contested	Uncontested
Councillor elections – Divided councils	162	139	23
Councillor elections – Undivided councils	91	85	6
Councillor elections – Total	253	224	29
Mayoral elections	26	26	-

In conducting these elections, the NSWEC:

- managed the roll for 4,776,599 electors (including those in areas where the council administered the election);
- processed total of 3,953 candidate nominations (including nominations subsequently withdrawn);
- provided services for 3,939 candidates;
- conducted 293 individual elections in 135 wards and 89 undivided council areas including:
 - 224 contested councillor elections
 - 29 uncontested councillor elections
 - 26 contested mayoral elections;
 - referenda for 8 councils;
 - polls for 6 councils;
- counted 2,929,094 votes for councillor positions;
- managed 2,539 polling places;
- oversighted 64 Returning Officers in the field; and
- employed 12,115 election staff.

Table 4: 1999, 2004, 2008 and 2012 Local Government Elections Activity Statistics

	1999	2004	2008	2012(a)
Total councils with elections due	152	142	148	136
Total contested elections	167	338 (b)	332	250
Councils with contested Mayoral elections	21	26	27	26
Councils with uncontested elections	1	6	5	16
Candidates	4,552	4,962	4,620	3,939(c)
Contested Positions	1,552	1,464	1,474	1,187
Deferred elections	24 (d)	17 (d)	14	0
No. Councils with 100+ candidates	n/a	5	Nil	1
No. Councils with 50+ candidates	n/a	35	32	21

	1999	2004	2008	2012(a)
Referenda	n/a	18	15 councils 17 questions	8 councils 8 questions
Polls	n/a	9	8 councils 15 questions	6 councils 6 questions
Website hits over 3 months	n/a	343,000	10,769,827	19,371,973
Website – Unique Visitors (e)	n/a	n/a		501,701

Source: SEO Annual Reports 1999/2000 and 2003/2004.

(a) Does not indicate total across NSW. It reflects only the number for elections conducted by the NSWEC ie 136 councils (90.7%)

(b) Includes 8 deferred elections and 1 mayoral election held 26 June 2004

(c) Does not include candidates for uncontested elections

(d) Elections were deferred pending finalisation of amalgamation proposals

(e) Unique Visitors is a more accurate measure than 'website Hits' and the NSWEC will use this indicator for future elections

Table 5: 2004, 2008 and 2012 Local Government Elections Engagement by Electors

	2004	2008	2012
Voter participation rate	85.2%	83.4%	82.1% (a)
Informality rate	7.0%	7.1%	7.9% (a)
Enrolment	4.3 million	4.5 million	4.8 million

(a) In 2012, this figure can only be calculated for those 136 elections conducted by the NSWEC

Table 6: 2008 and 2012 Local Government Elections Financial Indicators

Benchmark	2008 Local Government Elections (all councils)	2012 Local Government Elections (councils with NSWEC n=136)
Average cost per elector	\$5.71	\$6.49
Average cost per metropolitan council	\$369,550	\$387,818
Average costs per rural council	\$92,796	\$91,126
Highest actual cost	\$821,700 for Blacktown City Council (114,277 electors and 5 elections)	\$983,431 for Blacktown City Council (188,208 electors and 5 elections)
Lowest cost for a council with contested elections	\$8,600 for Jerilderie Council (1,196 electors with 1 election)	\$11,432 for Jerilderie Council (1,132 electors with 1 election)
Lowest cost for a council with no contested elections	\$4,100 for Conargo Council ⁱⁱⁱ	\$3,283 for Conargo Council ⁱⁱⁱ
Final total cost	\$25.9 million	\$23.4 million

Election Timetable

The regulated election period began on Monday, 30 July, and ended at 6pm on Saturday 8, September 2012.

Table 7: 2012 Local Government Elections Key Election Dates

Key task	Date
Close of Authorised Rolls*	Monday, 30 July 2012
Close of nominations	noon Wednesday, 8 August 2012
Pre-poll voting opens	Monday, 27 August 2012
Registration of 'how to vote' material opened	Wednesday, 8 August 2012
Registration 'how to vote' material closed	Friday, 31 August 2012
Postal voting applications closed	5pm Monday, 3 September 2012
Declared Institution voting started	Monday, 3 September 2012
Declared Institution voting closed	Wednesday, 7 September 2012
Pre-poll voting closed	Friday, 7 September 2012
Election Day	Saturday, 8 September 2012
Return of postal votes closed	6pm Monday, 10 September 2012

* For nominations and roll printing purposes.

Section 2: 2012 Local Government Elections - NSW Electoral Commission's Performance

The 2008 Local Government Elections provided a baseline for future elections in terms of election costs, feedback from stakeholders, service standards and a consistent and documented performance measurement methodology.

As part of the NSWEC's commitment to provide high quality, value for money services for the 2012 Local Government Elections, we measured our performance against the 2008 elections. Drawing comparisons between different Local Government elections within NSW is not straightforward due to the lack of comparative data, different definitions and different methodologies used for calculating key measures, for example, participation rates. Unfortunately, the 2011 legislative changes have meant some comparisons to 2008 data are more difficult as in 2008 the NSWEC conducted elections for all councils whereas in 2012 it did not. It is also difficult to benchmark performance between Electoral Commissions across Australia on key indicators such as timeliness for declaration of results and the cost of elections as the arrangements for Local Government elections differ across jurisdictions. Only NSW requires full attendance voting for Local Government elections with the other States and Territories using either full postal voting or a mix of postal and attendance voting.

Important measures of the NSWEC's performance in conducting the 2012 Local Government Elections are:

- response to the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee's Inquiry into the 2008 Local Government Elections;
- performance against the targets set down in the NSWEC's 'Service Charter'; and
- feedback by stakeholders through surveys of electors, General Managers, registered political parties, candidates, media representatives and election staff.

Response to the Inquiry into the 2008 Local Government Elections

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters' Report on the 2008 Local Government Elections produced 16 recommendations. Of these, six required legislative action before the NSWEC could implement these directions.

Where possible, the NSWEC adopted the intent of the recommendations even though legislative amendment was required but not achieved. For example, Recommendation 2 sought amendment of the *Local Government Act 1993* to address the content and timing of the report on the conduct of the Local Government elections. The NSWEC has voluntarily adopted the format and schedule proposed.

The Committee's recommendations and the NSWEC's response to each are set out below.

Table 8: 2008 Joint Standing Committee's Recommendations and NSWEC's Response

Recommendation	NSWEC Response	See pages
<p>"1(a) each House of Parliament amend the resolution establishing the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters to include a standing reference to inquire into and report upon:</p> <p>i. the conduct and administration of local government elections, and</p> <p>ii. any matter connected with the following laws as they pertain to local government elections -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i>; - <i>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912</i>; and - <i>Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981</i>. <p>(b) the Committee is to report upon the outcome of any such inquiry as soon as practicable after 12 months from the date on which the local government elections are held.</p> <p>(c) each House consider passing a resolution to clarify that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters may inquire into and report upon any matter relating to local government elections as referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister."</p>	<p>This is a matter for the NSW Government and the NSW Parliament to consider.</p>	<p>-</p>

Recommendation	NSWEC Response	See pages
<p>"2 (a) the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> be amended to require the Electoral Commissioner to provide a report to the appropriate Minister on each set of local government elections, within nine months of the election, and for the report to include details of the following:</p> <p>i. the role of the NSWEC;</p> <p>ii. electoral services provided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - electors - councils - candidates, groups and political parties <p>iii. recruitment and training of election staff, and the management of polling places;</p> <p>iv. counting and the provision of the election results;</p> <p>v. funding arrangements and the costs associated with the local government elections;</p> <p>vi. benchmarking of the conduct and administration of the local government elections; and</p> <p>vii. any relevant legislative amendments affecting the conduct and administration of the local government elections.</p> <p>(b) consistent with Recommendation 2a, an amendment be made to the <i>Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912</i> to require the Electoral Commissioner to provide a report to the Premier in respect of each state general election, within nine months of the election.</p> <p>(c) the relevant statutes be amended to provide that the reports by the Electoral Commissioner in respect of each state general election and local government election be tabled in Parliament within 14 days of receipt by the Minister."</p>	<p>The amendment is a matter for the NSW Government and the NSW Parliament to consider.</p> <p>The NSWEC adopted this approach for reporting the 2012 Local Government Elections.</p>	<p>Section 3</p> <p>Section 4</p> <p>Section 5</p> <p>Section 6</p> <p>page 86</p> <p>page 65</p> <p>page 37</p> <p>page 23</p>

Recommendation	NSWEC Response	See pages
<p>“3. The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters externally review the operation of the full cost recovery model for the 2012 local government general elections and, in light of the findings of that review, consider the necessity for engaging consultants to conduct any subsequent external reviews of the model.”</p>	<p>Supported but a decision for the JSCEM.</p> <p>An evaluation needs to cover all council elections including those conducted by councils or their agents.</p>	<p>Information on the NSWEC’s costing is at page 38</p>
<p>“4. The NSW Electoral Commissioner ensure that detailed information about the budgeted and actual costs for the 2012 local government elections be provided to all council General Managers. Such detailed information should provide explanations as to what each line item covers, and how it has been calculated and allocated.”</p>	<p>Information provided to General Managers May 2012.</p>	<p>page 38</p>
<p>“5. The Committee recommends that a higher proportion of the NSW Government’s advertising budget be spent advertising the next local government election in the fortnight preceding polling day.”</p>	<p>The NSW Government does not fund advertising for Local Government elections.</p> <p>The NSWEC added internet advertising and social media communications included to increase awareness of the 2012 Local Government Elections.</p>	<p>page 40</p>

Recommendation	NSWEC Response	See pages
<p>“6. (a) the NSW Electoral Commission continue to conduct stakeholder surveys on the conduct of the election;</p> <p>(b) detailed information on the survey responses be provided to the Committee as part of the material examined during the proposed review of the 2012 local government elections, in addition to any statistical compilation of survey results;</p> <p>(c) in conducting the surveys the Electoral Commission give particular attention to stakeholder views on the following issues, raised with the Committee during the course of this inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Regional Returning Officer model; - resourcing, staffing and location of pre-poll and polling booths; - 2008 local government elections - transportation of ballot papers; - arrangements for scrutineering; - election advertising; - the Elector Inquiry Centre; and - the counting of the vote.” 	<p>Completed</p>	<p>page 23</p> <p>page 63</p> <p>page 785</p>

Recommendation	NSWEC Response	See pages
<p>“7. (a) the NSW Electoral Commission consider formulating a ‘Service Charter for local government elections’, to be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders and modelled on the Commonwealth and State Government Service Charters for departments and agencies dealing with the public.</p> <p>(b) the proposed Service Charter be aligned to the corporate values of the NSW Electoral Commission around their four key result areas, as they relate to local government general elections.</p> <p>(c) the NSW Electoral Commission include in its report on the local government elections information on its performance in providing services for local government elections, benchmarked against the proposed Service Charter.”</p>	Completed	page 23 and Part 3
<p>“8. The following aspects of the Regional Returning Officer (RRO) model be given consideration by the NSW Electoral Commission in preparation for the 2012 local government elections:</p> <p>(a) the accessibility of RROs to the residents, candidates and staff of those councils not hosting the returning officer, including the possibility of the returning officer making visits to those other councils during the election period.</p> <p>(b) the use of a landline or free call contact number for all returning officers.</p> <p>(c) ballot paper transportation.</p> <p>(d) arrangements for pre-poll voting for those councils not hosting the RRO, including the possibility of employing part time electoral officials to cover those councils not hosting the RRO.”</p>	Completed	page 63

Recommendation	NSWEC Response	See pages
<p>“9. (a) councils should continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the non-residential roll for local government general elections;</p> <p>(b) the NSWEC and Department of Local Government work to clarify the appropriate authority for providing advice to councils on inclusions and exclusions to the non-resident roll;</p> <p>(c) as part of the consultations with General Managers prior to the 2012 local government general elections, the Electoral Commissioner provide information to councils on strategies to improve enrolment levels in relation to non-residential electors; and</p> <p>(d) the NSW Electoral Commission continue to provide support for publication of information relating to the non-residential roll via the NSWEC website.”</p>	Completed	page 59
<p>“10. The requirement that a candidate’s signature on a local government election nomination form be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace be discontinued.”</p>	Supported	Did not proceed through NSW Parliament. page 99
<p>“11. (a) the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> be amended to allow elections with universal postal voting for those councils who opt to use that method of election, in time for the 2012 local government elections.</p> <p>(b) the Government undertake consultation on the best method for councils to use to decide to opt into a universal postal voting system.</p> <p>(c) the NSWEC provide advice to the General Manager of local councils interested in universal postal voting as to the costs involved in taking up this option.”</p>	<p>A matter for the NSW Government and the NSW Parliament to consider.</p> <p>The NSWEC supports the introduction of universal postal voting for Local Government elections.</p>	Section 9 page 98

Recommendation	NSWEC Response	See pages
<p>“12. The NSWEC:</p> <p>(a) review the methodology used to calculate projected voting figures and allocate ballot papers for polling places.</p> <p>(b) review the policies and procedures in place to deal with any shortage of ballot paper that may occur on election day.</p> <p>(c) review the method for determining staffing levels for polling booths on election day, including multi-ward and multi-council polling places.”</p>	Completed	page 84
<p>“13. The Electoral Commissioner examine multi-council how-to-vote cards for multi-council polling places, with a view to allowing multi-council how-to-vote cards.”</p>	Completed	page 77
<p>“14. More priority be given to disability access for polling places.”</p>	Completed	page 43
<p>“15. The Electoral Commissioner:</p> <p>(a) provide advice to General Managers as part of the consultation process in the lead up to the 2012 local government elections on the option of a local computerised count where required, including detailed information about the costs and resourcing issues.</p> <p>(b) report on any initiatives undertaken by the NSW Electoral Commission toward improving counting and publication of results in the Commission’s next report on the local government elections in 2012.”</p>	Completed	page 68
<p>“16. The NSW Electoral Commission investigate the feasibility of abolishing the random sampling method for preference distribution and the alternative fractional methods currently available, and calculate the costs associated with moving to technology that would support an alternative method.”</p>	This is a matter for the NSW Government and the NSW Parliament to consider.	

2012 Local Government Elections - Service Charter sets Service Standards

The NSWEC implemented the Committee's Recommendation 7 (a) to (c) for a 'Service Charter for Local Government elections'. This was introduced in 2011 for the NSW State Election and was a valuable innovation. The NSWEC developed a similar charter for the 2012 Local Government Elections. The draft charter was provided to all NSW councils in June 2011 as the basis for discussions. Following feedback, the amended and final Service Charter was provided to councils utilising the NSWEC to conduct their elections.

As recommended by the Joint Standing Committee, the NSWEC has measured its performance against the targets in the NSWEC's Service Charter. In summary the NSWEC performed extremely well against these targets, exceeding them in many cases. The areas where further improvement will be the focus of future elections are those where there has not been the same level of achievement.

The comparisons to the targets in the Charter are set out below for each stakeholder group (electors, General Managers, registered political parties, candidates, media representatives and election staff).

NSWEC meets Service Commitments for Electors

The NSWEC's service standards were drawn from its Corporate Plan 2008 – 2012, survey results from the 2008 Local Government Elections and Recommendation 7(b) of the 2008 Inquiry Report, and are set out below.

Table 9: 2012 Local Government Elections Service Commitments for Electors, Targets and Results

LGE2012 Service standard	Met ?	Target (a)	2012 result
Satisfaction with election services	✓	72%(b)	86%
Enrolment details correct	✓	97%(b)	97%
Satisfaction with the service provided by NSWEC's telephone enquiry service	✓	60%(c)	76%
Satisfaction with NSWEC's website	✓	56%(c)	79%
Satisfaction with length of time it took to vote at pre-poll	✓	62%(b)	94%
Satisfaction with accessibility of pre-poll places	✓	62%(b)	84%
Satisfaction with length of time it took to vote on election day	✓	72%(b)	92%
Satisfaction manner of NSWEC officials	✓	81%(b)	93%
Satisfaction with accessibility of polling place on election day	✓	83%(b)	93%
Satisfaction with postal vote application process	✓	69%(b)	79% (interpret with caution, small base n=38)
Satisfaction with speed of provision of results	✓	77%(b)	78%
Confidence in NSWEC's impartial and fair conduct of the election	✓	81%(d)	75% - 89% (d)

Notes:

(a) 'Targets' are measured by the responses from electors to survey questions on conduct of the elections

(b) Target set is based on 2008 survey results

(c) Target set is based on 2011 survey results as no available 2008 figure

(d) Range of responses from two independently conducted surveys

Survey Feedback from Electors

The NSWEC established two independent surveys of electors. One covered general electoral issues and the other, the specific initiative trialled at Sydney Town Hall for automatic processing of roll mark off and issue of ballot papers. The former survey was representative of the general NSW elector population and provided indicative comparisons between councils where the elections were conducted by the NSWEC and those conducted by the council or their agent. Copies of the reports of these two surveys are in Part 3.

Key Survey Findings

Overall the satisfaction with voting services was high and its noteworthy that this was the case for all key voter groups – 87% of culturally and diverse communities, 89% of indigenous voters, 83% of voters with a vision impairment. There was also no significant difference whether respondents had voted early or on election day.

Most electors still preferred hardcopy information about the election although younger voters were more positive about online and phone sources. Four in five were satisfied with the website.

Those who contacted the phone enquiry service were more likely to be new voters, those who had just turned 18, those who did not have correct electoral roll details or who were voting before election day.

There were high levels of satisfaction with pre-poll voting (location 82%, accessibility 84%, time taken to vote 94% and helpfulness of staff 88%). Satisfaction with information provided about pre-poll voting was not as high (54% positive and 23% critical).

There were very high levels of satisfaction with convenience of the polling place (92%), ease of entering and leaving the polling place (92%), polling place layout (94%), ease of voting (91%), ballot paper instructions (83%) and time spent at polling place (91%).

Voters in NSWEC conducted elections were more likely to be satisfied with the overall experience of election officials than voters from councils where the elections were not conducted by the NSWEC (89% compared to 84%).

Four in five electors were satisfied with the assistance provided by election officials at polling places with only 3% critical.

Although internet and telephone voting was available in the 2011 State Election and subsequent by-elections, iVote was not provided in the 2012 Local Government Elections. Electors were asked if they would use this type of voting if it was available. 44% of voters would consider using iVote in the future with younger voters overall more inclined to consider online voting than older voters (84% of those aged under 35 years compared to 60% of those aged 35 years and over). Those who were less likely to consider online voting were more likely not to have used the NSWEC's

website. Indigenous voters were more likely to prefer attendance voting and less likely to consider and prefer online voting. Electors in regional areas were also less likely to prefer online voting. This may have more to do with the quality of their internet service as they were also less likely to want to receive electoral information by email alerts.

Of the 31% of electors not willing to vote online, the main reasons given were privacy concerns/not being computer literate, no internet access, fear of results manipulation and concerns about hacking and viruses.

Satisfaction with voting initiatives at Sydney Town Hall (these reforms are outlined from page 51):

- 86% of voters were satisfied with voting with more than half (56%) very satisfied;
- there was a strong correlation between satisfaction and time taken to vote. The proportion of those 'very satisfied' declined from 100% amongst those who only waited 5 minutes to 40% for those who waited over 20 minutes. Even so, 'very dissatisfied' ratings were only 6% of the total.
- 93% of voters were satisfied with the ease of voting with women slightly more positive than men;
- satisfaction with computerised 'self-check off' was high (93%). Satisfaction correlated strongly with age with 87% of younger voters (18-24 years) 'very satisfied' compared to 57% of those 55 years and over;
- of the total sample of 180, only 9 were dissatisfied with computerised 'self-check off'. The reported reasons were security and privacy then 'the system being difficult to use'; and
- satisfaction with using the docket to collect the ballot paper was high (95%).

Extending the Initiative:

- 88% thought the new process was better than the traditional process. Only 2% thought the new process was worse than the old. Results were relatively consistent across council area, age and gender; and
- 89% supported using this process in other polling places and only 7% disagreed. Disagreement was higher amongst those aged 35-54 years than any other age group. Reasons for not wishing to use the system in future ranged from wanting the whole system computerised to wanting a person to do the checking off.

NSWEC meets Service Commitments for General Managers

The NSWEC's service standards for General Managers were drawn also from its Corporate Plan 2008 – 2012 and survey results from the 2008 Local Government Elections. These were:

- useful, accessible and timely information on election services and the electoral system applying to Local Government elections;
- timely, clear instructions on the rules of the elections such as how to register electoral material;
- efficient electoral services provided by trained and courteous election staff;
- appropriate assistance with enquiries;
- efficient nominations process;

- refunding of candidates' nomination deposits within 14 days of the declaration of the poll;
- advice as to how to appoint scrutineers and receive information specific to the role of scrutineers;
- easy to grasp information on timetable and processes for vote counting;
- timely response to complaints including allegations of breaches of electoral requirements;
- timely information of status of counts, any recount and declaration of polls; and
- accessible, accurate and timely election results with provision of results on election night as per 'Service Standards for Results'.

Performance against specific targets is set out below.

Table 10: 2012 Local Government Elections Service Commitments for General Managers, Targets and Results

LGE2012 Service standard	Met ?	Target (a)	2012 result
Elections conducted impartially and fairly and in accordance with the law	✓	87.0%	97.0%
Quality of services provided by Returning Officers	✓	83.8%	87.8%
Professionalism of Returning Officers	✓	82.0%	94.0%
Accuracy of electoral roll	✓	63.1%	68.0%
Location of pre-poll venues	✓	81.1%	87.9%
Number of pre-poll venues	✓	83.2%	87.9%
Location of polling places	✓	84.2%	90.9%
Number of polling places	✓	81.0%	89.9%
Efficiency of elections	✓	>25.2%	86.7%
Satisfaction with time taken to announce results	✓	>38.2%	74.5%

Notes:

(a) 'Targets' are measured by the responses from General Managers to survey questions on conduct of the elections

Survey Feedback from General Managers

The NSWEC surveyed the General Managers of councils where the NSWEC conducted the elections for feedback on the NSWEC's performance. The vast majority of General Managers responded to the survey (82.5%), providing a reliable source of information.

Key highlights are:

- 88.2% of General Managers found the Service Commitment Charter useful for understanding how the NSWEC would conduct the elections;
- 89.6% felt the service standards in the Charter were appropriate and 85.2% felt these standards were met;
- 92.0% felt electors were able to exercise their democratic right to vote;
- 80.0% felt votes were counted accurately and in a timely manner 76.0%;
- 97.0% felt the elections were conducted impartially;

- 95.0% felt the outcomes of the elections were made available appropriately;
- 93.1% felt the council received regular and timely updates of progress on preparations for the elections;
- 98.0% felt they received within reasonable timeframes, responses to enquiries and correspondence;
- 85.0% were satisfied with the NSWEC's advertising and 88.1% were satisfied with the information on the NSWEC's website;
- 87.8% felt council had received adequate information on preparation of the non-residents roll;
- 91.9% felt there was adequate consultation on the number of polling places and 91.8% on the location of these polling places;
- 91.9% felt the NSWEC provided capable, informed and competent officials and 87.9% felt their Returning Officer was up to the task;
- 38.5% felt the results were declared sooner than in 2008; and
- 86.7% were satisfied with the efficiency of the NSWEC's conduct of the elections

The areas where the NSWEC was seen to have performed less satisfactorily were in raising awareness of the elections and securing participation, and preparation of the electoral roll. Comments by the General Managers also acknowledged the cost effectiveness of Returning Officers having more than one set of council elections to administer but felt that this meant that results could be delayed for their council.

NSWEC meets majority of Service Commitments for Candidates and Political Parties

The response rate from candidates and registered political parties is low (11.4% of candidates). The risk is that the results are unlikely to be representative of the wider group of candidates.

Table 11: 2012 Local Government Elections Service Commitments for Candidates and Political Parties, Targets and Results

LGE2012 Service standard	Met ?	Target (α)	2012 result
Satisfaction with electoral services provided	✓	76.7%	82.8%
Elections conducted impartially and fairly and in accordance with the law	✗	91.4%	88.7% Candidates 76.9% RPPs
Information for election funding and disclosure requirements	✗	84.7%	74.2% Candidates 53.8% RPPs
Information provided by Enquiry and Help Desk	✓	80.6%	94.0%
Local count results	✗	87.5%	78.6%
NSWEC's website	✓	72.2%	87.9%
Confirm candidate details on website	✓	Supply capacity	87.9%
Candidate information sheets placed on website	✓	Supply capacity	90.9%

LGE2012 Service standard	Met ?	Target (a)	2012 result
Registration of electoral material occurs within short time frame (usually 24 hours) and reasons provided for any refusal to register electoral material	✓	Satisfaction not measured in 2008	64.9%
100% of LGAs complete distribution of preferences for Mayoral elections by Thursday 6pm following the election and for all councillor counts by Monday 6pm of the following week.	✓	Satisfaction not measured in 2008	69.7%
For any vote recount, the difference between the count and the recount for any candidate is less than ten votes.	✓	2 recounts. No change to outcomes.	4 recounts. One change to outcome see p 72.

Notes:

(a) 'Targets' are measured by the responses to survey questions on conduct of the elections

Survey Feedback from Candidates, Groups and Political Parties

The NSWEC undertook surveys of candidates and registered political parties following the elections. In terms of feedback from candidates, 451 provided feedback (11.4% of total candidates in NSWEC administered elections). 15 of 50 registered political parties provided feedback.

For the majority of respondents:

- the 2012 Local Government Elections were the first occasion that they had stood for a civic office (54.9%);
- had not been elected (54.2%);
- stood as an independent (54.6%) for the positions of councillor (90.0%), Mayor (3.1%) or both positions (6.9%);
- would stand again in future Local Government elections (54.2%);
- had not attended a NSWEC Candidate Information Session (56.1%); and
- felt the NSWEC had provided services that met the standards in the service charter (85.1%).

Key highlights:

- 88.7% were confident the elections had been conducted impartially by the NSWEC;
- 82.8% were satisfied with the NSWEC's conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections;
- 85.3% felt they received sufficient information to explain their rights and obligations and where to get help on electoral matters if they needed it
- Over two thirds (68.2%) felt that the overall performance of the Returning Officer was satisfactory;
- 79.5% felt the candidate information on the NSWEC's website was satisfactory;

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- 79.4% of candidates reported receiving the information they required from the Candidates Help Desk;
 - 74.2% felt the EFA and the NSWEC provided enough information regarding their election funding and disclosure requirements;
 - 64.9% felt the NSWEC met its target of registering electoral material or providing reasons why this could not occur, within (usually) 24 hours; and
 - 78.6% were happy with the timeliness of results information on election night.

The responses from the registered political parties indicated that the majority stood candidates in just one council (73.3%) and the majority of candidates were not elected to civic office (73.3%). Less than half (36.4%) attended the NSWEC's briefings for registered political parties. The majority (53.8%) felt the NSWEC met the standards in the Service Charter although 38.5% said they did not know. 76.9% were confident the NSWEC conducted the elections impartially and three quarters (75.0%) felt the overall conduct of the elections by the NSWEC was satisfactory. 90.0% felt they received sufficient information to explain their rights and obligations and where to get help if they needed it.

All parties (100%) responding indicated satisfaction with material on the NSWEC's website, and 92.2% were satisfied with assistance provided by EFA or NSWEC staff. Similarly 100% of respondents felt the NSWEC met its target of registering electoral material within the time period of usually 24 hours or provided reasons as to why not.

75.0% felt the NSWEC met its targets for completing the local count of votes and providing the results.

Participation and Informality Rates

Participation and informality rates provide a measure of the engagement of the community with the elections. The community's views of the value of participating in democratic processes reflect a range of issues including perceptions of political options. These issues are not under the direct control of the NSWEC.

The overall participation rate for the 2012 elections was 82.1% compared to 83.4% in the 2008 Local Government Election.^{iv} Compared to the 2004 and 2008 Local Government Elections the 2012 participation rate appears slightly lower although methodological issues make strict comparisons between elections difficult.

The declining trend in participation rate is consistent with trends in participation rates of Parliamentary elections and Local Government elections in other States.

Significant influences upon informal voting have been reported as including a higher than average number of candidates, a high proportion of citizens from non-English speaking backgrounds, differences between electoral systems and proximity to other electoral events.^v

Section 3: Local Government Elections and the NSW Electoral Commission

The key requirement of the NSWEC is that it delivers impartial elections in accordance with the law whereby voter participation is maximised and informal voting minimised.

The NSWEC is responsible for:

- conducting elections and by-elections for the Parliament of New South Wales;
- conducting elections for Local Government councils (where the council has selected the NSWEC);
- conducting elections for registered clubs, statutory boards and State registered industrial organisations;
- preparing the New South Wales electoral roll in conjunction with the Australian Electoral Commission;
- providing administrative support to the Election Funding Authority;
- providing advice to the Premier on issues affecting the conduct of parliamentary elections, including administrative issues requiring legislative remedy;
- contributing to public understanding and awareness of elections and electoral matters; and
- reporting to the NSW Parliament on the NSWEC's activities.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner is responsible to the NSW Parliament. The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters oversees the NSWEC and conducts inquiries into the conduct of State General and Local Government elections.

The reports provided by the NSWEC to the NSW Parliament are available for public scrutiny. The NSWEC reports on the conduct of elections to the NSW Parliament, the Premier and, in the case of Local Government elections, to the Minister for Local Government and councils. The NSWEC's website www.elections.nsw.gov.au provides copies of these reports.

NSWEC Involvement in Local Government Elections

Local councils are the clients for the provision of electoral services for Local Government elections.^{vi} The parameters for the conduct of Local Government elections are set down in legislation (the *Local Government Act 1993*), Regulation (Part 11 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*) and policy decisions that give effect to the legislative and regulatory provisions. The *Local Government Act 1993* requires Local Government elections in NSW to be conducted on a four yearly basis with election day to be the second Saturday in September.

The NSWEC (then the State Electoral Office) was first involved in the conduct of Local Government elections and polls in 1987 following assent to the *Local Government (Elections) Amendment Act 1987* which transferred responsibility for council elections from the (then) Town and Shire Clerks to the NSW Electoral Commissioner.

This change occurred to facilitate consistency of interpretation and administration of electoral laws; to ensure greater uniformity with State election procedures; to utilise

the expertise of the NSWEC and to raise the awareness in the community of the importance of Local Government elections. These changes were initiated by a growing awareness of the difficult position of Town and Shire Clerks responsible to elected officials for the conduct of elections whose outcomes potentially could affect these elected officials. In addition, the tensions inherent in requiring elected representatives to oversee the issuing of non-voting penalty notices were recognised.

The 1987 and 1991 elections were conducted using Town and Shire Clerks as Returning Officers under the direction of the Electoral Commissioner. At the 1987 elections, counts were conducted manually and completed count sheets faxed to the State Electoral Office for checking. These checks revealed a number of counts were wrong as a result of incorrect interpretation of rules applicable to the counting system.

From 1995 onwards independent Returning Officers were appointed, however, elections were conducted from council premises with a heavy reliance upon council resources supporting the Returning Officers. Formal training of Returning Officers was minimal on the basis that Returning Officers would be supported by council staff. While this worked well in a number of locations, in other Local Government Areas there were reports of security issues; inadequate office space; interference by council staff; and occasions of council staff over-riding State Electoral Office directives. As a result the integrity of the elections was called into question in some areas of NSW.

The next major changes to the conduct of Local Government elections in NSW occurred in 2012.

2012 Local Government Elections - Legislative Reforms

Legislative change giving councils the choice of administering their own elections or using the NSW Electoral Commission made the 2012 Local Government Elections markedly different to those of earlier elections.

The following Acts and Regulations made amendments impacting on the conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections and regulation of election campaign finances:

- *Local Government (Shellharbour and Wollongong Elections) Act 2011*
- *Local Government (General) Amendment (Electoral Commissioner) Regulation 2011*
- *Local Government (General) Amendment (Elections) Regulation 2011*
- *Local Government (General) (Election Procedures) Regulation 2012*
- *Local Government Amendment Act 2012*
- *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2012*
- *Local Government (General) (Narrabri Elections) Regulation 2012*
- *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Amendment Act 2012*

Local Government (Shellharbour and Wollongong Elections) Act 2011 – In force 10 May 2011

The object of this Amending Act was to, among other things, provide for elections for Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council to be conducted on Saturday, 3 September 2011 (rather than 8 September 2012) and for the councillors elected at that election to hold office for a five year term (until the second Saturday of September 2016).

Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2011 – In force 27 June 2011

The object of this Act was to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to, among other things, transfer the responsibility for the conduct of Local Government elections from the NSW Electoral Commission to local councils.

A council, however, could within 12 months after an ordinary election of councillors for the area, resolve that the council is to enter into a contract or make arrangements with the Electoral Commissioner for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections for the council. If such a contract is entered into or such arrangements made, the Electoral Commissioner is to administer all the elections of the council until the conclusion of the following ordinary election for councillors.

Transitional provisions under the Act and Regulations for the purposes of the 2012 elections only:

- require councils to resolve by 30 November 2011 whether the NSWEC is to conduct their 2012 elections
- ensure councils resolving that the Electoral Commissioner is to conduct their 2012 elections are not required to enter into a contract with the Electoral Commissioner for those elections.

Local Government (General) Amendment (Election Procedures) Regulation 2012 - In force from 24 February 2012.

The object of this Regulation was to amend the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005:

- (a) to make various Local Government elections provisions consistent with corresponding State elections provisions under the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*;
- (b) to require paid electoral advertisements published on the internet during the regulated period for an election to show the name and address of the person who authorised the advertisement in a similar manner to the requirement relating to internet advertising in section 328A of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*;
- (c) to require certain information to be specified in the candidate information sheet including whether the candidate is a member of a political party and whether the candidate is qualified to hold civic office by virtue of being enrolled on the residential roll, the non-residential roll or the roll of occupiers and rate paying lessees; and

(d) to make other miscellaneous amendments of a minor or machinery nature.

Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2012 - In force from 11 April 2012.

The object of this Act was to amend the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 so as:

- (a) to clarify that automatic enrolment of electors on the rolls for State parliamentary elections extends to enable persons to be enrolled on the roll of residential electors for a Local Government election during the period leading up to the polling day for the election;
- (b) to allow persons eligible to enrol as residential electors for Local Government elections to enrol and cast a provisional vote at an election on polling day, provided the person can produce a New South Wales driver licence or Photo Card; and
- (c) to make other miscellaneous amendments to improve the conduct of Local Government elections.

Local Government Amendment Act 2012 - In force from 4 April 2012.

The object of this Act, so far as it relates to council election provisions, was to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to provide that the voting system in a contested election is to be preferential if only one councillor is to be elected, and proportional if two or more councillors are to be elected.

Previously, the optional preferential voting system applied when one or two councillors were to be elected and the proportional system applied when the number of councillors to be elected was three or more.

The Local Government (General) Amendment Regulation was amended (Schedule 10, cl.4(a1)) to change the deadline for Referendum questions to be submitted to the NSWEC. The change meant that submission of referendum questions moved from nominations date to closing date for enrolments, that is 30 July 2012 at 12 noon. This amendment to the Regulation was made by the Local Government (General) Amendment (Election Procedures) Regulation 2012.

2012 Local Government Elections – General Communication Strategy

The state-wide advertising campaign to support the 2012 Local Government Elections comprised the following major phases:

- Enrolment
- Early Voting (postal and pre-poll voting)
- Remember to vote

In addition there were State-wide press advertisements for the registration of electoral material.

The campaign commenced with the enrolment press message on 16 July 2012.

During the campaign the NSWEC placed a total of 142 press advertisements in a mix of metropolitan, regional, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and Indigenous press throughout NSW. In addition the three major advertisements were placed in seven regional magazines inserted into a total of 260 regional publications.

State-wide radio advertising was used to support the Early Voting and Remember to Vote phases. The NSWEC placed a total of 3,226 radio advertisements in metropolitan, regional, ethnic, indigenous and community radio stations during the course of the campaign.

Digital advertising (including Facebook) was utilised for the Early Voting and Remember to Vote phases with banner ads providing over 22.9M impressions on major portals such as Fairfax, News Limited, Nine MSN and Yahoo.

Statutory Advertising

As required by the Regulations the Returning Officer for each Local Government Area is responsible for placing three statutory advertisements during the election period. The advertisements are: Notice calling for Nominations; Notice of Election, providing information about candidates, pre-poll and postal voting options and election day polling places; and Notice of Results. Each advertisement must be placed at least once in a newspaper circulating within the council area.

Councils were asked to nominate the newspapers in which the advertisements were to be placed and the frequency of placements if the council wished to place the advertisement more than once as required.

Across the 136 council elections managed by the NSWEC, over 950 statutory advertisements were placed in 217 different local newspapers across NSW, including at least one local newspaper from each council area.

Media Communications Strategy

The media strategy of the NSWEC matched the timing of the advertising campaign with 26 press releases and over 100 radio interviews organised to supplement and expand the messages in the advertisements.

Media releases

The NSWEC distributed 26 media releases containing important information to support the election. Topics covered included: rules around the declaration of political donations, candidate information seminars held across NSW, media arrangements for councils managing their own elections, nominations and candidates information, recruitment of electoral staff, early voting options, remember to vote and results information. These media releases were also available on the NSWEC website. The media releases generated considerable interest with more than 100 press stories that can be directly attributable to the media releases and approx. 1,800 press mentions of the NSWEC recorded.

The NSWEC media spokesperson provided radio interviews resulting in more than 185 full or partial radio interview broadcasts. In addition, the media officer answered

hundreds of direct media enquiries providing information, assistance and official comment as appropriate.

Letters to the editor

Where required, letters to the editor were drafted with the majority published within a week of the original story allowing the NSWEC to convey important information, and counter errors and misinformation unedited, directly to voters.

Social media

Social media was used to support the election utilising the NSWEC's existing Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Approximately 90 planned posts were made during the election period with the intent of placing a morning and afternoon post Monday to Friday. Facebook posts were mirrored on Twitter. The first post was 9 July with final election related post being on 17 September. Posts coincided with the phases of the election providing information and reminders linking to the NSWEC website. In addition to the planned posts there were numerous posts in response to questions and posts from the public.

The NSWEC uses the NSWEC website as its principal tool of communication.

In addition to direct communications provided through newsletters and presentations, we utilised advertising and media interactions to increase awareness of the elections and to reach groups typically underrepresented in the democratic process.

NSWEC Website www.elections.nsw.gov.au

The councils and the NSW Division of Local Government were asked to set up links from their websites to that of the NSWEC to assist local voters and candidates.

The NSWEC's website was heavily utilised with over half a million unique visitors (501,701) over the three months July – September 2012. The pages most utilised were:

- Local Government Elections 2012 Homepage
- Pre-poll voting centres
- Polling places
- Council pages
- Postal voting
- Working at the election
- Candidate and Parties
- Council Profiles
- Enrol and Vote
- Election Information
- Election results

A quarter of visits (25.2%) made were from mobile devices including tablets.

Consultation with NSW Councils and the NSW Government

In 2011 the NSW Electoral Commission visited every council scheduled to have an election. The legislative changes and the NSWEC's Service Charter provided the basis for these meetings. This liaison was maintained with all councils utilising the services of the NSWEC and for certain other services, such as electoral rolls, with all councils regardless of the arrangements for conducting their elections.

The NSWEC also provided regular briefings to the NSW Premier, the Minister for Local Government and the Division of Local Government on the planning and preparation for the elections.

2012 Local Government Elections - Financial Arrangements

Funding of Local Government Elections

The sources of funding for Local Government elections and the cost of conducting them have been controversial issues. Unlike the State General Elections and State by-elections, the NSWEC is not funded by the NSW Government for conducting Local Government elections. The legislation as it stood at the time of the 2012 Local Government Elections required councils to pay the cost of conducting the elections.

The reality is a little more complicated. While the NSW Government does not provide direct funding for the Local Government elections, certain activities such as enrolment and non-voting services also utilised in Local Government elections, are funded through the appropriation made to the NSWEC by the NSW Parliament. For the 2012 elections, the cost of maintaining the NSW electoral roll and operating SmartRoll the annual cost was in excess of \$6 million. In addition, all costs associated with the acquisition, maintenance and development of the NSWEC's computerised election systems were met by the NSW Government. Finally, the NSW Treasury provides an advance to cover preparation for the elections which is repaid following recoupment of expenses from councils.

The funding arrangements established for the 2012 Local Government Elections with NSW Treasury involved the NSW Government providing an advance to the NSWEC based upon estimates of the total cost of the elections. The NSWEC repays the advance following invoicing of councils. The advance enables the NSWEC to commence the planning and preparation for the elections including the hiring and training of staff. The funding provision put in place for the 2012 elections was for a facility of \$29.6 million. The actual expenditure on direct costs came in significantly lower at \$21.032 million, due to both a smaller number of councils serviced and lower than expected election cost overall.

No advance payment from councils and no deferral of payment for councils

The NSWEC did not seek an advance payment from councils towards the conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections. Final invoices were issued when the NSWEC was in receipt of all supplier invoices at the end of January 2013.

In 2008, NSW Treasury established an arrangement whereby councils could pay their election costs over two years. This arrangement was not put in place for the 2012 elections.

Council Costing Model for the 2012 Local Government Elections

The NSWEC undertook a comprehensive budget estimation process of identifying and calculating estimated costs for individual council expenses. The broad process for developing the budget for the 2012 Local Government Elections and individual council budgets involved four major stages.

First, all 2012 Local Government Elections projects and associated activities were identified and quantified.

Secondly, the budget estimates were developed using a 'zero based' or 'bottom-up' budget methodology involving itemising volume and unit costs for each project, the tasks for each month and identifying the financial years 2011/12 and 2012/13 which were impacted.

Thirdly, substantive testing of these budget items and their estimated costs was undertaken using the most reliable cost schedule available, that is the 2011 State General Election.

Fourthly, allocation of the costs for each project to individual councils was completed using the applicable methodology for the activity involved in each project. The three methodologies applied were either:

- cost per elector;
- actual costs incurred in specific council areas; and/or
- allocation for Regional Returning Officer based on elector numbers.

This enabled equitable sharing of overheads applicable to all councils separately from costs specific to each council.

The model included an administration fee which covered an allocation of NSWEC head office costs including the cost of NSWEC permanent staff. The charge basis was derived as a result of a review undertaken by an independent body. For uncontested elections, costs were not incurred from the date it was known that the election would be uncontested.

All councils using the NSWEC to conduct their elections received a 'Council Budget Estimate Scope Summary' setting out the details for each line item of anticipated expenditure and deliverables. This budget and payment schedule was provided to councils by the end of May 2012 as committed in the NSWEC's Service Charter. In addition, each council received a detailed account of what was entailed in each project included in the services provided and charged to councils.

At an aggregated level this process also provides benchmarks covering:

- total cost of the Local Government elections;
- average cost per elector;

- average cost per metropolitan, regional and rural council;
- highest and lowest costs for different types of elections (contested and uncontested); and
- expenditure base for each council.

Metropolitan and Rural Pricing

The Commission has analysed the charge rates to the state based on a breakdown of the three categories of metropolitan, regional and rural councils. The metropolitan councils were cheaper to service at \$6.21 an elector rising to \$6.53 per elector for regional and \$7.30 per elector for rural councils.

Major Budget Components

The major expenditure items of elections are salaries, rent for office accommodation and polling places, the communication campaign and ballot paper production.

In the 2012 Local Government Elections almost four-fifths of the budget (79.5%) was composed of seven expenditure items of which the largest was salaries. The major cost items and their proportional contribution to the total 2012 Local Government Elections budget are shown below.

Table 12: 2012 Local Government Elections, Major Expenditure Items

Expenditure Item	\$M	% Total Expend
Election official salaries	10.764	51.3
Logistics	1.700	8.1
Returning Officer accommodation	1.543	7.3
Communication campaign	1.390	6.6
Vote counting and Results	0.850	4.0
Polling Place hire	0.759	3.6
Call Centre	0.508	2.4
Information Technology support	0.451	2.1
Enrolment expenses	0.444	2.1
Other costs	2.625	12.5
Total Direct Costs	21.034	100.0

Staffing made up 51.3% of the total budget expenditure. Staffing of an election is always a major expenditure item with the largest component being polling place staff (Polling Place Managers, Deputy Polling Place Managers and Polling Staff). The composition of the total expenditure for election official wages for 2012 Local Government Elections is set out below.

Table 13: 2012 Local Government Elections, Election Official Wages

Category of Election Staff	\$ Wages	%
Polling Place Staff	4,836,000	44.9
Returning Officer Office Staff	3,139,000	29.2
Returning Officers	1,660,000	15.4
Returning Officer Support Officers	407,000	3.8
Support Staff & Training	722,000	6.7
Total	10,764,000	100.0

Almost three quarters (74.1%) of expenditure on wages for election staff was expended upon two categories of staff that is, polling place staff (including Polling Place Managers and Deputy polling Place Managers) and office staff in Returning Officers' offices.

2012 Local Government Elections - Communication Campaign

The NSWEC's communication campaign had a number of components including the 'Equal Access to Democracy' project that sought to maximise the participation of people with disabilities in the electoral process. The total expenditure upon the communication campaign undertaken by the NSWEC was \$2.02 million.

The largest component of the communication campaign was advertising comprising 76.7% of the total communication expenditure. Selection of the local newspapers and the frequency of placement (over and above that required) were based on the councils' recommendations.

Total spend on statewide and statutory advertisements was \$1.599 million. It is estimated that advertising expenditure for culturally and linguistically diverse communities was 16.9% of the statewide advertising campaign. Expenditure on advertising to reach indigenous communities was estimated to be 10%.

The table following provides information on the advertising undertaken by the NSWEC.

Table 14: 2012 Local Government Elections, Advertising Expenditure by Subject, \$000's and Percentage.

Advertisement Content	\$M	%
Candidates and polling places	.423	26.5
Pre-poll and Postal voting	.400	25.0
Remember to vote	.319	19.9
Nominations	.177	11.1
Enrolment	.100	6.3
Results	.079	4.9
Uncontested elections	.075	4.7
Register electoral material	.026	1.6
Total	1.599	100.0

Additional communication about the elections occurred through the media activities of the NSWEC. It was not possible however to disaggregate the media financial data across the above content areas.

Pursuing Efficiencies

The NSWEC undertook a rigorous programme to secure efficiencies in services being provided and charged to councils. There were a number of areas where significant savings were possible.

The Commission reviewed its administrative charge out rate for conducting the 2012 Local Government Elections through an independent assessment. The charge represents the portion of the NSWEC's head office costs to be recouped. With productivity improvements it was possible to reduce the hourly charge out rate from \$195 per hour (2008) to \$175 (2012). This charge is allocated across councils on a 'per elector' basis with the rate discounted for those councils where there are uncontested elections.

One of the major expenditure items for the 2008 Local Government Elections was the cost of production of ballot papers (\$2.468 million). The NSWEC reduced this cost significantly in 2012 by an open tender process, more detailed tender specifications and a different, co-management process. The total cost was \$1,022,652. Taking into account the quantity of ballot papers produced in 2008 (9.0 million) compared to 6.6 million in 2012, the unit cost in 2012 is approximately 56% of the 2008 cost (without adjustments to factors such as CPI changes). Based on the same quantity from 2008, the cost savings of producing ballot papers in 2012 exceeds \$1.0 million.

The NSWEC altered its approach to the processing of payroll and superannuation transactions. Instead of being outsourced as in 2008, these activities were undertaken in-house. The removal of multiple handling of forms, other paperwork and enquiries produced significant savings.

Due to the number of council elections the NSWEC conducted we were able to offer a Shared Returning Officer model for the Local Government Elections in 2012 following the successful rollout in 2008. This option was selected by an increased number of councils this election. Councils which chose to share a Returning Officer's Office enjoyed substantial cost savings. Larger councils typically have lower per unit operating costs and the sharing concept delivered similar benefit to the smaller councils. Average cost across the state, by Local Government Area, of costs under each of the stand alone and shared model are shown below.

Table 15: 2012 Local Government Elections Average Cost per Elector of Returning Officer Regional and Stand Alone Operations

Elector Range	Stand alone	Regional	Saving	Saving %
15,001 to 30,000	\$3.46	\$2.68	\$0.78	29.1%
30,001 to 45,000	\$2.10	\$1.82	\$0.28	15.5%

Regardless of the size of the councils as measured by number of electors, sharing a Returning Officer provides a less expensive option for the council. This saving increases with the size of the council.

The Returning Office model includes the costs for the Returning Officer salary, Office staff and the premises rental and operating cost.

Braille Voting

In 2008, the cost of Braille ballot papers was \$24,862 for 52 voters (excluding staff time in organising and providing Braille voting services and those election information and materials routinely prepared for blind and low vision electors). The cost per registered Braille ballot paper applicant was \$478.

In 2012, the average cost of producing each Braille ballot paper was \$195. There were a total of 13 accepted applications for Braille ballot papers.

Section 4: 2012 Local Government Elections - Electoral Services for Electors

Ensuring Equal Access to Democracy within the Community

The strategies employed were:

- addressing the needs of people from regional and remote areas, people with disabilities, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and young people;
- engaging with Aboriginal communities; and
- utilising emerging technologies or preferred communications to engage these groups.

Services for Vision Impaired Electors

In 2012, a total of 13 electors registered to vote using Braille ballot papers. Of this total, 2 voted on election day while the remaining 11 electors utilised the Braille postal voting option. No requests for pre-poll voting were received. As in 2008, Braille ballot papers were provided with the NSWEC working closely with Vision Australia.

Applications for Braille ballot papers were taken by the NSWEC between 9am Monday, 9 July and 5pm Wednesday, 8 August 2012. An application could be verbal or written and either taken by phone, fax or email. Braille ballot papers were prepared for postal, pre-poll or ordinary voting and were counted in the same way as other (non-Braille) ballot papers. Contracted Braille was used for the ballot papers.

In addition to this service, the NSWEC also provided on its website an audio brochure called 'Braille Voting at Local Government Elections' for those electors with visual disabilities and a radio advertisement for Braille Voting was placed through the RPH Australia radio reading network. The NSWEC's call centre was available to read printed material such as candidate information sheets to those with vision difficulties.

As for the 2008 Local Government Elections, the NSWEC surveyed the experiences and views of electors who used Braille ballot papers for voting. Only four Braille voters responded. While too small a sample to rely upon, there was a common preference for the NSWEC to provide electronically assisted voting as at the 2011 State Election.

Community Education Programme

The NSWEC undertook a community education programme to support the 2012 Local Government Elections. This consisted of information for the general public and information to meet the needs of electors with disabilities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and lastly information provided for Returning Officers and election officials.

Table 16: 2012 Local Government Elections Information Distribution to the General Public

Material	Content	Distribution	Website
Local Government (Council) Elections Information Brochure	Double sided A4, general election information and Instructions for Voting. In English PDF, HTML, RTF, AUSLAN, audio and Braille or Audio CD on request.	Hard copies to AEC for information stalls and sessions. E-copy provided to AEC. To organisations on request.	On website Returning Officer intranet
LG.452 – Method of Voting Poster	Large A1 poster with instructions for voting and assistance available at the polling place	Two per voting centre. A1 size	No
Local Government Election information and materials for Information stalls and sessions for the community	With the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), material provided for AEC stalls and sessions: Three information stalls at Notre Dame and Australian Catholic Universities Information sessions at MDSI, Campelltown; MRC Liverpool and Arabic Women's Association in Lakemba.	NSWEC provided: Relevant sample ballot papers and ward maps for the council area; Enrolment brochures; Three Elections brochures; Instructions for Voting in various languages; Local Government Election Information brochures; Posters; Council specific voting information; Information session outline and props; Phone briefing for AEC officers.	No
Information Session Lalor Park	NSWEC presentation on enrolment and voting for local community.	As above	
Election Poster	A poster reminding people of date of Local	Request from community	No

	Government election and that voting is compulsory	organisation. Electronic copy provided for their own printing.	
Provision of information to organisations and individual electors	Various information and materials provided on request.	On request.	No

Table 17: 2012 Local Government Elections Information Distribution to Electors from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds

Material	Content	Distribution	Website
Local Government Election New	Four newsletters: 1. General election information 2. Enrolment 3. Early voting 4. Voting on election day In English, Arabic, Chinese and Vietnamese	Via Community Relations Commission's EmailLink and Community Education mailing lists.	On website
Work at Elections Brochure	A5 brochure to encourage multilingual people to apply to work at the elections	Community Relations Commission's EmailLink	No
LG.453 (A) – Multilingual Voters Guide – Instructions for Voting	Booklet - Instructions for Voting in English, Large print English and 20 languages	1 booklet per voting centre.	See below
LG.453 (B) – Instructions for Voting	Single sheet Instructions for Voting in specified languages. For 15 high CALD areas.	25, 50 or 100 per polling place of main languages in the 15 identified high CALD areas.	Yes – 20 languages on website
"I speak [language]" stickers	Stickers for bi-lingual and multilingual staff to wear. Main languages to high CALD districts only. ROs from other districts could print their own.	A sheet of 10 stickers in main languages to each polling place in high CALD areas. Full set on RO intranet.	No

Table 18: 2012 Local Government Elections Information Distribution to Electors with a Disability

Material	Content	Distribution	Website
Braille Voting Information Brochure	In English large print, Braille and audio.	As required.	Yes
Local Government Election News – Disability version	Four newsletters - 1. General election information 2. Enrolment 3. Early voting 4. Voting on election day	To emailing list of disability organisations and individuals.	Yes
Local Government (Council) Elections Information Brochure in accessible formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braille (available on request) • Audio CD (available on request) • Audio MP3 clip • Auslan clip • HTML • RTF 	As required.	On website
Instructions for Voting at Local Government Elections in accessible formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braille (available on request) • Audio CD (available on request) • Audio MP3 clip • Auslan clip • HTML • RTF 	As required.	On website
Easy Read Guides to Voting at Local Government Elections	<p>Three guides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government (Council) Elections • What will happen on Election day? • Voting at the Local Government Election. 	650 printed and distributed by NSW Council for Intellectual Disabilities	On website

Table 19: 2012 Local Government Elections Information Distribution chains to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Electors (including stalls and presentations)

Material	Content	Distribution	Website
Local Government Election News – ATSI version	Four newsletters: 1. General election information 2. Enrolment 3. Early voting 4. Voting on election day	Electronically and in hard copy through IEPP	On website
Work at Elections Brochure ATSI version	A5 brochure to encourage people, with focus on ATSI, to apply to work at the LG election	Small print run and electronic copy for distribution through IEPP	No
Electoral Awareness Officer (EAO) programme	Programme run by IEPP, endorsed and supported by NSWEC. NSWEC provided an information guide, council specific information, identification lanyards and posters, authorisation letter and attended a phone briefing	11 EAOs employed at high ATSI polling places.	No
LG.453 (B) – Instructions for Voting (customised ATSI version)	Single sheet Instructions for Voting in Aboriginal colours with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags	2000 provided for election day.	No
Poster for polling places in high ATSI areas	A2 Poster in Aboriginal colours, with flags and 50th anniversary of Indigenous vote logo and voting messages	46 posters sent to Returning Officers in high ATSI areas for display at identified polling places	No
Local Government Election information and materials for Information stalls and sessions for the community	NSWEC provided information and materials to IEPP to support them in providing information sessions and information stalls for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community	NSWEC provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrolment brochures• Three Elections brochures• Instructions for Voting LG Election Information brochures• Posters and banners• LG Information session outline	No
Yabun Australia Day	Stall to provide information	NSWEC provided	n/a

Festival January 2012	about the elections and encourage people to enrol to vote.	posters and banners to decorate the stall, merchandise and information brochures. iRoll to check enrolment.	
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Table 20: 2012 Local Government Elections Distribution chains of other Information

Material	Content	Distribution	Website
Put your name on the list to vote (general enrolment brochure)	A generic brochure in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English HTML, PDF, RTF • Braille (on request) • Audio CD (on request) • Audio MP3 clip • Auslan clip • Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Hindi • Customised ATSI version 	As required	Yes
The Three Different Elections in Australia (Levels of Government brochure)	A generic brochure in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English HTML, PDF, RTF • Braille (on request) • Audio CD (on request) • Audio MP3 clip • Auslan clip • Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Hindi • Customised ATSI version. 	As required	Yes
Animations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Votes are Counted – Optional Preferential • How Votes are Counted – Proportional Representation 	Easy to understand Animations on how votes are counted. <p>Optional Preferential version relevant for mayor and 1 councillor elections</p> <p>Proportional Representation version relevant for two or more councillors to be elected.</p>	On website	Yes

A survey undertaken by the NSWEC of those agencies receiving the community education material found that the majority (74%) of community organisations rated highly the NSWEC's provision of information about the election. Although a small sample (35) the information provided was said to be helpful with the general information being the most helpful.

Enrolment

In NSW enrolment and voting is compulsory for people who are:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Australian citizens (or a British subject on an Australian electoral roll on 25 January 1984); and
- Living at their present address for at least the last month.

(The NSWEC provided enrolment services for all councils including those councils administering their elections. This is addressed in the section 'Services to Councils').

Automatic enrolment (or SmartRoll), a programme to directly enrol eligible electors or to change enrolment of electors who have changed address, has been in operation since 2010. By the time of the preparation of printed rolls at the end of July 2012 over 450,000 electors had been notified that the NSWEC would be making or changing their enrolment. Of this number 140,000 were new enrollees, that is enrolled for the first time or removed from the roll on a past occasion. The statewide roll was slightly under 4.8 million electors.^{vii} The comparable figure of the 2011 NSW State Election was 4.63 million.

The NSWEC promoted enrolment through its advertising campaigns and other communication strategies during the election period. Advertisements were featured in press and radio in metropolitan, regional, rural areas and in Aboriginal and community language press and radio using community languages covering 76% of culturally and linguistically diverse language speakers.

The management of electoral rolls is outlined in greater detail in Section 5 'Electoral Services for Councils'.

Elector Enquiry Centre

The NSWEC established an Elector Enquiry Centre to ensure that relevant, timely and specific information was available to all electors and to decrease the number of telephone enquiries made to councils. The Elector Enquiry Centre provided a 1300 number to ensure that people in non-metropolitan areas would be able to obtain information at the same call rate as metropolitan electors.

The Elector Enquiry Centre was operational from Monday, 6 August to Friday, 14 September 2012 with peak usage coinciding with NSWEC advertising campaign and closeness of the elections. The day before election day recorded the highest number of calls. Unlike the 2008 elections, call volumes dropped markedly in the week following election day.

The Elector Enquiry Centre was very well utilised but less so than in 2008. In 2008, 106,955 calls were made to the Elector Enquiry Centre during its operating period. In contrast the total number of calls in 2012 was 73,334. The number of calls for each council is shown in the individual council reports.

The NSWEC has been working to increase the information and ease of use of its website as this is increasingly a more convenient form of communication for the

majority of electors. It was expected that this trend to greater use of the internet would be accompanied by a reduction in use of the call centre.

New Forms of Voting

The *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* was amended in 2012 to allow voters for the first time at the 2011 State General Election to 'enrol and vote' at either pre-poll or election day. Electors upon provision of appropriate proof of identity (NSW photo driver licence or proof of age card) were able to cast a declaration vote at pre-poll or on election day in a polling place if their name did not appear on the Authorised Roll or if they had changed addresses and had not updated their details before the elections. Declaration votes are those where ballot papers are cast in envelopes bearing the electors' declaration of eligibility, such declarations being scrutinised for validity before being accepted into the count.

The State 'enrol and vote' amendments were subsequently mirrored in Local Government legislation and available for the first time in at the 2012 Local Government Elections. This was a major change from the 2008 Local Government Elections

Arrangements for Voting before Election Day

The NSWEC provided a variety of voting services for electors unable to vote on election day, including arrangements for:

- Postal voting;
- Pre-poll voting; and
- Declared Institution voting.

Postal Voting

The NSWEC implemented a centralised postal voting centre similar to that introduced for the 2011 State Election. All postal vote applications were processed at the centre and postal vote ballot packs were sent directly to the elector. Electors could utilise an online facility on the NSWEC's website. Forms could be submitted electronically from 2 July 2012. For electors who did not have access to the internet, the form was available from the Returning Officer's office or mailed upon request.

Registered political parties proposing to distribute their own postal vote applications to constituents were urged to check with the NSWEC regarding their version of the application form to ensure it complied with changed legislation.

Postal vote applications had to be received by the Returning Officer by no later than 5pm, Monday 5 September 2012. Completed postal declarations and ballot papers had to be received by the Returning Officer no later than 6pm, Monday 10 September 2012 in order to be eligible to be included in the count.

Of the total votes cast for councillor positions in the 2012 Local Government Elections, 102,806 or 3.5% were made as postal votes. This appears less than the 134,802 or 3.8% postal votes returned in the 2008 Local Government Elections, however the 2012 figures only represent elections conducted by the NSWEC.

Registered General Postal Voters

The number of general postal voters was 57,319.

Pre-Poll Voting

Pre-poll locations were available in every council area where an election was conducted by the NSWEC, typically at Returning Officers' offices or any other additional locations appointed within the council area. In a major change from the 2008 elections, electors could also vote pre-poll at the Sydney Town Hall. The details of the pre-poll voting locations and times of operation were available from the Returning Officer, the NSWEC website or the Elector Enquiry Centre.

There were 254 pre-poll centres throughout NSW of which 61.8% (157) were wheelchair accessible and 37.8% (96) were accessible with assistance. Of the total votes cast for councillor positions in the 2012 Local Government Elections, 383,405 or 13.1% were made as pre-poll or Declared Institution votes.

Declared Institutions

Election officials visited the Declared Institutions during the statutory period from Monday, 27 August 2012 to Wednesday, 5 September 2012 to take votes. Scrutineers were invited to attend. The procedure for voting was the same as for pre-poll voting.

Sydney Town Hall

Many electors forget that absent votes cannot be issued at Local Government elections and that the Sydney Town Hall is not a polling place for those out of their local area, unlike State elections. Hence many 'out of area' electors go to the Sydney Town Hall expecting to be able to vote and are turned away. Following amendments made to the Local Government legislation the NSWEC provided a new service to assist electors from any part of NSW who either work or visit the city, to vote at the Sydney Town Hall during the pre-poll period or on election day.

The NSWEC operated Sydney Town Hall as a statewide pre-poll venue and as a polling place on election day issuing ordinary votes for all councils whose elections were conducted by the NSWEC. The opportunity to be part of the Sydney Town Hall initiative was extended to Councils administering their elections. Of these 14 councils six accepted the offer (see Appendix D: 2012 Local Government Elections Councils Administering their Elections and Participation in the Sydney Town Hall Initiative.). Each council using the facility was charged according to the number of votes taken for their council. As the City of Sydney Council provided the venue at no cost, councils' costs were confined principally to staffing costs. The charges were shown as a separate line item on the invoice.

It was estimated that up to 20,000 electors would vote at the Sydney Town Hall and it was anticipated that half would be out of City Of Sydney Council voters. This estimate was exceeded with a total of 30,561 electors using this polling centre. Almost two thirds (19,121) voted at the Sydney Town Hall during the pre-poll period and 11,440 on election day. There were 1,169 enrolment votes in the pre-poll period and 947 on election day.

In addition to this new service, the NSWEC established a 'self-service computer mark-off' for the roll. Following successful mark off the roll, electors were issued with a docket which contained their details, council area and ward and listed the ballot papers they were to receive. When provided to an Issuing Officer, the docket was exchanged for the ballot papers and the elector voted as usual.

All votes were initially counted at the Sydney Town Hall, the results entered into the computer system and pre-poll votes results phoned through to the various Returning Officers on the Sunday. All ordinary issued ballot papers and declaration votes were then couriered to Returning Officers.

This initiative was evaluated by the NSWEC using field interviews of electors undertaken on election day. The satisfaction of voters has been reported earlier in this section, however the evaluation also revealed that:

- 28% were repeat Sydney Town Hall voters who live locally and middle aged (35 – 54 years);
- greatest reason for voting at Sydney Town Hall was 'convenience to home' (39%);
- second most common reason was 'outside of Local Government Area' (33%); and
- those voting at Sydney Town Hall and 'out of their LGA' were more likely to be younger (18 – 24 years) and women.

Voting on Election Day - Ordinary Polling

The legislation does not provide for absent voting at Local Government elections.^{viii} On election day an elector could vote at:

- undivided council area – at any polling place within the council area in which the elector was enrolled; or
- divided council area (with wards) – at any polling place within the ward in which the elector was enrolled; or
- designated multi-ward polling place or multi-council polling place; or
- multi-area polling place such as Sydney Town Hall.

Polling places were open on election day from 8am until 6pm.

The number of votes taken as ordinary votes on election day was 2,149,904 (or 73.6% of the total votes counted of 2,922,536).

Assistance to Electors When Voting

Assistance was provided to electors during voting if an election official was satisfied that the elector was unable to vote without help. In addition, an elector can nominate any person, except a candidate, to assist them for example, an interpreter.

Information on Candidates

For electors seeking information on candidates, the polling places were able to provide access to the Candidate Information Sheets provided by candidates. These

were available also on the NSWEC and council websites and were available for public inspection in the Returning Officer's office from noon on nomination day and at the pre-poll office(s). Information on the policies of candidates is not provided by the Commission (unless included by candidates on their Candidate Information Sheets). The website directed those seeking such information to the candidates.

Non-voters and Issuing of Penalty Notices

The NSWEC has an obligation under the *Local Government Act 1993* to issue penalty notices to electors who failed to vote in Local Government elections and who did not have a valid reason for not voting.

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, legitimate reasons for not voting include:

- Death;
- Absence from the area on polling day;
- Ineligibility to vote;
- Religious reasons prevent attendance at a polling booth; and
- Other reason acceptable to the Electoral Commissioner.

The process of identifying non-voters entails the NSWEC scanning the roll marked with the names of those electors who have voted to identify those who appear not to have been marked off the roll and not voted. Using this initial list, the NSWEC identifies those electors who are deceased, moved interstate or very elderly and those who provided an excuse for not voting. This process ensures that the issuing of penalty notices is targeted to those who appear not to have valid reasons as to why they did not vote. The penalty notice provides recipients with the options of:

- Advising, in writing, their reason for not voting;
- Claiming they did vote and providing details of where they voted;
- Paying the penalty; or
- Applying for the matter to be heard by a Court.

The penalty for not voting in a Local Government election is \$55.

Across NSW 587,021 electors failed to vote at the 2012 Local Government Elections or 12.9% as a percentage of the total NSW electoral roll (based on 136 councils not all council as in 2008).^{ix}

The six councils in 2012 with the lowest non-voter rate against enrolment were:

- Weddin Shire Council 7.9%
- Temora Shire Council 8.3%
- Blayney Shire Council 9.0%
- City of Lithgow Council 9.2%
- Harden Shire Council 9.2%
- Cabonne Shire Council 9.2%

The five councils in 2012 with the highest non-voter rate included:

- The Council of the Shire of Wakool 37.1% Note only one ward contested

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- Council of the City of Sydney 25.5%
 - Brewarrina Shire Council 24.9%
 - Urana Shire Council 24.9% Note only one ward contested
 - Walgett Shire Council 24.8%

Reminder notices were issued to electors who did not reply to the initial notice or who provided an insufficient reason for failure to vote. Matters which were outstanding, or for which an unacceptable reply had been received, are referred to State Debt Recovery Office for enforcement. The State Debt Recovery Office follows up matters after three attempts by the NSWEC.

The revenue from non-voting fines is not provided to the NSWEC. The State Debt Recovery Office forwards these revenues to the NSW Government's Consolidated Fund.

Analysis of the reasons provided by non-voters as to why they did not vote in the 2012 Local Government Elections showed that the most common reason provided was that the elector was out of the area, followed by illness or caring for someone.

Feedback from Electors

The key findings from the surveys of electors were provided in Section 2 in the discussion about the NSWEC's performance against its Service Charter. There is a wealth of further information contained in the survey reports provided in Part 3.

Section 5: 2012 Local Government Elections - Electoral Services for Councils

The NSWEC conducted elections for 136 councils. It also provided electoral services for the 14 councils conducting their own elections. It is perhaps not widely understood that the NSWEC was required to provide certain services to all councils within NSW regardless of which agency was conducting the councils' elections. These services were not limited to electoral roll products, and included nine specific functions:

- Enrolment advertising. The NSWEC placed statewide advertising of the election date and the requirement that electors needed to be on the roll to vote. There was no charge to councils administering their elections for this service.
- Composite rolls. These were supplied to all councils with a minimal cost to recover the cost of printing. These were provided at the same time to all councils regardless of the administration of the elections.
- Copy of roll to candidates. This was provided to candidates upon request regardless of who was providing the elections.
- Other enrolment related matters. A secure roll facility on the NSWEC's website was provided to councils administering their elections to enable Returning Officers to check enrolment details prior to hard copy rolls being provided. Confirmation of 'silent elector' details was also provided.
- Registered General Postal Voters. Each council was provided with a list of electors who are registered to automatically receive postal votes.
- List of Non-Voters. The NSWEC scanned the rolls and prepared a list of non-voters for the General Manager to certify.
- Vote counting software specifications. These were available from the NSWEC for any council who required them for local government proportional representation vote counts.
- Funding, expenditure and disclosure obligations. Representatives were sent to any candidate information session arranged by councils in addition to those already organised by the NSWEC and EFA.
- Management of Failure to Vote and Penalty Notice processes.

The Election Funding Authority held Candidate Information Seminars across NSW throughout June for these elections.

The total number of elections to be held was 293. Of these 29 were uncontested elections. Leeton had a by-election later in 2012 due to insufficient nominations in one ward. The total number of elections conducted by the NSWEC on 8 September 2012 was 264. Of these contested elections, 84.9% were councillor elections, 9.9% mayoral elections, 3.0% for referenda and 2.3% polls.

Table 21: 2012 Local Government Elections Due, Contested and Uncontested Elections

	Due	Contested	Uncontested
Councillor elections – Divided councils	162	139	23
Councillor elections – Undivided councils	91	85	6
Councillor elections – Total	253	224	29
Mayoral elections	26	26	-

Including all referenda and polls, North Sydney Council had the greatest number of elections (six) followed by 11 Councils with five elections. Appendix E lists the total number of elections for each council.

Port Macquarie Council returned to democracy in 2012, while Wollongong and Shellharbour elections were held in 2011 rather than 2012. Reports of these 2011 elections are on the NSWEC's website.

Mayoral Elections

In the 2012 Local Government Elections there were 26 popularly elected mayoral contests. There were more mayoral elections in rural councils than metropolitan councils.

The NSWEC website carried details of those councils holding mayoral elections. These councils are listed in Appendix F. In 2004 the number of contested mayoral elections was 26, in 2008 the number was 27 with one uncontested mayoral election.^x In 2012 it was 26. (This does not include Mayoral elections not conducted by NSWEC of which there were 8.)

Constitutional Referenda

A council may resolve to conduct a constitutional referendum on any of the following issues:

- Determine whether or not the mayor is to be popularly elected;
- Increase or reduce the number of councillors;
- Divide the council area into wards or abolish all wards; and
- To change the method of election of ward councillors.^{xi}

Fewer councils (8) held referenda in 2012 than in 2008 (15 councils).

The type of referenda questions is shown below.

Table 22: 2008 and 2012 Local Government Elections Referenda, Frequencies. (a)

Referendum Question	Number 2008	Number 2012
Election of mayor	7	3
Reduce number of councillors	7	2
Election of mayor and change councillor numbers	-	2 (b)
Change ward structure	3(c)	1
Change ward and councillors numbers	-	1
Total	17	9

(a) In 2008 two councils had two referenda. Total number of councils holding referenda was 15

(b) One to reduce numbers and one to increase

(c) 2 to abolish; 1 to introduce

All but one of the referenda questions were passed by a majority of votes. The referenda question not passed concerned abolition of the ward structure in the

Walcha Local Government Area. The results of the 2012 referenda are available on the NSWEC's website.

Council Polls

Six councils held a poll. In contrast to 2008, there was just one poll question per council. The poll questions concerned a wide range of issues with half concerning possible changes to the council's name, followed by matters such as support for coal seam gas exploration, council amalgamation and retention of a local hospital.

The councils conducting a poll were:

- Bega Valley Shire Council
- Burwood Council
- Lismore City Council
- Mosman Municipal Council
- Strathfield Municipal Council
- Warrumbungle Shire Council

See Appendix G for poll questions by council.

Uncontested Elections

Eight councils had a match between the number of positions and the number of candidates. These councils were:

- Carrathool Shire Council
- Cobar Shire Council
- Conargo Shire Council
- Corowa Shire Council
- Deniliquin Council
- Narrandera Shire Council
- Oberon Council
- Warren Shire Council

In 10 wards the number of nominations received for the position of councillor was equal to the number of available positions. These wards included:

- Dungog Shire Council – B Ward
- Greater Hume Shire Council – East Ward and North Ward
- Lockhart Shire Council – C Ward
- Murrumbidgee Shire Council – East Ward
- Urana Shire Council – B Ward and C Ward
- The Council of the Shire of Wakool – B Ward and C Ward
- Walcha Council – D Ward

All candidates who nominated for the above positions were declared elected on Saturday, 8 September 2012.

Those councils with insufficient candidates are addressed under 'By-elections' below.

By-elections

One council, Leeton Shire Council, received insufficient nominations for the number of vacancies resulting in a by-election held 8 December 2012.

Deferred Elections

There were no councils with deferred elections due to being under administration. Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils' elections will be held in 2016 as legislation was passed to enable the term of appointment from the election in 2011 to be five years rather than four.

Redistribution of Council Ward Boundaries

Section 211 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires councils to keep ward boundaries under review. Councils were required to submit to the NSWEC finalised ward boundaries by 31 December 2012. 24 councils submitted ward changes. For the 2008 elections, 34 councils submitted changes.

Councils submitting ward boundary alteration proposals and ward name changes also needed do so by the 31 December 2012. The changes and the councils affected are listed below.

Ward Adjustment

- Bankstown City Council
- The Council of the City of Botany Bay
- Central Darling Shire Council
- Cessnock City Council
- Dungog Shire Council
- Holroyd City Council
- Kogarah City Council
- Kyogle Council
- Lachlan Shire Council
- Lockhart Shire Council
- Maitland City Council
- Marrickville Council
- Parramatta City Council
- Uralla Shire Council
- Wollondilly Shire Council

Abolition of Wards

- Cabonne Shire Council
- Guyra Shire Council
- Leeton Shire Council
- Mosman Municipal Council
- Singleton Council
- Weddin Shire Council

Local Government Boundary Alteration

- Canterbury City Council
- Hurstville City Council

Residential and Non-residential Electoral Rolls

A key service provided to all councils not just for those for whom the NSWEC conducted the elections, was the management of the electoral roll.

The roll of electors for each council area or ward is a composite roll, comprising:

- Residential roll; and
- Non-residential roll.

Electors for council elections include residents as well as ratepayers who may reside outside the Local Government Area. The *Local Government Act 1993* prohibits a person voting more than once in one area, however, an individual can vote once in one council as a resident and vote again in another council area as a rate payer. The NSWEC prepared the residential roll for each council area or ward, including those councils who did not have their elections conducted by the NSWEC. All electors enrolled on the Commonwealth/State electoral roll as at 6pm Monday 30 July 2012 appeared on the appropriate council roll for the 2012 Local Government Elections.

The non-residential roll is made up of the roll of non-residential electors and the roll of occupiers and rate paying lessees. The non-residential roll lapses after each election. Inclusion on the non-residential roll of electors is available to electors who pay rates to the council on property they own but do not occupy, as well as people who occupy or lease property. The *Local Government Act 1993* sections 299 and 300, assigns the responsibility for the compilation and maintenance of the non-residential roll of electors to the General Manager other than the Council of the City of Sydney. Voting is not compulsory for electors on the non-residential roll (except City of Sydney where voting is compulsory).

The 2008 Joint Standing Committee's report outlined key recommendations to assist in the conduct of future Local Government elections. One of the recommendations was in relation to providing information to councils on strategies to improve enrolment levels to non-residential electors. During the year the Commission actively engaged and consulted with councils regarding legislation covering the non-residential roll application process to ensure that unnecessary complexities are eliminated and the process is made less onerous and more consistent.

As part of the consultation process the Commission provided information to councils (including those that chose not to utilise our election services) on strategies to improve enrolment levels to non-residential electors including:

- provision of a 2012 non-residential roll application form template that councils were encouraged to customise and prominently display on their website for downloading and printing by potential applicants;

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- provision of a computer system to allow council officers to directly enter General Manager confirmed enrollees into the electoral roll system;
 - provision of enrolment qualifications on our website;
 - contacting councils conducting their own elections to advise them of certain provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993* that calls for them to provide the final confirmation of each of the non-residential rolls for their area or wards (where divided). The Commission provided these councils with a web based electoral roll look up facility to assist with this final confirmation process;
 - scheduling of generic national, state and local press advertising regarding the non-residential roll; and
 - assist Local Government authorities with non-residential roll maintenance processes for the 2012 Local Government Elections.

The non-residential roll for all councils contained 3,178 electors at the close of rolls 6pm, Monday 30 July 2012. The council with the largest non-residential roll was Council of the City of Sydney with 1,709 enrolments, that is 53.8% of the total NSW non-residential roll, followed by Eurobodalla Council with 11.8% (376). Those councils with a non-residential roll and the number of electors are provided in Appendix H.

Of the total number of councils having elections (both councils with elections being conducted by the NSWEC and those not), 32 did not have any enrolments on their non-residential roll in the 2012 Local Government Elections.

Both the residential and non-residential rolls for the 2012 elections closed at 6pm on Monday, 30 July 2012.

The survey of General Managers undertaken by the NSWEC revealed that 87.8% felt that they received adequate information from the NSWEC on how to prepare the non-residential roll. Concerns raised were about the overall arrangements for non-residential rolls with a number feeling that this should not be a responsibility of the council or that certain provisions made no sense (for example, that only one person would vote even though a couple may own a property in a different council area). One comment captures the many issues involved in non-residential rolls:

Prior to the next election the Council will write to every potential property which may be eligible to apply for someone to be entered into the non-resident roll. I believe that he(sic) NSWEC has adequate processes in place but there does seem to be a reluctance from some eligible non-residents to actually make the effort to nominate for the roll.

Respondent to the survey of General Managers on the conduct of the elections, September 2012.

Non-Residential Roll for Council of the City of Sydney

The Electoral Commissioner is required to prepare and certify the non-residential rolls as prescribed in the *City of Sydney Act 1988* (section 18A).

The right to be included in the Council of the City of Sydney non-residential roll applies to owners of rateable land in the council area, and rate paying lessees and occupiers of rateable land in the council area whose primary place of residence is

NSW. Anyone seeking enrolment on the non-residential roll must be eligible to be on a parliamentary electoral roll and be eligible to vote for either the NSW Legislative Assembly or the Federal House of Representatives.

An elector on the Council of the City of Sydney's residential roll cannot be on the non-residential roll and an individual or nominee claimant can only be enrolled on the non-residential roll once. In contrast to the arrangements for other councils, if an elector on the non-residential roll fails to vote, a fine may apply.

There had been a decline of 58.1% between 1999 and 2004 in the number of electors on the Council of the City of Sydney's non-residential roll. This decline continued in the 2008 Local Government Elections despite increased efforts to boost enrolment. The continued decline prompted the NSWEC and the Council of the City of Sydney to undertake additional efforts to ensure awareness of the right to be included on this roll.

In March 2012 the Council sought information on how the Commission intended to ensure all eligible voters were informed and encouraged to take up their right to be enrolled on the non-residential roll for the 2012 Local Government Elections.

Our strategies included:

- an Elector Enquiry Centre using experienced operators from the SmartRoll call centre to assist electors;
- City of Sydney specific non-residential roll advertisements placed in the national and local press notifying readers of the elections and the potential for eligible people to vote as non-residents;
- advertising in free metropolitan newspapers directs readers to a call-to-action Facebook page that includes a simple video calling for those eligible to enrol for the non-residential roll;
- mailing a call-to-action package of application forms, reply-paid envelopes and information to in excess of 80,000 potential electors using Council's individual or corporate ratepayer information and segments of the NSW Department of Fair Trading's database;
- contacting 125 Property Managing Agents to request email contact with a further approximately 5,700 potential electors;
- non-residential roll enrolment page for the Council of the City of Sydney provided on our website; and
- information provided to various interested stakeholders, such as the NSW Business Council and Living Sydney Lobby Group, to communicate to their respective clients.

These efforts saw an increase of 331.6% in the number of enrolments from the 2008 Local Government Elections and halted the decline noted above.

Table 23: 1999 to 2012 Local Government Elections Council of City of Sydney, Non-residential Enrolments

Year	Non-Residential Roll	% Change from 1999	% Change Previous Election
1999	4,912	-	-
2004	2,059	-58.1	-58.1
2008	396	-91.9	-80.8
2012	1,709	-65.2	+331.6

The Council of the City of Sydney's proportion of the total number of non-residential enrolments for the 2012 Local Government Elections was 53.8%.

Arrangements for Councils not using the NSWEC

Following the elections, those councils conducting their own elections were required to forward to the NSWEC the composite residential and non-residential rolls used in polling places to mark off electors as having voted, for scanning and determination of list of electors who may not have voted in the elections. The marked rolls had to be received by the NSWEC no later than the Thursday following election day. Following scanning of the rolls, the NSWEC returned to the council a list of names of electors who appeared not to have voted. This list was certified by the General Manager and returned to the NSWEC.

Council Liaison

The NSWEC established three Council Service Officers positions for the 2012 elections to work with councils to settle services to be provided and to liaise on issues such as the Returning Officer's accommodation and the pre-poll and polling day venues. These officers commenced liaison with councils on the issue of Returning Officer accommodation from 30 January 2012. General Managers were very positive about the service provided by these officers.

A key initial task for all Returning Officers was to establish liaison with the council(s). Returning Officers' offices became open to the public on 28 July 2012 and were able to handle queries from the community and councils.

Polling Places for Council Elections

The NSWEC does not own the venues used as polling places and can only utilise facilities available for very short term lease. This means that the control the NSWEC has over access or other aspects of available venues is very limited. In the main, the NSWEC uses public schools as these venues typically have better access.

In the 2012 Local Government Elections, there were 2,539 polling places sourced from primarily the NSW Department of Education and Communities. The remainder were council premises, private schools, community halls, community centres, church facilities and other facilities. All facilities were covered by public liability insurance with the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

In recognition that there is no absent voting in Local Government elections, there was provision for some polling places to issue votes for a larger area, such as:

- Sydney Town Hall being a polling place for other councils;
- Principal polling places to issue votes for all wards of the council;
- Multi ward polling places located close to ward boundaries to issue votes for both the ward(s) in which it was located as well as the ward(s) it adjoined; and
- Multi council polling places where a single premise served as a polling place for two or more council areas.

Prior to finalising polling places, the NSWEC wrote to General Managers to seek comment on the proposed polling places, staffing and the projected number of votes.

Councils share Returning Officers

In the 2008 Local Government Elections, Regional Returning Officers were introduced for small councils in rural and remote locations. This arrangement worked well and was extended to more councils including some metropolitan councils in 2012. Overall, there were more regions in 2012 (34) than in 2008 (30) and the size of regions was smaller. Thirty councils each had a Returning Officer who was not conducting elections for other councils.

In 2008, there were two regions each with seven councils. In 2012, the two largest regions each had four councils.

A number of factors were analysed to determine the regions including:

- number of electors per Local Government Area;
- size of Local Government Area;
- geography of Local Government Area;
- previous regions used and how well they worked at the 2008 Local Government Elections;
- analysis of contiguous Local Government Area boundaries;
- feedback from councils following visits and subsequent discussions, relating to regional Returning Officers' Offices;
- analysis of the Returning Officer workload and feasibility of conducting multiple council elections simultaneously;
- the number, size and complexity of elections created by the formation of a region; and
- availability of Returning Officers to service the region.

78% of General Managers who shared a Returning Officer in 2008 indicated in survey responses that they were prepared to share a Returning Officer at future elections; and 75% of General Managers indicated they were either neutral, satisfied or very satisfied that the benefits they were expecting from sharing a Returning Officer had been delivered.

Table 24: 2012 Local Government Elections Size of Regional Groupings, Number of Councils and Percentages

Number councils in Region	Number of regions with this number of councils	%
Two	12	35.3
Three	10	29.4
Four	8	23.5
Five	4	11.8
Total	34	100.0

Appendix I provides details of councils in regions and 'stand alone' councils. The savings available from this model have been covered in Section 3.

Measuring success of the Regional Returning Officer Model

The general elector survey found that those electors living in regional NSW were more likely to be satisfied with the information available to locate the polling place (73% versus 66% for those living in Sydney). They were also more likely to be satisfied with the assistance provided by the election officials (85% versus 77% for those living in Sydney). This strongly suggests that the Regional Returning Officers were successful in this aspect of their role.

The vast majority of General Managers (80.4%) felt that there was adequate consultation on the Regional Returning Officer option (8.7% could not recall). On the overall service provided by the Returning Officers including Regional Returning Officers, the feedback from General Managers was very positive with 91.8% satisfied with the overall services provided by Returning Officers and 94.0% satisfied with their professionalism.

From an NSWEC management perspective, the regional model worked well in the majority of areas and reduced the costs to individual councils participating in a region.

In general terms the Returning Officers found the make-up of their regions appropriate. The location of the Returning Officers' office however, was reported as a concern if it was not centrally located to all councils within the region. Unfortunately, in some places, suitable accommodation was not able to be secured centrally to all councils.

Returning Officers' Offices

Details of Returning Officers and their offices were published on the NSWEC's website on 23 July 2012. Office opening hours for Returning Officers were the same as those for the council for which the Returning Officer was conducting the election. These details were available locally as well as from the NSWEC website and the call centre.

Returning Officers including Regional Returning Officers closed their offices within two weeks after election day. Where possible, some offices were closed earlier. Between election day and office closure, Returning Officers were involved in vote counting and checking, return of material and equipment, declaration of results and

administrative matters such as obtaining outstanding personnel information for payment of polling place staff.

Council Services

Some councils undertook on their own accord a number of activities to support the Local Government elections.

In the survey of General Managers 63 (56.3%) indicated that their council had provided activities to support the elections. These were primarily providing information or seminars on the role of Mayors/Councillors and advertising referenda and polls.

Accepting candidate nomination forms and deposits was undertaken by some councils. Of those General Managers who responded to the survey 44.0% had undertaken this particular service with the majority (88.9%) reporting no difficulties.

The Counting Timeframe

The NSWEC provided councils with a 'count schedule' of when it was planned to complete the count and declare all elections as follows:

Saturday, 8 September 2012:

Preliminary results from each polling place progressively online from 6.30pm including poll and referenda questions along with pre-poll, postal and Declared Institution votes.

Sunday, 9 September 2012:

Check count to confirm results.

Monday, 10 September – Tuesday, 11 September 2012:

All Mayoral counts to be completed.

Sunday, 9 September – Friday, 14 September 2012:

Distribution of preferences, poll and referenda counts to be completed.

Friday 14 September 2012:

Counting to conclude.

Vote Counting

Method of Election - Mayor

The method of election in a Mayoral election is optional preferential.

To cast a formal vote, the elector must place the number '1' in the square next to their first choice candidate. They have the 'option' to show further preferences by placing the number '2' in the square next to their second choice candidate, the number '3' next to their third choice and so on. They may number as many or as few squares as they wish.

To be elected in the optional preferential system, a candidate has to receive 50% + 1 of the total formal votes in the count. This is called an "absolute majority".

If there are 8,756 formal first preference votes in an election the absolute majority is calculated as: $8,756 \div 2 = 4,378 + 1 = 4,379$

If a candidate has an absolute majority, that candidate is elected and no further counting is necessary.

If no candidate is elected, the candidate with the least number of votes is "excluded" which means the excluded candidate's votes are re-sorted to the other candidates according to the 2nd preference shown on each ballot paper.

If any of those ballot papers do not have 2nd preferences, however, those ballot papers are known as "exhausted" ballot papers and are removed from the count. They are then only used to balance the number of votes at the end of each exclusion, to the number of first preference votes.

The process of exclusions is repeated until such time as a candidate has an absolute majority of the votes remaining in the count and that candidate is elected.

The process is explained in the following example:

Table 25: 2012 Local Government Elections Example Optional Preferential Count Process

Candidates	First Preference Votes	Candidate D Excluded	Progressive Totals	Candidate C Excluded	Progressive Totals
Candidate A	3,024	250	3,274	822	4,096
Candidate B	2,552	441	2,993	1,189	4,182 Elected
Candidate C	2,290	87	2,377	Excluded	-----
Candidate D	890	Excluded	-----	-----	-----
Total Formal Votes	8,756	778	8,644	2,011	8,278
Informal Votes	278	-----	278	-----	278
Exhausted	-----	112	112	366	478
Total Votes	9,034	890	9,034	2,377	9,034
Absolute Majority	4,379	-----	4,323	-----	4,140

The absolute majority needed to be elected is recalculated after every candidate is excluded. This is due to exhausted ballot papers not continuing in the count.

The distribution of preferences in a Mayoral election cannot commence before 9.00am on the Tuesday following election day to ensure that all postal votes are included following the deadline for receipt of postal votes at 6.00pm on the Monday following election day.

Where a Mayor is elected by the electors, this result must be determined before counting in the Councillor count can be finalised. Any first preferences on the Councillor ballot paper for the person elected as Mayor are disregarded and any subsequent preferences are reduced by one, i.e. a 2nd preference becomes a 1st preference; a 3rd preference becomes a 2nd preference, and so on.

The distribution of preferences in the Mayoral election was conducted in the Returning Officer's office. All Mayoral counts were completed in the week following election day.

Method of Election - Councillor

The method of election in a Councillor election is proportional representation. The method is similar to that used in State elections for the Legislative Council.

To be elected a candidate generally must gain a quota of the formal votes. The quota cannot be worked out until the total number of formal first preference votes is known. Once the first preference count has taken place and informal ballot papers are removed the quota is calculated:

$$\text{Quota} = (\text{total number of formal votes} \div \text{one more than the number of vacancies}) + 1$$

For example, if there are 12,000 formal votes and 5 vacancies to be filled, the quota is:

$$12,000 \text{ formal votes} \div 6 = 2,000 + 1 = 2,001.$$

In this example, a candidate needs at least 2001 votes to be elected.

The count is conducted by distributing votes according to the choices shown on the ballot paper. When candidates reach a quota and are elected, their surplus or extra votes above the quota are distributed to the remaining candidates.

Candidates with the lowest number of votes are then excluded and their ballot papers are redistributed according to the next choice shown. This process continues until all the vacancies are filled.

Candidates can also be elected if the remaining number of candidates in the count equals the number of vacant positions still to be filled.

To assist stakeholders understand this complex counting process, the NSWEC has a graphic representation of the proportional representation count process on its website.

Councillor Elections

Councillor elections were counted using NSWEC vote counting software either at the Returning Officer's office or at the Local Government Counting Centre at Riverwood Business Park, Unit 11, 100 Belmore Road, Riverwood.

A schedule of the estimated data entry and count times was available on the NSWEC website from August 2012.

It was made clear that the schedule could change and it was necessary to check the count schedule for updates. The preparation of ballot papers for data entry (that is batching) commenced on Election Sunday.

Proportional Representation Computer Count Data Entry System

In 2008 any council (metropolitan or country) with Group Voting Squares (above the line voting) had their ballot papers sent to Riverwood for data entry. All other councils kept their ballot papers and undertook manual counts in the Returning Officer's office.

In 2012 all Councillor ballot papers were data entered. Councils in the Sydney basin sent their Councillor ballot papers to Riverwood. All other councils had their Councillor ballot papers and data entered in the Returning Office Regional office. There were 32 data entry count centres operating, that is Riverwood and 31 Returning Officer Regional offices.

Councillor Computer Count

The NSWEC is authorised under clause 351 of the Local Government (General) Regulation to send Councillor ballot papers to a central counting office administered by the NSWEC and counted according to arrangements approved by the NSWEC.

All Councillor ballot papers were counted using the NSWEC vote counting software either at the Returning Officer's office or at the Local Government Counting Centre at Riverwood, Sydney. Table 26 and Table 27 list the counting locations.

The secure transport of ballot papers to the Riverwood counting centre was ensured through the use of dedicated vehicles with the sealed ballot paper boxes transported directly to the Local Government Counting Centre.

The data entry operation at Riverwood consisted of 100 clerical staff checking and preparing the ballot papers for data entry and 200 data entry staff working over two shifts of eight hours. Data entry started on Sunday, 9 September 2012, and finished on Saturday, 15 September 2012. 2.2 million Councillor ballot papers were data entered at Riverwood.

Over the 31 Regional Returning Officers' offices clerical and data entry staff data entered 920,000 Councillor ballot papers. Data entry started on Sunday, 9 September 2012, and the last Council finished on Sunday, 17 September 2012.

The quality assurance system for the computerised count entailed all ballot papers being put through two data entry rounds with a comparison between the two sets of data to identify any differences. Where there were mismatches between the data lots, a third verification of data entry was applied to correct mismatches. Before running each count, data entry totals were reconciled against election night polling place figures and declaration vote figures to ensure totals were complete and correct. As information became available, the NSWEC website was updated on election data entry and count status.

The Local Government Counting Centre schedule was updated daily for registered political parties, groups, candidates and councils to reflect changes to the dates of data entry and counting times and posted on the NSWEC's website.

The Proportional Representation Computer Count (PRCC) system is the software program in which Councillor ballot papers are data entered. This includes:

- allocating ballot papers (in batches) to Data Entry Operators for round 1 and round 2 data entry;
- Data Entry Operators undertaking round 1 and round 2 data entry;
- undertaking reconciliation on those batches where round 1 and round 2 data entry do not match; and
- distribution of preferences in the count to determine the elected Councillors

Table 26: 2012 Local Government Elections Councils with councillor ballot papers computer counted at Riverwood.

Ashfield, Burwood and Strathfield	Liverpool
Auburn	Manly and Mosman
Bankstown	North Sydney
Blacktown	Parramatta
Blue Mountains and Lithgow	Pittwater
Camden and Wollondilly	Randwick
Campbelltown	Rockdale
Canada Bay and Hunters Hill	Ryde
Canterbury	Sydney
Gosford	The Hills Shire Council
Hawkesbury	Warringah
Holroyd	Waverley
Hornsby	Willoughby
Hurstville	Wingecarribee
Kogarah	Woollahra
Ku-ring-gai	Wyong
Leichhardt and Marrickville	

Returning Officers in all other councils retained their councillor ballot papers for computer counting at the Returning Officer's office.

Local Computer Count

The NSWEC for the first time conducted local proportional representation count. This was possible in contrast to earlier years due to changes in the software. The NSWEC believed that doing such counts locally, wherever possible provided the opportunity for local scrutineering and addressed a number of the concerns raised by councils during the 2008 Local Government Elections.

Table 27: 2012 Local Government Elections Councils with Councillor Ballot Papers Computer Counted Locally.

Ballina and Byron	Boorowa, Cowra, Weddin and Young
Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore and Richmond Valley	Coolamon, Cootamundra, Harden, Junee and Temora
Bellingen and Nambucca	Gundagai, Lockhart, Tumut, Urana and Wagga Wagga
Greater Taree and Port Macquarie	Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter
Dungog, Gloucester and Great Lakes	Goulburn-Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan and Yass Valley
Glenn Innes-Severn, Inverell and Tenterfield	Palerang and Queanbeyan
Armidale-Dumaresq, Guyra, Uralla and Walcha	Bombala, Cooma-Monara and Snowy River
Liverpool Plains and Tamworth	Bega Valley and Eurobodalla
Gwydir, Moree Plains, Narrabri and Walgett	Albury, Corowa, Greater Hume and Tumbarumba
Coonamble, Gilgandra, Warren and Warrumbungle	Berrigan, Conargo, Deniliquin, Jerilderie and Murray
Dubbo, Narromine and Wellington	Carrathool, Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera
Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina and Cobar	Balranald, Hay and Wakool
Broken Hill, Central Darling and Wentworth	Kiama
Bathurst Regional, Blayney and Oberon	Mid-Western Regional
Cabonne and Orange	Tweed
Bland, Forbes and Parkes	

Mayor, referendum and poll counts were conducted manually in the Returning Officers' offices.

Counting of Ballot Papers Election Night Counts

Polling Places

At the close of voting at 6.00pm on election day, election officials in the polling places counted the following ballot papers:

Mayor – if there was a Mayoral election, the first preference votes for each candidate and the informal ballot papers were counted and recorded.

Councillor - the first preference votes for each candidate and, where applicable, the first preference votes for each group marked in its group voting square were counted and recorded.

Referendum or Poll – if there was a Referendum or Poll the Yes, No and informal ballot papers were counted and recorded.

Returning Officer's office

At 6.00pm on election day election officials in the Returning Officer's office counted the Mayor, Councillor, Referendum and Poll ballot papers for the following vote types:

- Pre-poll
- Postal
- Declared Institutions

All election night counts were verified the next day by a 'check count' at the Returning Officers' offices. Available postal, pre-poll, Declared Institution, silent and section votes were included in this count as well.

Declaration vote counts continued on Sunday and Monday.

NSWEC Virtual Tally Room

All totals for Mayor, Councillor, Referendum and Poll ballot papers were posted progressively on election night on the NSWEC website www.votensw.info. Check count figures were updated progressively on the website on the days after election day. The final distribution of preferences for Mayor and Councillor, and the final results for Referenda and Polls, were progressively placed on the website in the week after election day.

This was possible through the previous introduction of a virtual tally room as requested by the NSW Local Government and Shires' Associations.

Referenda and Polls

Counts for Referenda and Polls were finalised after all Mayoral and Councillor counts had been completed.

Referendum and Poll counts were conducted in the Returning Officer's office.

Declaration of Election Results

Uncontested elections were declared on 8 September 2012.

First preference results for every candidate were provided to councils on election night. Declaration of results occurred after candidates were given 24 hours to consider whether to seek a recount.

Returning Officers provided the Declaration of Poll forms to the Electoral Commissioner, the General Manager of the Council, the Director-General, Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Secretary of the Local Government and Shires' Associations of NSW. The results were also placed in newspapers throughout NSW and on the NSW Electoral Commission's websites.

Recounts

There were four recounts at the September 2012 Local Government Elections.

In each case the recount was requested, and paid for, by the candidate. In each case the recount request was based on the closeness of the result. No recounts were ordered by the Electoral Commissioner.

Following notification from the NSWEC that results were available candidates had 24 hours to request a recount. The recount request was required in writing and the deposit paid (\$45.00 per 100 ballot papers). The recount involved reading the 'ballot paper markings' report from PRCC against the ballot paper to ensure the accuracy of the data entry. If there was a change to any candidate's preference the computer count was run again and the candidates declared elected. No further opportunity existed for a candidate to request another recount.

Eurobodalla Mayoral ballot papers were counted initially and recounted manually.

Table 28: 2012 Local Government Elections Recounts of Ballot Papers

Council	Cost \$	Position	Date and Outcome
Eurobodalla	\$10,234.35	Mayor	Saturday 15/ Sunday 16 September No change
Gloucester	\$1,510.65	Councillor	Saturday 15 September No change
Uralla C Ward	\$554.85	Councillor	Friday 14 September No change
Walcha B Ward	\$221.85	Councillor	Friday 14 September Change

One council, Eurobodalla, did have a greater than 10 vote difference (46 vote in total across the Council) due to errors in the original manual count but it did not alter the outcome of which candidate was elected.

The recount at Gloucester Council was requested by a candidate due to the closeness of the original result. The candidate paid for the cost of the recount which took place on Saturday, 15 September. The recount resulted in no change to the candidates elected in the original count.

The original count for Uralla C ward resulted in two candidates having an equal number of votes (220 votes each) for the third and last elected position.

Under the legislation the candidate with the most number of votes at the previous distribution is declared elected. At the previous distribution one candidate had 201 votes and the other had 192 votes. Therefore the candidate with 201 votes at that distribution was the candidate to be elected.

The unsuccessful candidate requested a recount and, due to the random distribution of preferences under the proportional representation system, was elected at the recount by two votes.

In the case of the Walcha B Ward recount, the change is assessed as a result of the nature of the voting system and the count process that applies. Specifically, there is always the chance with proportional representation voting of a change in the number of votes received by different candidates due to the random selection of ballot papers that occurs throughout this type of a count.

In the 2008 Local Government Elections two recounts were undertaken and 12 in 2004.^{xii}

Results of Referenda

Eight referenda questions were put to voters. Seven were successful. The results for each council with a referendum are show below.

Table 29: 2012 Local Government Elections, Councils with Successful Referenda

Council	Question	Endorsed
Narrabri Shire Council	Do you favour the number of Narrabri Shire councillors being reduced from twelve (12) to nine (9)?	Yes
North Sydney Council	Currently North Sydney Council has four wards and 12 councillors (three per ward), plus the popularly elected mayor, elected for a four year term. Do you favour a reduction in the number of wards from four to three and the number of councillors from 13 to 10, inclusive of the popularly elected mayor? If there is majority support for the proposal, the changes will take effect from the 2016 election.	Yes
Orange City Council	The Mayor of Orange is currently elected each year by the 12 Councillors. Do you approve of the direct election of the Mayor by the voters of Orange, for a four year term?	Yes

Council	Question	Endorsed
The Hills Shire Council	Do you favour the election of the Mayor by electors for a four year term which necessarily increases the number of Councillors by 1?	Yes
Uralla Shire Council	The Mayor of the Uralla Shire Council is currently elected by the Councillors. Do you favour the election of the Mayor by the electors for a four year term, reducing the number of wards from three to two (one Urban and one Rural) and maintaining nine Councillors (including the mayor) to enable the election of four Councillors from the two wards?	Yes
Wagga Wagga City Council	Do you support a reduction in the number of Councillors for the City of Wagga Wagga from 11 to 9?	Yes
Wyong Shire Council	The Mayor of Wyong Shire Council is currently elected annually by the Councillors. Do you favour the election of the Mayor by electors for a four year term and an increase of the number of Councillors from ten to eleven (including the Mayor) to enable the election of 5 councillors from the two wards?	Yes

In terms of the nature of the referenda questions, Table 30 following shows the results by question type. Referenda questions proposing changes to ward structures had differing outcomes.

Table 30: 2012 Local Government Elections, Referenda Results, Frequencies.

Referendum Question	Number	Endorsed
Popularly elect the mayor	4	4
Change number of councillors (all to reduce numbers)	2	2
Change ward structure (1 to abolish; 1 to reduce)	2	1
Total	8	7

The referenda become effective at the 2016 Local Government Elections.

Poll Results

The results of polls are not binding upon a council. The feedback obtained by each council who polled their electors can be found on the NSWEC's website <http://www.pastvr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/status/poll.html>

Table 31: 2012 Local Government Elections Poll Questions and Results

Council	Poll Question	Result
Bega Valley Shire Council	Do you support the retention of the Pambula District Hospital funded at current total operational budget levels by NSW State Government for a period of 5 years, at approximately \$7.5 million pa, from the completion and official opening of the proposed new regional hospital, so as to provide the essential services needed to supplement the new hospital during this period?	Yes
Burwood Council	Are you in favour of Burwood Local Government Area being proclaimed a City to be known as Burwood City?	Yes
Lismore City Council	Do you support coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and production in the Lismore City Council area?	No
Mosman Municipal Council	Do you favour the amalgamation of Mosman Council with any other Council(s) to create a larger Local Government Authority?	No
Strathfield Municipal Council	Do you support Strathfield Municipal Council changing its name to Strathfield City Council?	Yes
Warrumbungle Shire Council	The idea of changing the name of the Warrumbungle Shire Council to that of Warrumbungle Regional Council has been discussed on numerous occasions since the amalgamation of the Coolah Shire Council with the Coonabarabran Shire Council. This subject was again raised at the Community Strategic Planning meetings held in various locations around the Shire in 2011. Are you in favour of changing the name of Warrumbungle Shire Council to Warrumbungle Regional Council?	No

The results of referenda and polls were placed on the NSWEC website.

Feedback from Council General Managers

The key findings from the survey of General Managers were provided in Section 2 in the discussion about the NSWEC's performance against its Service Charter.

Section 6: Electoral Services for Candidates, Groups and Political Parties

Candidates

There are a number of differences between State and Local Government elections. Most striking is the number of candidates and registered political parties who participate.

For the 2012 Local Government Elections nearly 4,000 candidates stood for election and 31 parties nominated candidates. This figure only reflects the number of candidates in the elections conducted by the NSWEC. In 2008 Local Government Elections when all elections were provided by the NSWEC, there were 4,620 candidates. In the 2011 and 2007 State General Elections, a total of 809 and 870 candidates stood for election.^{xiii}

The majority of the candidates for the 2012 Local Government Elections were not nominated by a registered political party and the level of support and assistance required from the NSWEC was, as a result, that much higher. Another difference between State and Local Government elections relates to the role played by registered political parties. In Local Government elections registered political parties play no role in the distribution and receipt of postal vote applications as occurs in State general elections.

Registration of Political Parties

Parties were required to have been registered by 29 July 2011 in order to participate in the 2012 Local Government Elections.

The political parties registered with the NSWEC as at 30 June 2012 and who were able to participate in the 2012 Local Government Elections are set out in Appendix J.

Information for Registered Political Parties, Candidates and Groups

Registered Political Parties

Face to face briefings of registered political parties occurred over two sessions on 12 July 2012. Parties were invited on 21 May 2012 to attend and of the 52 invited, 18 parties accepted and 33 representatives. The material covered included legislative provisions, amendments to electoral procedures, the election timetable, advertising, website support, electoral rolls, voting, counting of votes, Returning Officer arrangements, campaigning on election day and complaints.

In addition, 'progress on election arrangements' bulletins were distributed on a regular basis. These covered matters such as enrolment, introduction of 'enrol and vote' option, forms of early voting, council regions, councils running own elections, Sydney Town Hall State-wide Pre-poll Voting Centre and Polling Place, Returning Officers' Offices, Polling Places, Nominations Process, Electoral Material and Advertising.

On 25 June 2012 the NSWEC provided a link from its website to polling place data covering polling place names, addresses, longitude/latitude data and estimated vote projections, to assist parties plan such things as party worker allocations across polling places.

Candidate Information Seminars

Throughout May, June and July 2012 the NSWEC conducted 66 information seminars across NSW for people standing for election. This was twice the number of seminars provided in 2008. Presentations at these seminars were conducted by representatives of the NSWEC, the EFA, the Division of Local Government, Premier's Department and, in some locations, the council and the Australian Local Government's Women's Association. The latter participated in some 50 seminars. 1,266 people attended the seminars. Appendix K provides details.

The seminars were advertised by the NSWEC in newspapers, local radio and on the website.

Candidate Information Kit

The NSWEC developed a Candidate Information Kit to assist all candidates, especially first time candidates, understand the election process and their obligations. The major forms of assistance in addition to that provided by the Returning Officer were the NSWEC website, an information kit, information seminars and a dedicated enquiry line.

Candidate Enquiry and Help Desk

To assist candidates gather accurate and timely information on the 2012 Local Government Elections, the NSWEC established a Candidate Enquiry and Help Desk for the exclusive use of candidates.

The Candidate Enquiry and Help Desk was operational from 30 April 2012. The total number of calls answered from April to September 2012 was 2,876.

The Candidate Enquiry and Help Desk remained open after the elections closing one week later.

Assistance with New Funding Disclosure Requirements

All Local Government councillors, Members of Parliament, candidates, groups and parties have obligations under the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981*.

The NSWEC produced a 'Funding and Disclosure Guide for Local Government Candidates, Groups and Official Agents' for candidates, groups and their official agents regarding their obligations under the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* and practical information about how to complete and lodge a disclosure form.

Nominating as a Candidate

Nominations opened on Monday, 30 July, and closed noon on Wednesday, 8 August 2012. Nominations could be lodged either at the Returning Officers' offices in person or by facsimile or by email or at the council chambers if the Local Government Area was within a region. In the latter case, councils forwarded all nominations to the regional Returning Officer. It was the candidates' responsibility to obtain a receipt for lodgement of their nomination.

Candidates including mayoral candidates contesting the 2012 Local Government Elections numbered 3,939. The number of individuals standing for election was 3,804 of which 135 stood for more than one position. A complete picture requires availability of candidates in the 14 councils not using the NSWEC to provide their elections. (Although there are difficulties making comparisons across elections due to the changed arrangements from 2012, the following is provided for information.

In the 1999 Local Government Elections 4,552 candidates stood and in 2004 4,962 candidates stood for election.^{xiv} Relative to the 2004 Local Government Elections, in 2008 there were fewer candidates for slightly more positions.^{xv})

In each election, a number of nominations are rejected. In the 2012 Local Government Elections ten nominations were not accepted. The councils affected are listed below.

Table 32: 2012 Local Government Elections Rejected nominations

Council	Divided	Type of Election
Deniliquin Council	Undivided	Uncontested
Kogarah City Council	West Ward	Contested
Kogarah City Council	West Ward	Contested
Leichhardt Municipal Council	Wangal/Rozelle-Lilyfield	Contested
Murrumbidgee Shire Council	East Ward	Uncontested
The Hills	Central Ward	Contested
Uralla Shire Council	A Ward	Contested
Warrumbungle Shire Council	Un-divided	Contested
Willoughby City Council	West Ward	Contested
Willoughby City Council	West Ward	Contested

Roughly one third (32.8%) of individuals standing as a candidate could be elected to fill vacant positions.

In the 2004 elections, five councils each had more than 100 candidates.^{xvi} In 2008, no council had more than 100 candidates although Campbelltown City Council reached 92. In 2012 this same council was the only council with more than 100 candidates (102). Several outer suburban and one regional council drew a record number of nominees, including:

- Campbelltown City Council (102);
- Auburn City Council (87);
- Parramatta City Council (75);
- Eurobodalla Shire Council (75);

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- Ryde City Council (74);
 - Randwick City Council (70);
 - Liverpool City Council (70).

Campbelltown City Council with 102 candidates received the largest number of candidates in either a divided or undivided council. The largest total number of candidates for a divided council was Auburn City Council with 87 candidates.

The smallest number of candidates in an undivided council was seven candidates at Deniliquin Council and the smallest for a divided council was two candidates in The Council of the Shire of Wakool, B Ward and C Ward. The largest number of candidates in one ward was 47 in Auburn City Council, First Ward.

Candidate for "Popularly Elected" Mayor

In an election for mayor, a candidate had to be enrolled in the council area by Monday, 30 July, 2012, either as a resident or non-resident elector.

In the Council of the City of Sydney, a candidate for Lord Mayor must also be a candidate for councillor. If elected as Lord Mayor the person has to accept that office and could not be elected as a councillor. A person could, if eligible, be a candidate for mayor in more than one council area where the mayor was popularly elected, and could be elected as mayor in more than one council area.

Candidates for Councillor Positions

To be eligible for election as a councillor in an area with or without wards, a person had to be enrolled either on the resident or the non-residential roll in that council area by Monday, 30 July 2012.

Nomination Process

Nomination forms were available from the Returning Officer, the NSWEC website and the Candidates' Enquiry and Help Desk. It was a candidate's responsibility to ensure a full and correctly completed nomination was received by the Returning Officer, by noon Wednesday, 8 August 2012.

The Candidate Information Sheets were published on the NSWEC and council websites and were available for public inspection in Returning Officers' offices from noon on nomination day, at the pre-poll voting centre during early voting and at polling places on election day. The Candidate Information Sheets were displayed as provided to the Returning Officer (only material considered inappropriate could be edited). Nominations were rejected if the appropriate deposit in total had not been received by the close of nominations.

The total of candidate nomination deposits was \$0.476 million of which \$0.415 million (87.2%) was refunded to candidates. The number of refunds made was 1,783. Any nomination deposit not refunded was forfeited to the relevant council. In 2008, the total of candidate deposits was \$0.563 million of which \$0.482 million (85.6%) was refunded to candidates. The number of refunds was 2,309.

Candidates could withdraw their nomination by providing a signed notice to the Returning Officer before the close of nominations. 14 candidates withdrew their nominations. The nominations of 10 candidates were rejected with the major reason being that either the candidate or nominator was not enrolled as required.

Draw for Position on Ballot Paper

Closure of nominations was followed on Wednesday, 8 August 2012, by the draw for position of candidates and groups (where applicable) on the ballot papers. The official draw took place at Returning Officers' or Regional Returning Officers' offices.

Provision of the List of Electors to Candidates

Candidates, upon application to the Returning Officer, were entitled to receive a copy of the list of electors for the council area or ward being contested. The NSWEC made the list of electors available to candidates beginning Monday, 13 August 2012, with the last one being collected on Wednesday, 4 September 2012. A total of 682 candidates requested lists.

Candidates were only entitled to use the list of electors in connection with their candidacy for this election, and for monitoring the accuracy of information contained on the list of electors. The NSWEC advised all candidates that there are significant penalties for candidates using the electoral roll for purposes other than those above.

Assistance with Registration and Distribution of Electoral Material

In the report of the 2008 Inquiry, the Parliamentary Standing Committee recommended (Rec 13) "The Electoral Commissioner examine multi-council how-to-vote cards for multi-council polling places, with a view to allowing multi-council how-to-vote cards." In response, the Electoral Commissioner did decide to register a two sided 'how to vote' material based on a 'common sense' approach to interpreting the legislation, namely, by treating each side of the guide as a separate 'how to vote'.

Registration however of multi-council 'how to vote' guides depended on each set of facts. For instance, had the voting directions for 2 councils been on the same side of the card or could not otherwise be clearly distinguished, it would likely be "non-complying" and not able to be registered by virtue of cl.356Q(3)(a).

Applications and electoral material (including how-to-vote cards) for registration could be lodged from noon Wednesday, 8 August 2012, until 5pm Friday, 31 August 2012.

Scrutineers

Candidates were advised of the procedure for appointing scrutineers locally, via the website and the handbooks provided upon nomination.

Complaints and Allegations concerning Electoral Offences

The electoral legislation provides for a number of criminal offences to ensure the integrity of State and Local Government elections. We have, however, a limited role in prosecuting these offences, except where the legislation provides that the Electoral Commissioner has a duty to take action in relation to a particular offence. For instance, the Electoral Commissioner has a duty to serve penalty notices on electors for failure to vote offences.

Offences by candidates, groups and parties

We do not have an investigatory or prosecutorial role regarding offences by candidates, groups or parties. This is because it is essential that we maintain community and stakeholder confidence in our impartiality. The Electoral Commissioner must discharge his or her duties in an impartial way and there must be no reasonable apprehension of bias, for example, if the Electoral Commissioner was required to make an administrative decision in relation to an election while at the same time undertaking the prosecution of one or more candidates for offences.

If we have evidence, or are provided with evidence, that a person has committed an offence, the Electoral Commissioner may write to the person seeking an explanation of the breach and, if possible, directing them to remedy the breach. Depending on the explanation provided, the matter may then be referred to the relevant law enforcement agency for further action and investigation.

It is also open to any person to approach the NSW Police Force directly to report an alleged electoral offence.

Eligibility of candidates

Similarly, the NSWEC has no investigative powers to determine the truth or otherwise of allegations that may affect the nomination of a candidate or their election. The courts have found that it is not the responsibility of the NSWEC to determine issues of eligibility for election. It is a matter for those seeking to impugn the validity of a nomination or an election of a person to civic office to raise the issue for determination by a court or tribunal.

Feedback from Candidates and Registered Political Parties

The key findings from the survey of candidates and political parties were provided in Section 2 in the discussion about the NSWEC's performance against its Service Charter. An additional survey undertaken later in 2012 by the Election Funding Authority specifically on the seminars to all councils to provide information on funding and disclosure rights and obligations found:

- 75% of those candidates who could not attend seminars for which they had registered to attend, reported that this was due to work commitments;
- 87.6% thought the material provided at the seminar was relevant to their role;
- 88.7% felt that the seminar covered the latest changes to the legislation; and
- 92.2% felt that attendance at the seminar was beneficial.

Section 7: 2012 Local Government Elections - Support for Election Staff and Election Administration

Election officials are the front line staff in the conduct of elections with responsibility for the operational administration of electoral laws, policies and procedures underpinning the integrity of elections.

Election staff include Client Service Officers, Regional Returning Officers, Returning Officers, Returning Officer Support Officers, Polling Place Managers, Deputy Polling Place Managers, Election Officials, Office Assistants and Scrutiny Assistants. In Local Government Elections additional categories of staff (Councillor Count Managers and Client Service Officers) can be employed. Election staff undertake the preparatory work for the elections and on election day manage the polling places, the issuing and counting of votes and resolving difficulties experienced by electors.

Selection and training are the keys to ensuring that electors receive good service from election officials. It is not possible for the NSWEC to retain election staff between elections, hence recruitment and training of election staff is a major component of preparing for any election and certainly for elections of the size and importance of Local Government elections.

For the 2012 Local Government Elections the NSWEC employed 12,252 staff in temporary positions.^{xvii} Of this total figure, 10,268 (83.8%) were employed just for the election as either Polling Place Managers, Deputy Polling Place Managers or polling staff.^{xviii} The total number of staff employed in each of the categories of staffing is provided below.

Table 33: 2012 Local Government Elections Election Official Categories, Numbers and Percentages.

Staff Categories	Number	%
Client Service Officers	3	0.02
Returning Officer Support Officers	8	0.07
Returning Officers	64	0.52
Office Managers	62	0.51
Senior Office Assistants	5	0.04
Office Assistants	1,842	15.03
Councillor Count Managers	107	0.87
Polling Place Managers	1,859	15.17
Deputy Polling Place Managers	623	5.09
Declaration Vote Issuing Officers	642	5.24
Election Officials	6,104	49.82
Part Day Election Officials	746	6.09
Polling Place Assistants	187	1.53
Total	12,252	100.00

Recruitment of Election Staff

The NSWEC, over recent election events, has sought to maintain a pool of people who have demonstrated competency in electoral administration and a capacity to adopt new electoral practices.

To protect the integrity of the elections and ensure separation of the conduct of the election from those who may be seen to have an interest in the outcomes, the Regional Returning Officer or Returning Officer could not be an employee of the council for whom the election was being conducted. Other election officials, such as office assistants, polling place managers and polling place staff, could be employees of the council (provided they were on the residential electoral roll).

Recruitment processes vary between different categories of election staff. Recruitment of election staff commenced with the Returning Officer Support Officers and Returning Officers.

Recruitment of Returning Officer Support Officers and Returning Officers

The NSWEC has a pool of people who have been interviewed for senior election official positions. This pool is supplemented by advertising and interviewing eligible personnel prior to each general election to ensure sufficient geographic coverage of Returning Officer and Office Manager positions across NSW. The recruitment process includes a written application, face to face interview and computer skills test prior to employment.

From this pool, Returning Officer Support Officers, Regional Returning Officers, Returning Officers and Office Managers are selected to work at the election. Following the election, the Returning Officer Support Officers, Returning Officers and Office Managers undergo a performance assessment which enables informed decision making for future training requirements and senior election official recruitment for future elections.

Recruitment of Office Assistants and Polling Place Officials

Regional Returning Officers/Returning Officers are responsible for undertaking the recruitment of their office staff and polling place officials. The central office of the NSWEC provided the systems and processes to undertake recruitment.

The recruitment of office assistants and polling place staff was conducted by contacting, through SMS or email, staff who had worked at previous elections to encourage them to register for work through the Expression of Interest link on the NSWEC website. In addition, an advertising and awareness campaign was implemented through website, radio and newspaper advertisements. Applications for employment commenced via online registration on 15 May 2012.

The Returning Officers used the Expression of Interest website to select staff for their offices and to staff their polling places with recruitment commencing on 16 July 2013. The criteria that applicants were required to meet were provided in the Expression of Interest documentation. For a Polling Place Manager for example, the following criteria had to be addressed by the applicant:

1. Customer service and communication skills (the ability to understand and convey information in a clear, accurate and respectful manner to people of diverse backgrounds);

2. Ability to work in a team environment (the ability to take or give direction, and work co-operatively towards a common goal and deadline);

3. Accuracy in the completion of administrative and numerical tasks within a time constraint (the ability in administrative, clerical and numerical roles where accuracy and timely completion is important); and

4. Supervisory and time management experience (the ability to bring people and tasks together to successfully complete work).

Once potential applicants were selected, the Returning Officer contacted them and, for key positions such as Polling Place Manager, undertook interviews to determine suitability. If successful, a letter of offer was emailed and following formal acceptance, training materials and login to the online training facility was provided. The turnaround time from offer to recruitment varied. All Returning Officers, including Regional Returning Officers, were instructed to commence recruitment of Returning Officers' office and polling place staff from 16 July and finalise employment of staff polling place staff by 3 August 2012.

A face to face debriefing of Returning Officers was undertaken post election. Feedback from these sessions raised a number of opportunities for the NSWEC to enhance the computer 'Expression of Interest and Staffing' system to make recruitment of election officials more efficient.

In areas with significant culturally and linguistically diverse communities the NSWEC sought to increase its employment of election officials with a second language. In the 2012 Local Government Elections a total of 3,057 languages were spoken by election officials. The full range of languages spoken by election officials and office assistants is provided at Appendix L.

Determination of Staff Numbers

The projected ordinary votes to be taken at each polling place are used as the basis for staffing projections with additional factors taken into account. These include:

- analysis of staffing used at previous elections and subsequent performance outcomes including complaints received regarding excessive queue times, timing of results phoned through to the Returning Officer's office;
- results of feedback surveys from election officials about their experiences working at the polling place, and the performance assessment of polling place managers;
- demographic changes since the last election;
- deletion or addition of neighbouring polling places since the previous election;
- location of the venue, for example, is it in a remote part of NSW?;
- presence of higher than average numbers of electors from culturally and linguistically diverse communities and/ or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and

- time and motion studies conducted by NSWEC, for example, to determine length of time to process a declaration vote.

These variables are factored into a model which calculates the optimal number of election staff per venue for each staffing category (Polling Place Manager, Declaration Vote Issuing Officer, Polling Place Assistants) to assist with the vote count post close of polls at 6pm election day.

Table 34: 2012 Local Government Elections - Determination of Staff Numbers in Polling Places.

	Culturally Linguistically Diverse Area		Metropolitan		Country-Metropolitan		Country	
	Ordinary	Max	Ordinary	Max	Ordinary	Max	Ordinary	Max
Ordinary Table Loading	450	500	550	600	600	650	600	650
Declaration Table Loading	80	90	100	120	120	120	120	120

The above table sets out the loadings provided for issuing ordinary and declaration votes per council area and the additional allowances made for characteristics such as high percentage of electors with non-English speaking backgrounds and council remoteness. These formulas were amended following consultation with the Returning Officer and council to take into account for example, events that may be occurring at the local level which impact upon the turnout of electors or changes in numbers of polling places.

Not every polling place had every category of staff present on polling day depending upon the number of tables for issuing ordinary and declaration votes.

Election Officials were employed for part of election day at polling places on the basis of:

- 1 part day election official per polling place with 5 to 6 Ordinary Vote Issuing Officers;
- 2 part day election officials per polling place with 7 or more Ordinary Issuing Vote Officers; and
- plus an additional officer where the maximum table loading (10+) is exceeded.

Council Count Managers were added to a polling place where there were more than two contests per Local Government area and three Ordinary Issuing Officers.

Additional information officers were added to a limited number of polling places which bordered another council area or had previously been used as a multi council polling place particularly for a council administering their elections. In these polling places it was felt that additional staff were necessary to assist electors who needed explanation as to why they could not vote at that polling place.

Polling Place Assistants were added to a venue, where there were multiple contests and the count loading per election official exceeded 750.

All polling places must have a minimum of two staff, one of whom is the Polling Place Manager. The polling place staffing formula is based on 600 votes per issuing table while the projected number of votes determines the number of issuing tables. The number of tables in turn determines the level (salary) of the Polling Place Manager and the number of issuing tables per polling place determines whether that polling place requires a Deputy Polling Place Manager, a ballot box guard and/or enquiry officer.

Returning Officer Support Officers

The Returning Officer Support Officers were drawn from a pool of NSWEC permanent staff and former Returning Officers. Eight election officials provided support and guidance to Returning Officers throughout the election period in implementation of policies and procedures.

During the course of the election three Returning Officer Support Officers were replaced due to ill health and personal circumstances. As a result, support for their respective Returning Officer was allocated across the remaining Returning Officer Support Officers. While increasing the workload of the remaining five Returning Officer Support Officers, this was tempered by the establishment of a new Results Team (separate from the Returning Officer Support Officers) to deal with Returning Officer enquiries that related to the processing of Mayoral and Councillor results. This alleviated the Returning Officer Support Officers and freed them to focus on supporting the Returning Officers to conducting staff assessments and administration relating to the preparation for shut down of the Regional/Returning Officers' offices.

Planning for future elections, where possible, will have a trained pool of reserve Returning Officer Support Officers to reduce the risk of a reduction in Returning Officer Support Officers due to unforeseen circumstances.

Returning Officers

For the 2012 elections, 64 Returning Officer positions were filled, along with 62 Office Manager positions and five Senior Office Assistants, to manage and run the 29 stand alone Returning Officer offices and the 35 Regional Returning Officer offices. Part-time employment commenced 18 June 2012 with full-time hours commencing 16 July 2012.

The Regional Returning Officer structure reduced the number of Returning Officers required and enabled all Returning Officers to be full-time and for full services to be provided to all councils.

Training of Election Staff

Upon acceptance of an offer of employment the applicant was required to undertake training as preparation for election day duties.

The main purpose of training is to maintain and improve the quality of services delivered to electors, candidates and political parties and to ensure that the election is conducted impartially and accurately.

Training was provided by the NSWEC either centrally in the case of Returning Officers Support Officers and Regional/Returning Officers or locally for Polling Place Managers and other election day staff. Returning Officers were responsible for the training of Polling Place Managers. Polling Place Managers were responsible for the training of election day staff.

All Returning Officers received four days of training covering key elements of their role including all processes in leading up to election day through to the close of office. Training for groups of Returning Officers occurred over May to June 2012.

Returning Officer Support Officers received one day specific training on their role in addition to the Returning Officer training programme. Office Managers, due to the role they play in Returning Officers' offices, attended two days of Returning Officer training and were provided further training by the Returning Officer on site.

Returning Officers and Polling Place Managers were trained in the counting process, the use of relevant software and the procedures to be followed when ballot papers were forwarded to the NSWEC Local Government Counting Centre in Sydney.

Following are the training components for each category of election staff:

Returning Officer Support Officer Training Programme

1. Returning Officer Support Officers' role and tools for Supporting Returning Officers
2. Council Service Officers and their role in liaison with councils
3. Returning Officer Office Set-up
4. Returning Officer and Office Manager relationship
5. Managing Office Assistants
6. Budget
7. Nominations, Ballot Paper Draws
8. Media and Advertising
9. Scrutiny of Declaration Envelopes
10. Polling Places and Pre-poll
11. Polling Place Managers' Training and Return of Materials by Polling Place Managers
12. Logistics Presentation
13. Ballot Paper Proofing and Reconciliation
14. Election Management Application Computer dress rehearsals and testing
15. Decommissioning the Returning Officer's Office

Returning Officer and Office Manager Face to Face Training Content:

1. Returning Officer Role and Management (Council Liaison, Deliveries & Office Set Up, Media, Advertising, Voter excusing, Finance)
2. Staffing (recruitment, offering positions, employing staff, staff training and payroll)

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3. Polling Places (types of polling places, contacting venue owners ,packing materials, dealing with scrutineers)
 4. Candidates (enquiries, management, electoral roll, taking nominations, ballot paper draw, ballot paper proofing, ballot paper allocation)
 5. Electoral Material (lodgement, receipt and checking)
 6. Early Voting (set up pre-poll, Declared Institutions and types of votes, postal voting)
 7. Scrutiny of declaration envelopes
 8. How to conduct Polling Place Manager training
 9. Return of Materials on election day from polling places
 10. Election night results process
 11. Counting votes
 12. Post election activities
 13. Staff timesheets, performance assessments, decommissioning of Returning Officer's office

The Returning Officer and Office Manager online training had to be completed before face to face training. Returning Officer online training covered all the above topics and introduced areas to be covered in the face to face training.

Polling Place Manager and Deputy Polling Place Manager Training:

The online training included content and examples followed by a quiz to test understanding. Face to face training reinforced the online learning and provided hands on practice of vote sorting, counting, declaration vote processing. There were three main sections:

Polling Place Overview:

1. Election Overview
2. Council Profiles
3. Position Responsibilities
4. Checklists

Election Day:

1. Account of Ballot Papers
2. Dealing with Party Workers and Scrutineers
3. Vote Types and Determining Vote Types and issuing of votes

Election Night:

1. Reconciliation of Ballot Papers
2. Formality, Sort Rules and Counting Votes
3. Completing Results Sheets
4. Phoning Results to Returning Officers

Declaration Vote Issuing Officer Online Training:

This focused on the different vote types, determining vote type and issuing of declaration votes.

Operational Support of Election Staff

Handbooks, Manuals and Resources

Following training, election staff were supported in the undertaking of their duties by handbooks and manuals. In addition, Returning Officers received regular online bulletins and information sheets plus face-to-face and phone contact from the Returning Officer Support Officers. An intranet was set up for the use of Returning Officers providing links to key information and electronic processes such as nominations and groupings. All Returning Officers had access to phone support for the use of the software for conducting a local count and the correct set up and management of a local counting centre.

Manuals and handbooks were also produced for polling place staff, candidates, parties and scrutineers.

Community education resources were also provided to field staff. The NSWEC's Community Education Officer visited each Returning Officer in the 15 high culturally and linguistically populated areas to provide briefings on cultural awareness and resources available to assist electors. Materials were provided also to Returning Officers and election officials to assist them provide services to electors, particularly electors from communities with a lower rate of engagement or more difficulties engaging in elections. These materials are detailed below.

Table 35: 2012 Local Government Elections Materials to Returning Officers and Election Officials

Material	Content	Distribution	NSWEC Intranet
Equal Access to Democracy – Returning Officer Training Handout	Provides details of high CALD and high ATSI areas, the information resources available to assist Returning Officers in these areas and some cultural and disability awareness information	150 for Returning Officer training	Returning Officer intranet
Put Yourself in their Shoes – Cultural and Disability Awareness	A one page awareness document	In all Polling Place Manager and Election Official manuals and Equal Access to Democracy handout for Returning Officers	Returning Officer intranet
Document: High CALD/ATSI Local Government Areas	Shows all client councils with high CALD/high ATSI	Returning Officer homepage	Returning Officer intranet

Material	Content	Distribution	NSWEC Intranet
Spreadsheet: Main Languages Spoken – All Local Government Areas	2006 Census data on 'main language spoken at home' for all Local Government Areas	Returning Officer homepage	Returning Officer intranet
Spreadsheet: Distribution of LG.453B Single Language Sheets and "I speak..." stickers	Information for high CALD Returning Officers showing how to distribute LG.453B and "I speak [language]" stickers to polling places	Distributed to Returning Officers in high CALD areas	Returning Officer intranet
PPM Handout for high CALD districts	Additional information for Polling Place Managers in high CALD areas to be handed out at Polling Place Manager training. Customised for each area showing main language percentages and resources being supplied to polling places	Distributed by Community Education Officer when visiting Returning Officers in high CALD areas	No
PPM Handout – Electoral Awareness Officer Programme information	Additional information for Polling Place Managers about Election Assistant Officer programme	Emailed to relevant Returning Officers to distribute to Polling Place Managers	No

Procurement of Equipment and Materials

Elections use significant amounts of physical resources both specific election materials and standard office supplies. These include office materials in addition to cardboard materials for voting stations as well as ballot papers.

Printing of ballot papers is a large scale logistical exercise with critical deadlines made more complex by the number and variety of ballot papers required for Local Government elections. The NSWEC reviewed the 2008 Local Government Elections' and the 2011 State General Election's processes for printing ballot papers to improve efficiency and accuracy.

The supplier arrangements were undertaken via an open tender approved by the NSW State Contracts Control Board. This strategy recognised the risks associated with such an important aspect of the elections. The operational demands required a supplier experienced in delivering comparable projects with high volume production requirements, the capacity to respond to all contingencies within a short space of time (the actual format of ballot papers is not determined until the close of nominations) and demonstrated experience of an exercise of the proportions and logistical complexity as Local Government elections.

For our 136 councils, we printed:

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- 1.32 million mayoral ballot papers for the 26 mayoral elections conducted;
 - 4.67 million councillor ballot papers for the 224 councillor elections conducted;
 - 0.16 million poll ballot papers for six polls conducted; and
 - 0.46 million referendum ballot papers for eight referenda conducted.

In total this was 6.6 million ballot papers servicing 264 elections, polls and referenda. Returning Officers' offices (including regional Returning Officers' offices) received ballot papers required for their elections in one delivery.

The equipment and material required by field election staff included:

- Office furniture for Returning Officers and staff;
- Polling place materials;
- Cardboard voting materials;
- Election forms – manuals, forms, signage, envelopes;
- Vote counting requirements;
- Computer and communications equipment; and
- Certified lists of electors resident in the council or wards.

The requirements for physical resources were calculated using data on:

- Number of wards;
- Number of electors;
- Number of elections (councillor, mayor, referenda and polls);
- Voting centres – Returning Officer's office, Pre-poll, Declared Institutions, Polling Places, Mobile Polling Centres if applicable;
- Projected votes; and
- Staffing levels.

Where councils used a Regional Returning Officer there were less office and material requirements across the councils involved.

The NSWEC distributed 761,498 items to polling places and Returning Officers' offices (excluding copies of electoral rolls, ballot papers and iRolls) from 25 June to 6 July 2012. Purchasing of supplies sought out products using recycled products including, for example, plastic wrap, toners, cardboard, paper and plastic in-trays. Products in good condition were put aside for re-use in future elections. Products that cannot be re-used and that are recyclable were recycled.

The NSWEC's carbon footprint was halved through changes to the supply chain model. Small cardboard packs containing all the cardboard polling equipment for staff of a small polling place (one that took less than 1,500 votes) were designed to fit into the back of a small car. Polling Place Managers collected the packs, as well as other polling material during their face-to-face training. Previously a courier would deliver the cardboard packs directly to the polling venue. This initiative meant that courier deliveries were not required to approximately 1,000 polling places or 50% of the State.

Telecommunications and Computer Support Services

The NSWEC provided telecommunications hardware and software systems and information communications technology support services to all Returning Officers'

offices. Between 26 June and 13 July 2012, nearly 5,100 hardware items were distributed and installed in Returning Officers' offices, including desktop computers, telephones, laptops, mobile phones, scanners and printers. The NSWEC undertook further developments to the software 'Election Management Application' for the 2012 Local Government Elections. Training and user manuals to assist users of each new module were prepared.

Returning Officers were provided with a telephone help desk to assist with any technical or count related issues.

Web Based Payroll

The Commission altered its approach to the processing of payroll and superannuation transactions. Instead of engaging an outsourced payroll processing company, as in the last state wide election, these activities were undertaken in-house using a licenced payroll software product and contract staff. The software system was linked to the recruitment module of our Election Management Application. The removal of multiple handling of forms, superannuation data and enquiries produced significant savings. The cost of processing reduced 16.6% from \$28.03 to \$23.37 per employee.

Supplier Arrangements

NSW Treasury Policy mandates the payment of interest to suppliers in certain circumstances where supplier invoices are paid late. Additional weekly payment runs were made and the Commission utilised electronic means of transmission wherever possible. During the course of the 2012 Local Government Elections there were no invoices paid late so as to attract the penalty of an interest payment. The average number of days between invoice receipt and payment was seven days.

Collection of Materials Post Election

Polling Place Managers returned all voting materials to the Returning Officer on election night. The collection of equipment, furniture and materials was followed.

Cardboard equipment (ballot boxes and voting screens) used within Returning Officers' offices, additional pre-poll locations and polling places were either set aside for re-use or recycled.

Due to the legislative provisions applying to used and unused ballot papers and other material such as certified lists, these materials were returned to the NSWEC for security destruction. Destruction cannot occur before six months has passed since the declaration of the results. At the time of finalising this report, destruction had not occurred but estimates indicate the quantum of materials to be destroyed will be in the order of 20% less than in 2008. Approximately 125 pallets of ballot papers (around 100 tonnes) were pulped for recycling from the 2008 elections. Destruction is planned to commence in March 2013.

Workplace Safety

The NSWEC manages the risk of injury to the large numbers of elections officials through training, careful selection of polling places and provision of equipment and

aids within the constraints of a large casual workforce employed predominately for one day, the facilities available for hire and the cost import for councils.

In the 2012 Local Government Elections five workers compensation claims were referred to the NSWEC's insurer. In the 2011 State Election there were seven matters and in the 2007 State Election there were 23. For the 2008 Local Government Elections three claims were presented to the insurer for consideration.

Feedback from Election Staff

The NSWEC's surveys of staff addressed customer service issues as well as operational areas important for internal planning such as recruitment, training, polling places, vote counting and workplace safety. Key highlights are reported below.

Impartial Conduct of the Election

This is an important question to ask election staff. The NSWEC analyses the comments received to ensure that the integrity of the elections are not called into question. As it can be seen, the responses provide a very positive affirmation that the election was conducted impartially.

Table 36: 2012 Local Government Elections Election Staff and 'Impartial Conduct of the Elections Question'.

Staff Group	% Yes	% No	% Don't Know
Returning Officers Support Officers	100.0	0.0	0.0
Returning Officers	95.8	2.1	2.1
Office Managers	97.9	0.0	2.1
Office Assistants	96.2	1.0	2.8
Polling Place Managers /Deputy Polling Place Managers	96.6	0.4	3.0
Election Officials	97.24	2.0	0.7

The one Returning Officer who indicated concern on impartiality question felt this way because relatives could not be employed by the Returning Officer.

A typical sentiment from Returning Officers observing that the election was conducted impartially was:

“Use of SOP's (Standing Operating Procedures) ensures consistency and use of Candidate Seminars ensured a level playing fielsd (sic) for candidates. Candidates I dealt with were grateful for the "Independence" od (sic) NSWEC running the process and for being able to seek advice and assistance via RO Office and NSWEC web sites eg., Info @ NSW etc. Use of the centralised PV (postal vote) facility was a major plus.”

Response from a Returning Officer to the follow up question as to why they felt the election had (or had not) been conducted impartially.

Training

All election staff were questioned on the training received. The training and training materials were well received with the vast majority expressing a high level of satisfaction. Returning Officers' views are significant due to their role in training other categories of election staff. Overall, 90% of Returning Officers felt that their training equipped them to undertake the responsibilities. Returning Officers reported very positively regarding the training materials provided to train other staff. Where there were suggestions for improvement these concerned either providing more time or reducing the amount of detail to be communicated through the use of checklists for use on election day. The new type of voting ('enrolment voting') was felt to require a little more time for some election staff.

Returning Officers reported strong satisfaction with supports provided to them with 73.9% using the Returning Officer intranet more than once a day and 21.7% at least once a day. The Returning Officer Support Officers were reported to be heavily utilised with 41.3% contacting them on a daily basis, 6.5% more than once a day and 39.1% two to three times a week. The Service Charter was reported by 97.9% of Returning Officers as setting out what was expected of them and the services to be provided. 79.2% of Returning Officers reported that they were satisfied with the information they received about their role and responsibilities.

Workplace Safety

Overall there were more positive perceptions of occupational health and safety issues in the 2012 elections than for the 2011 NSW State Election. Where issues were reported these fell into two groups: issues arising from the nature of the role (long hours); or accommodation or equipment (slippery floor or electrical cables being taped to floor to prevent trips).

Table 37: 2012 Local Government Elections 2012 Election Staff and Question 'Were there any occupational health and safety issues for staff?'

Staff Group	Yes	No	Don't Know
Returning Officers	19.6	80.4	0.0
Office Managers	28.3	71.7	0.0
Office Assistants	12.0	79.1	8.9
Polling Place Managers/Deputy Polling Place Managers	11.3	87.3	1.4
Election Officials	15.4	81.8	2.9

Matters reported were followed up by the NSWEC and structural venue issues are recorded for consideration for future elections.

Section 8: Terms of Reference Inquiry into the Conduct of the 2012 Local Government Elections

This section focuses on those Terms of Reference that are not covered in other parts of the NSWEC's report. Specifically, Terms of Reference (b) 'the experience of councils that conducted their own elections'; and (e) 'the impact of requirements under the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981* on participation by candidates in Local Government elections and possible legislative changes to remove any barriers to participation'.

Terms of Reference (b) 'the experience of councils that conducted their own elections'

From the perspective of the NSWEC, the experience of councils conducting their elections varied. Some councils were observed to have a greater capability to undertake their own elections. Others had a more difficult time with one council, Narrabri Shire Council, receiving special provision after the timeframe set for decision, to cease to undertake their elections and instead have the NSWEC conduct them. Another council, Cessnock City Council also sought to change their arrangements and have the NSWEC conduct their elections but was unable to do so due to the legislative arrangements and the lateness of the timeframe.

The provision of electoral rolls was a source of tension between some councils and the NSWEC. These councils sought a soft copy of the entire NSW roll instead of rolls specifically for the council area. An entire soft copy of the NSW roll could not be provided. Without 'absent voting' it is difficult to see how the provision of this scope of information about individual electors across NSW was warranted. Even so, the Enrolment Branch within the NSWEC provided as much assistance as it could by providing telephone support and information. The NSWEC provided rolls specific to the council area.

Criticisms have been made that the NSWEC was unhelpful to councils administering their elections^{xix} by, for example, preventing access to its Candidate Information Sessions, Returning Officer training, Candidate Help Desk, tender arrangements for cardboard supplies (ballot boxes, voting screens), counting software and other services. As advised by the Division of Local Government, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, these decisions were made because the content was customised to the NSWEC's own business processes, procedures and IT systems.^{xx} To provide information to candidates or staff involved in elections for councils administering their elections was opening up the risk of confusion, potential problems and even failure for these elections as well as muddying the legal responsibilities of the NSWEC and the council concerned. The decision to implement this risk mitigation strategy was discussed and endorsed by the NSWEC's Audit and Risk Committee and advised to the NSW Government.

Terms of Reference (e) 'the impact of requirements under the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981* on participation by candidates in Local Government elections and possible legislative changes to remove any barriers to participation'

There is no clear evidence that the obligations placed on candidates and groups at the 2012 Local Government Elections imposed insurmountable barriers to participation. In many instances, the reaction to the legislated obligations was more of resistance to the imposition of the obligations rather than a genuine "barrier to participation". This attitude seemed to be more prevalent in council areas outside the Sydney metropolitan area and particularly in council areas in the western parts of the State.

It is acknowledged, however, that some of the requirements of the legislation did present challenges for intending candidates and groups. These challenges included:

- The requirement for registration of a candidate in addition to the requirement for the registration of a group. This is seen by many as doubling registration and doubling the compliance impost.
- The appointment of a person, other than themselves, as official agent for a candidate as difficulties are experienced in locating a person prepared to undertake the role and obligations imposed by the legislation.
- The requirement for a group to appoint an official agent in addition to the requirement for each candidate in a group to appoint an official agent.
- The requirement for a campaign account if donations received or expenditure incurred exceed \$1,000. It is regularly indicated at seminars that difficulties are experienced at the banks with the nature of these accounts (particularly with it being owned by one person and operated by another).
- The time constraints associated with complying with these obligations and requirements during a limited election period where the candidate/group focus is on campaigning.

Proposals for Consideration

- Any person who intends to operate as a candidate and intends to receive political donations or incur electoral expenditure as a candidate should continue to be required to register with the EFA as a candidate (even if a member of a group).
- Any person who operates only as a member of a group and does not intend to operate as a candidate outside the group, i.e. receive political donations or incur electoral expenditure as a candidate, need only register as a member of a group.
- A candidate can choose whether to appoint an official agent or be their own official agent. There does not seem any compelling argument that a person must appoint another person as their official agent.
- Because groups are constructed of a number of members, it is considered that a group should be required to appoint an official agent not being any member of the group. This is to give some assurance to each member of the group that their interests are being served by someone independent of the group (as each

member of the group is required to agree to any person appointed as the official agent).

- The \$1,000 of political donations received or electoral expenditure incurred as the threshold for the requirement for a campaign account is too low and should be increased to \$2,500. (Currently, the EFA only requires a disclosure to be audited when political donations received or electoral expenditure incurred exceeds \$2,500.)
- There should be no obligation by a person (candidate) in a group to lodge a disclosure (as a candidate) if that person operated only as a member of a group and did not operate as a candidate outside the group, i.e. receive political donations or incur electoral expenditure as a candidate.

Section 9: Future Directions

The NSWEC's role includes the provision of advice to the NSW Parliament and the NSW Premier on issues affecting the conduct of elections including administrative issues that require legislative change.

The NSWEC also endeavours to be a learning, developing organisation with a focus on continuous improvement. As part of this process, the NSWEC looks at ways to provide smarter and more efficient electoral services to all election stakeholders.

Proposed Legislative Changes

Based on the NSWEC's experience in conducting elections generally and particularly the 2012 Local Government Elections, the NSWEC believes that one of the critical issues is flexibility in legislation to adapt to beneficial changes in information and communication technology and greater choice in how electors can cast their votes securely and in secret.

The NSWEC considers that there are a range of ways in which the need to engage electors in the democratic process can be enhanced and puts forward the following for consideration.

Universal Postal Voting

Voting methods for Local Government elections across Australia include:

- Full attendance voting – New South Wales;
- Full postal voting – South Australia and Tasmania;
- Combination of attendance and postal voting – Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia; and
- Combination of attendance and mobile voting – Northern Territory.

Currently in NSW universal postal voting is not available for Local Government elections and limited postal voting is only available as an alternative to 'in attendance' voting. Availability of postal voting relies upon certain criteria being met that is, electors will not be in NSW or within 8 kilometres of a polling booth during polling hours on polling day. It can also be used for electors who are sick, infirm, in advanced pregnancy, in prison, working or otherwise restricted from attending the polling place because of religious beliefs or other preclusions.

Precedents exist for greater use of postal voting in Local Government elections. In addition in 2008 and again in 2012, the NSWEC received feedback from many electors, General Managers and other stakeholders regarding the need for flexibility in the voting options including that other Australian States and Territories allow greater use of postal voting.

The NSWEC raises for consideration the option of councils having the choice of either attendance or postal voting, believing this option will be more convenient to electors and more flexible for councils.

The Benefits of Internet and Telephone Voting be considered

The NSWEC's experience in introducing internet and phone voting for eligible citizens was very positively received.

This form of voting was first introduced at the 2011 State General Election. Previous independent reports have documented the technical assessments as well as the overwhelmingly positive responses of users. These reports are presented on the NSWEC's website.

Subsequent experience at State by-elections since iVote's introduction at the 2011 State Election has shown that the take up of this form of voting has increased markedly and that user satisfaction remains very high.

This form of voting has definite advantages for the conduct of Local Government elections where there is currently no option for electors, who are out of their council area to vote 'absent' as in State or Federal elections. The NSWEC believes that there is potential to use iVote in a variety of ways within the context of Local Government elections, including combining it with the universal postal option.

Meeting the Needs of Electors with Disabilities

The NSWEC has noted that many of those voters who used the Braille ballot papers in the 2012 Local Government Elections have expressed a desire for the NSWEC to incorporate electronically assisted voting into future Local Government elections.

The NSWEC will continue to examine electronic voting to assist electors with a vision impairment cast a private and independent vote. The implementation of electronic voting for Local Government elections is not possible without legislative change and resourcing.

Other Legislative Amendments

Operational experience at the 2012 Local Government Elections in Returning Officers' offices with the Proportional Representation Counting method have prompted a number of observations and proposals around the construction of the ballot paper and counting.

The NSWEC believes that there seems a paradox in that a candidate can agree to join a group, agree to a position on the ballot paper in that group but then be able to act independently of the group when campaigning (including issuing their own electoral material) for electors to vote for a member of the group below the line. It would seem appropriate that candidates either run as a member of a group or as an ungrouped candidate. Because of the manner in which electors can vote 'Below The Line', the current system fundamentally provides that all candidates below the line are ungrouped. This then carries over into counting and is by far the most significant issue that contributes to the time required to data enter ballot papers.

The vast majority of candidates 'Below The Line' have little to no chance of being elected and are solicited to join the group to enable an entitlement for a square 'Above The Line'. In the case of Wagga Wagga there was in excess of 50

candidates with only 11 to be elected. This influx of candidates also adds unnecessarily to nomination and campaign and finance management processing.

The NSWEC suggests that any candidate in a group cannot have a voting square below the line. (Candidates would be listed and party affiliation shown but no voting square.)

It would then follow that a candidate who is a member of a group cannot be in the ungrouped category. Candidates should be required to decide whether they are seeking election in a group or as a ungrouped candidate – not both. It is contradictory that a candidate seeking election as part of a group of 'like minded' people can seek election independent of the group and run election campaigns independent of the group.

It also follows from the above points that a group should only consist of at least half the number to be elected. (Presently a group can consist of two or more candidates.)

If these reforms are adopted it will simplify the ballot paper, reduce registered electoral material and make counting easier.

The nomination fee should be increased from the current \$125 to \$250 to again discourage candidates running simply to make up the numbers. This should be coupled with a requirement for ten nominators and not the current two.

Candidate Information Sheets

The NSWEC believes that there should be adoption of Recommendation 10 from the report of the Inquiry into the 2008 Local Government Elections to discontinue the requirement for a candidate's signature on a Local Government election nomination form be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace. This measure would both streamline processes and more closely align Local Government nomination forms with State General election provisions. The NSWEC also believes that the requirement for Candidate Information Sheets to be in the form of statutory declarations should be re-considered.

Funding Model for Future Council Elections

The new contractual arrangements in place from the conclusion of the 2012 Local Government Elections pose challenges for the NSWEC and councils. The reality is that the provision of electoral services outside the large metropolitan areas by a provider based in Sydney is not an economic proposition for the NSWEC.

The Commission has analysed the charge rates across NSW based on a breakdown for three categories of councils (metropolitan, regional and rural). The metropolitan councils were cheaper to service at \$6.21 an elector rising to \$6.53 per elector for regional councils and \$7.30 per elector for rural councils. The costing model utilised to date to some extent evens out costs across NSW but this will not be possible in a contestable model going forward and it will be uneconomic for the NSWEC to provide election services to the smaller, more remote rural councils.

As the NSWEC is not compelled to conduct elections even if approached by a council, this raises public policy issues around the possibility that some smaller or more rurally located councils may not have the same access to the providers of election services as other larger, metropolitan councils.

The NSWEC is currently analysing this situation and will raise this issue with the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

End Notes

iii Uncontested elections are only known at the close of nominations. Until that point, the NSWEC had been undertaking work towards anticipated elections and incurring expenses. Costs for work undertaken to that point are charged to the council concerned.

iv In the 2008 Local Government Elections, there were 4,231,370 people on the electoral roll and 313,025 electors in uncontested areas.

v Australian Electoral Commission, Analysis of Informal Voting House of Representatives 2007 Election, 2009.

vi In this report the term 'client' is used to describe the group that pays for the service provided. The term 'stakeholder' is used in relation to those who have an interest in the elections.

vii Whole of state enrolment actual number was 4,776,599.

viii The number of candidates, the ward structure and the differing types of elections that can occur within one council area make it prohibitively expensive and logistically very cumbersome to provide absent voting at each polling place throughout NSW.

ix Calculation of non-voter rate is based on councillor elections and excludes from the total elector base figure, those electors who were not expected to vote, for example, electors in areas with uncontested elections.

x State Electoral Office, 2003/04 Annual Report, p6.

xi Section 16 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides for a referendum to be held. With regard to the latter point, 'changing the method of election of ward councillors' this refers to election by the electors for the ward or, partly by the electors for the ward and partly by the electors for the whole Local Government Area.

xii State Electoral Office, 2003/04 Annual Report, p7.

xiii NSW Electoral Commission, Report on the 2007 State Election, 2007, p4 with greater detail on p55.

xiv State Electoral Office, 2003/04 Annual Report, p6.

xv 2004: 4,962 candidates and 1,464 positions; 2008: 4,620 candidates and 1,474 positions.

xvi The councils in 2004 which had more than 100 candidates were Rockdale City Council (121), Randwick City Council (109), Campbelltown City Council (109), Auburn Council (108) and Tweed Shire Council (106).

xvii This figure includes Client Service Officers (3), Returning Officers Support Officers (8), Returning Officers (64) but does not include any other temporary staff at Riverwood Count Centre or additional project staff at Head Office

xviii This excludes a total of 1,984 other categories of election staff who were employed for periods longer than election day that is, Client Service Officers (3), Returning Officer Support Officers (8), Returning Officers (64), Office Managers (62), Senior Office Assistants (5) and Office Assistants (1,842).

xix Sutherland Shire Council, Report on the Conduct of the Election of Sutherland Shire Council 2012 Local Government Elections, Sutherland Shire Council website.

xx NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Division of Local Government, Guidelines for Council Administered Elections 2012, September 2011.

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Comparison across Councils with NSWEC conducted Elections.

There was no difference in real terms in voter participation rate in 2012 for rural councils as compared to metropolitan councils (rural 82.8%; metropolitan 81.8%). The highest participation rate was recorded in Weddin Shire Council (89.1%) and the lowest in Walgett Shire Council (68.8%).

The five councils in 2012 with the highest participation rates as a percentage of the enrolment were:

- Weddin Shire Council 89.1%
- City of Lithgow Council 87.9%
- Temora Shire Council 87.8%
- Dubbo City Council 87.8%
- Harden Shire Council 87.6%

The five councils with the lowest participation rates were:

- Walgett Shire Council 68.8%
- Council of the City of Sydney 69.1%
- Woollahra Municipal Council 69.7%
- Brewarrina Shire Council 69.9%
- Central Darling Shire Council 72.3%

Note: Urana Shire Council and The Council of the Shire of Wakool had lower participation rates (63.0% and 54.5% respectively), however both councils only had one ward with a contested election.

In every election, some votes cast are informal.^{xxi} The proportion of informal votes has increased somewhat from the 2008 Local Government Elections (7.9% 2012 compared to 7.1% 2008). Comparisons are difficult however as this figure relates to only the elections conducted by the NSWEC.

Total votes in the 2012 Local Government Elections numbered 2,929,094 with formal votes for councillor elections totalling 2,699,142 and informal votes 229,952.

Across the Councils for whom NSWEC conducted elections, formality was recorded at 92.1% with an informality rate of 7.9%. Rural councils were more prevalent amongst councils with higher levels of formal votes.

The five councils with the highest formality rates were:

- Lockhart Shire Council 98.0%
- Lachlan Shire Council 97.9%
- Hay Shire Council 97.8%
- Coonamble Shire Council 97.8%
- Gundagai Shire Council 97.8%

The five councils with the lowest formality rates were:

- Ballina Shire Council 85.8%
- Upper Hunter Shire Council 86.2%
- Liverpool City Council 86.5%
- Goulburn Mulwaree Council 87.8%
- Singleton Council 87.9%

Following are the reports for each council for whom the NSWEC conducted elections. Also included is the report on the by election held for Leeton Shire Council in December 2012.

End Notes

xxi Australian Electoral Commission, Analysis of Informal Voting House of Representatives 2007 Election, 2009.

Individual Council Reports

Albury City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BETTERIDGE, Daryl	-
CAMERON, Darren	Country Labor Party
DOCKSEY, Graham	-
GLACHAN, Alice	-
GOULD, Patricia	-
JACKSON, Ross	Albury Citizens and Ratepayers Movement
MACK, Kevin	-
THURLEY, David	-
VAN DE VEN, Henk	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/albury-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	33,100
Residential roll	33,096
Non-residential roll	4
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,566

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.3%
Formal votes	24,039
Informal votes	2,203
Total votes	26,242
Informality rate	8.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	5,306
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹	16.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Albury City Council 2012 Election

\$203,352.00

Cost per elector

\$6.17

Albury City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$668.00
Candidates and polling places	\$4,052.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$286.00
TOTAL	\$5,006.00

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 327 calls from postcodes within Albury City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,203 unique visitors to Albury City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Karen Mills

¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Albury Region Returning Officer's Office
575 Olive Street
Albury NSW 2640

Councils in Region

Albury City Council, Corowa Shire Council, Greater Hume Shire Council and Tumbarumba Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	25
Polling Place Managers	14
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	4
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	46
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	6
Total Staff	97

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	10
Election day Polling Places	15

Pre-poll centre locations

Albury Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/albury-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Border Mail

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	63
Female Candidates	18
Male Candidates	45

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ALCOTT, Philip	
ANGUS, Robert	
BAILEY, Kelly	Albury Citizens and Ratepayers Movement
BETTERIDGE, Daryl	
BLOM, Gerry	
BRADY, Wayne	Albury Citizens and Ratepayers Movement
BROWN, Richard	
CAMERON, Leanne	Country Labor Party
CAMERON, Darren	Country Labor Party
CAMERON, Ewen	
COUSINS, Scott	
COWIE, Mark	
DANDO, Mark	
DAVIDOVIC, Michael	
DOCKSEY, Graham	
DRAGE, Steve	
EMMERY, John	Albury Citizens and Ratepayers Movement
FARRAH, Wayne	
FINLAY, Jacqui	
FOWLER, Mick	
FREYER, Dean	
GLACHAN, Alice	
GOFF, Ken	
GOULD, Patricia	
GOULD, David	
GRANT, Gavin	
GRAY, Vicki	
HOGAN, Tom	
HOOD, Peter	
HULL, Neville	
JACKSON, Ross	Albury Citizens and Ratepayers Movement
JAKOVAC, Ivan	
KROOGLIK, George	
LARKIN, Angela	

LEYLAND, Richard	
MACK, Kevin	
MADDEN, Norm	
MAGUIRE, Dianne	
MANNERING, Ordette	
MARSCHALL, Alto	Albury Citizens and Ratepayers Movement
MCLEAN, Andrew	Country Labor Party
MITCHELL, Ann	
OVENS, Di	
PRISCINA, Alex	
PURTELL, Garry	
RYAN, Chris	Country Labor Party
SAW, Celia	
SAWYER, Philomena	
SCOTT-YOUNG, Breck	
SHANAHAN, Phil	
SLATER, Sue	
SPITTAL, Helen	
STUART, Geoff	
TAYLOR, Michelle	
THIEL, David	Country Labor Party
THURLEY, David	
TIERNAN, Jodie	
TORNQUIST, Leigh	
VAN DE VEN, Henk	
WAREHAM, Cassandra	
WAREHAM, Paul	
WAY, Tony	
WHITTEN, Vic	

Armidale Dumaresq Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BAILEY, Jenny	-
BEYERSDORF, Herman	-
BISHOP, Laurie	-
GADD, Colin	-
HALLIGAN, Christopher	-
MAHER, Jim	-
MURAT, Andrew	-
O'CONNOR, Margaret	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
O'DONOHUE, Peter	The Greens
RICHARDSON, Rob	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/armidale-dumaresq-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	16,272
Residential roll	16,270
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,564

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.8%
Formal votes	12,483
Informal votes	821
Total votes	13,304
Informality rate	6.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,278
Rate of Failure to Vote ²	14.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Armidale Dumaresq Council 2012 Election

\$130,462.00

Cost per elector

\$8.04

Armidale Dumaresq Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,132.06
Candidates and polling places	\$1,980.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$377.10
TOTAL	\$3,489.16

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 282 calls from postcodes within Armidale Dumaresq Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,954 unique visitors to Armidale Dumaresq Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Desmond Breen

² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office
2/206 Beardy Street
Armidale NSW 2350

Councils in Region

Armidale Dumaresq Council, Guyra Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	30
Polling Place Managers	9
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	26
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	73

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	10

Pre-poll centre locations

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/armidale-dumaresq-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Armidale Express
Armidale Express Extra
Armidale Independent

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	31
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	21

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BAILEY, Jenny	
BEYERSDORF, Herman	
BISHOP, Laurie	
ELLIS, James	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FENWICKE, David	
GADD, Colin	
GREAM, Kerrod	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GRIFFITH, Stephen	
HALLIGAN, Christopher	
HARDWICK, Anthony	
HILLARD, Josephine	
JOHNSON, Danjela	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KELLIHER, Taden	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KEMBERY, Vicki	
MacKAY, Iain	The Greens
MAHER, Jim	
McCOSKER, Julia	The Greens
MITCHELL, Allan	
MOLESWORTH, Rick	
MURAT, Andrew	
O'CONNOR, Margaret	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
O'DONOHUE, Peter	The Greens
PIPER, Hugh	
RAMSAY, Tony	
RAPLEY, Jack	
RICHARDSON, Rob	
ROBERTS, Warren	
ROBINSON, Dorothy	The Greens
SCHULTZ, Pat	The Greens
TAYLOR, Elva	
THOMAS, Leanne	

Ashfield Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
East Ward	
LOFTS, Alex	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PASSAS, Julie	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STOTT, Caroline	-
North East Ward	
CASSIDY, Ted	-
McKENNA, Lucille	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RACITI, Vittoria	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
North Ward	
RAIOLA, Adriano	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WANG, Jeanette	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WANGMANN, Monica	-
South Ward	
DRURY, Mark	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MANSOUR, Morris	-
RAIOLA, Max	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ashfield-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	26,608
Residential roll	26,598
Non-residential roll	10
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,494

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.5%
Formal votes	20,409
Informal votes	1,279
Total votes	21,688
Informality rate	5.9%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,466
Rate of Failure to Vote ³	13.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Ashfield Council 2012 Election

\$184,239.00

Cost per elector

\$6.95

Ashfield Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,000.00
Candidates and polling places	\$2,712.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,115.32
TOTAL	\$4,827.32

³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 613 calls from postcodes within Ashfield Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,341 unique visitors to Ashfield Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

John Neely

Returning Officer's Office

Burwood Region Returning Officer's Office
Burwood Council Chambers
1-17 Elsie Street
Burwood NSW 2134

Councils in Region

Ashfield Council, Burwood Council and Strathfield Municipal Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	13
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	5
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	5
Election Officials	50
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	7
Total Staff	81

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	9
Election day Polling Places	25

Pre-poll centre locations

Ashfield Pre-Poll, Burwood Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ashfield-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Western Suburbs Courier

Inner West Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

One Councillor nomination was withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	52
Female Candidates	27
Male Candidates	25

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	5

North East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	6

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	9
Male Candidates	6

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

East Ward

ADDERLEY, Melinda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CARRIE, Thomas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHAPMAN, Gregory	
DE ROOY, Peter	The Greens
GONSALKORALE, Dinesh	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LOFTS, Alex	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LOUDON, Iris	The Greens
PASSAS, Julie	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RIX, Rosslyn	The Greens
STOTT, Caroline	
TERRAVECCHIA, Susan	
TYDEMAN, Marcia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

North East Ward

CALVERT-KILBURN, Michelle	The Greens
CASSIDY, Ted	
CROW, Vincent	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LALICH, George	
LEES, Nina	The Greens
LYNCH, Alex	The Greens
McKENNA, Lucille	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RACITI, Rosalba	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RACITI, Vittoria	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RAIOLA, Kerry	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STEPHENS, Tim	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VELLA, Luigi	

North Ward

COOPER, Stephen	The Greens
GRAY, Cecily	
KERR, Anna	The Greens
LLOYD, Kerrie	
MANSOUR, Philip	
RAIOLA, Adriano	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RAIOLA, Giuliano	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SANTORO, Elia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
THANAPHONGSAKORN, Ausseela	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

TUCKER, Greg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WANG, Jeanette	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WANGMANN, Monica	
WIGBOUT, Caroleena	The Greens
YANG, Yaxi	
ZHAO, Jizhen	

South Ward

CARLISLE, Jo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DRURY, Mark	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MAJEWSKI, Mark	
MANSOUR, Cronia	
MANSOUR, Morris	
McPHAIL, Keiran	
MOUSSA, Mark	
PASSAS, Bill	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RAIOLA, Max	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RERCERETNAM, Marc	
RIZCALLAH, Jeannette	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SEARLE, Rosalind	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WOODWARD, Suzanne	

Auburn City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
First Ward	
BATIK, Semra	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
LAM, Le	-
MEHAJER, Salim	-
OUEIK, Ronney	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ZRAIKA, Hicham	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Second Ward

ATTIE, Ned	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CAMPBELL, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
OLDFIELD, Tony	-
SIMMS, Irene	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
YANG, Steve	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/auburn-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	41,577
Residential roll	41,572
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,198

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.0%
Formal votes	31,115
Informal votes	3,378
Total votes	34,493
Informality rate	9.8%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	5,394
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴	13.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Auburn City Council 2012 Election

\$251,976.00

Cost per elector

\$6.10

Auburn City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,218.36
Candidates and polling places	\$4,053.60
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$812.24
TOTAL	\$6,084.20

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 784 calls from postcodes within Auburn City Council area.

⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 5,548 unique visitors to Auburn City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Kathleen Fogarty

Returning Officer's Office

Auburn Returning Officer's Office
Old Lidcombe RSL
6 Taylor Street
Lidcombe NSW 2141

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	1
Office Assistants	21
Polling Place Managers	13
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	10
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	13
Election Officials	79
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	13
Total Staff	150

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	7
Election day Polling Places	18

Pre-poll centre locations

Auburn Returning Officer's Office, Homebush Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/auburn-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Auburn Pictorial Review

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	87
Female Candidates	27
Male Candidates	60

First Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	47
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	37

Second Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	40
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	23

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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First Ward

AL ASSADI, Ghassan	
AL-MEMMAR, Hussain	
ASAROGLU, Semih	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ASHRAF, Nadeem	
ATIE, Zaynoun	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

BATIK, Semra	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
BOZDAGCI, Caner	
CARMODY, Megan	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
CHAUDHARY, Tahera	
CHEEMA, Gurwinder	Unity Party
CHUNG, Trinh	Unity Party
CIMRENLI, Necdet	
DAOUD, Jamal	
DI PAOLO, Teresa	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
DOFASH, Omar	
DURAN, Hasan	
ELEMAM, Adil	
ERZIN, Tarik	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
FATHULLAH, Aydin	
FAYAD, Osman	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GENC, Yucel	
HASHEMI, Mohammad	Unity Party
HE, Jiade	
KANDIL, Fatima	
KAPADIA, Bhavik	Unity Party
KHEIR, Laura	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LAM, Le	
LAO, Shi	
LIM, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LIN, Li	Unity Party
MAHFOUD, Gassan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MEHAJER, Salim	
MEHTA, Arjun	
MOOSAWI, Sayed	
NOACK, Paul	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
OUEIK, Ronney	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PARK, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RILEY, Martin	
SAMREEN, Basem	
SEYIT, Seyfi	
SIMMS, Leanne	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
SOYSAL, Ahmet	
TEKELI, Hasan	
TESTA, Giuseppe	
TRAD, Ahmad	
ZENG, Jian	
ZRAIKA, Hicham	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Second Ward

ABDELJAWAD, Rady	The Greens
AGHA SEYED HASHEM, Ali	
ATTIE, Ned	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BRISSENDEN, Tess	
CAI, Fang	Unity Party
CAMPBELL, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CASMIRI, Luciano	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area

CHEN, Myra	
CHOI, Young	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHOW, Malcolm	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DARIVERENLI, Mehmet	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ELKHEIR, Jamal	
ER, Suna	
FERGUSON, Bronwyn	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
GOODWILL, Robert	The Greens
HARRIS, Lisa	
HUANG, Betty	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HUMADY, Talb	
KALMAN, Monty	The Greens
MASON, Ed	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
McCRORY, Anthony	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
MEHAJER, Fatima	
MEHTA, Abhinav	
MICHELS, Malikeh	The Greens
MOESKOPS, Pieter	Unity Party
NG, Conan	The Greens
NGUYEN, Minh	Unity Party
OLDFIELD, Tony	
RAHMANI, Matin	
SAVASER, Neriman	Unity Party
SIMMS, Irene	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
SOUEID, Rouba	
TSE, Francis	
WILKINSON, Robert	Residents Action Group for Auburn Area
WON, Mark	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
XING, Dongyu	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
YANG, Steve	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
YASEEN, Ahmad	
YE, Rebecca	Unity Party
YU, Dennis	

Ballina Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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WRIGHT, David	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

HORDERN, Robyn	-
JOHNSTON, Ken	-
MEEHAN, Sue	-

B Ward

CADWALLADER, Sharon	-
JOHNSON, Jeff	The Greens
WILLIAMS, Keith	-

C Ward

JOHNSON, Keith	-
SMITH, Ben	-
WORTH, Paul	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ballina-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	29,716
Residential roll	29,715
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,739

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.2%
Formal votes	20,958
Informal votes	3,474
Total votes	24,432
Informality rate	14.2%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,814
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵	12.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Ballina Shire Council 2012 Election

\$194,273.00

Cost per elector

\$6.56

Ballina Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$423.40
Candidates and polling places	\$5,288.84
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$334.25
TOTAL	\$6,046.49

⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 758 calls from postcodes within Ballina Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,095 unique visitors to Ballina Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Ian Smith

Returning Officer's Office

Byron Region Returning Officer's Office
Mullumbimby Civic Hall
55 Dalley Street
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Councils in Region

Ballina Shire Council and Byron Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	14
Polling Place Assistants	3
Deputy Polling Place Managers	4
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	5
Election Officials	43
Council Count Manager	2
Part Day Election Officials	7
Total Staff	79

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	22

Pre-poll centre locations

Ballina Pre-Poll, Byron Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ballina-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Northern Star
Ballina Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
One Councillor nomination was withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	6
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	4

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	24
Female Candidates	9
Male Candidates	15

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	7

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	4

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	4

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Mayoral Candidates	Party Affiliation
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CADWALLADER, Sharon	-
JOHNSON, Jeff	The Greens
MEEHAN, Sue	-
SMITH, Ben	-
WILLIAMS, Keith	-
WRIGHT, David	-

Councillor Candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

ANDRESEN, Lee	The Greens
DRABSCH, Kieran	Country Labor Party
GILDING, Tony	The Greens
HORDERN, Robyn	-
JOHNSTON, Ken	-
MCCARTHY, Stephen	-
MEEHAN, Sue	-
PICKERING, Ross	-
ROBINSON, David	-
SPARKS, Robyn	The Greens

B Ward

CADWALLADER, Sharon	-
DENISON, Neil	The Greens
DICKER, Kiri	-
HICKS, Amelia	The Greens
JOHNSON, Jeff	The Greens
MEEHAN, Phil	-
WILLIAMS, Keith	-

C Ward

ABLETT, Effie	The Greens
JOHNSON, Keith	-
McDERMOTT, Maureen	The Greens
ROBERTS, Leyla	The Greens
SMITH, Ben	-
WORTH, Paul	-
WRIGHT, David	-

Balranald Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BARNES, Ken	-
BYRON, Leigh	-
CAMPBELL, Elaine	-
COOKE, Lynda	-
JOLLIFFE, Trevor	-
MANNIX, Jeff	-
O'HALLORAN, Stephen	-
PURTILL, Alan	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/balranald-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,530
Residential roll	1,530
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	55

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.0%
Formal votes	1,171
Informal votes	38
Total votes	1,209
Informality rate	3.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	248
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶	16.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Balranald Shire Council 2012 Election

\$16,579.00

Cost per elector

\$10.91

Balranald Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,068.90
Candidates and polling places	\$983.37
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$802.31
TOTAL	\$2,854.58

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 25 calls from postcodes within Balranald Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 352 unique visitors to Balranald Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Peter Birnie

⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Hay Region Returning Officer's Office
3/177 Lachlan Street
Hay NSW 2711

Councils in Region

Balranald Shire Council, Hay Shire Council and Wakool Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	2
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	2
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	4

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	3

Pre-poll centre locations

Balranald Pre-Poll, Hay Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/balranald-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Swan Hill Guardian
Riverine Grazier
Robinvale Sentinel
The Guardian

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BARNES, Ken	-
BYRON, Leigh	-
CAMPBELL, Elaine	-
COOKE, Lynda	-
JACKSON, John	-
JOLLIFFE, Trevor	-
MANNIX, Jeff	-
O'HALLORAN, Stephen	-
POWIS, Tina	-
PURTILL, Alan	-
VAARZON MOREL, Bill	-

Bankstown City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
East Ward	
ASFOUR, Khal	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NAJJAR, Naji	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
NGUYEN, Dan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
North Ward	
GOLLEDGE, Jenny	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KUSKOFF, Alex	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TADROS, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
South Ward	
DANIEL, Jim	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOWNEY, Linda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PARKER, Scott	-
West Ward	
STROMBORG, Ian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WAUD, Glen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WINTERBOTTOM, Allan	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bankstown-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	122,568
Residential roll	122,561
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	11,943

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.1%
Formal votes	93,119
Informal votes	9,985
Total votes	103,104
Informality rate	9.7%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	14,083
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷	11.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bankstown City Council 2012 Election

\$699,542.00

Cost per elector

\$5.72

Bankstown City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$955.68
Candidates and polling places	\$7,171.20
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,320.00
TOTAL	\$9,446.88

⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Electoral Enquiry Centre

The Electoral Enquiry Centre answered 1,995 calls from postcodes within Bankstown City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 9,326 unique visitors to Bankstown City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Garry Mortimer

Returning Officer's Office

Bankstown Returning Officer's Office
Bankstown Civic Tower
Level 7, 66-72 Rickard Road
Bankstown NSW 2200

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	35
Polling Place Managers	44
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	32
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	39
Election Officials	243
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	41
Total Staff	435

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	11
Election day Polling Places	62

Pre-poll centre locations

Bankstown Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bankstown-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Express
Bankstown Torch

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	49
Female Candidates	15
Male Candidates	34

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	10

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	8

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	6

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

East Ward

ABDULKHALEK, Ahmed	
ASFOUR, Khal	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CHEDRAOUI, Roy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
EL SAMMAN, Bilal	
KAY, Rebecca	
MILOS, Angela	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NADER, Brian	
NAJJAR, Najj	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
NGUYEN, Dan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NGUYEN, Neil	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RYMA, Faical	
TRIGAS, Arthur	

North Ward

BUKOVAC, Jennifer	
CHAN, Jason	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CHEHADE, Rabie	
GARG, Seema	
GAVIN, Pam	
GOLLEDGE, Jenny	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HUA, Minh	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
IACONO, Stephen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KUSKOFF, Alex	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MAUALAIVAO, Ioane	
MEZINEC, Kara	
NHAN, Thanh	
TADROS, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
THOMAS, Melodie	
VINCENT, Winifred	

South Ward

BERRIER, Dale	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CAMPBELL, Nicholas	
DANIEL, Jim	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DELEZIO, Ron	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOWNEY, Linda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GAUCI, Vanessa	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

PARKER, Jan
PARKER, Scott
TUNTEVSKI, Steve

Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

West Ward

ANTOUN, Michael
CABRAL, Maureen
JANES, Janelle

Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

JEFFS, Kerry
KOVACS, Peter
MERHEB, Vaughan

Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

NORMAN, Ron

Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

O'MARA, Brian

STEPHENSON, Kerry

STROMBORG, Ian

Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

WAUD, Glen

Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

WINTERBOTTOM, Allan

ZACCARIA, Tony

Bathurst Regional Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
AUBIN, Warren	-
BOURKE, Bobby	-
COOTE, Michael	-
HANGER, Graeme	-
JENNINGS, Jess	-
MORSE, Monica	-
NORTH, Ian	-
RUSH, Gary	-
WESTMAN, Greg	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bathurst-regional-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	26,361
Residential roll	26,351
Non-residential roll	10
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,483

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.4%
Formal votes	21,419
Informal votes	1,627
Total votes	23,046
Informality rate	7.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,528
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸	9.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bathurst Regional Council 2012 Election

\$212,493.00

Cost per elector

\$8.08

Bathurst Regional Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$912.00
Candidates and polling places	\$3,904.60
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$342.00
TOTAL	\$5,158.60

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 184 calls from postcodes within Bathurst Regional Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,739 unique visitors to Bathurst Regional Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Stuart Evennett

⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Bathurst Region Returning Officer's Office
126 Bentinck Street
Bathurst NSW 2795

Councils in Region

Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council and Oberon Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	44
Polling Place Managers	18
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	3
Election Officials	42
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	114

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	19

Pre-poll centre locations

Bathurst Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bathurst-regional-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Western Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	35
Female Candidates	12
Male Candidates	23

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
AUBIN, Warren	-
BLANCH, Jill	-
BOOTH, Alysha	-
BOURKE, Bobby	-
BRADBERRY, Pat	-
BREEN, Linda	-
BREMNER, Keith	-
CONOLAN, Katherine	-
COOTE, Michael	-
CRISP, Gordon	-
DIVE, Rhys	-
DUNN, Michelle	-
FORDE, Mick	-
FRY, Geoff	-
HANGER, Graeme	-
HAYSOM, Paul	-
JENNINGS, Jess	-
KENNEDY, Marion	-
LARNACH, Derek	-
LONG, Jillian	-
MORSE, Monica	-
MULLIGAN, Sharon	-
MURRAY, Wal	-
NORTH, Ian	-
OASTLER, Greg	-
PACKHAM, Nick	-
PETERSON, George	-
RICH, Lee	-
RILEY, Di	-
RUSH, Gary	-
SHUTE, Kevin	-
SMITH, Kate	-

TANNER, Tim	-
THORPE, Tony	-
WESTMAN, Greg	-

Bega Valley Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ALLEN, Tony	-
BRITTEN, Mike	-
FITZPATRICK, Russell	-
HUGHES, Keith	The Greens
MAWHINNEY, Ann	-
McBAIN, Kristy	-
SECKOLD, Liz	-
TAPSCOTT, Sharon	-
TAYLOR, Bill	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bega-valley-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Poll

"Do you support the retention of the Pambula District Hospital funded at current total operational budget levels by NSW State Government for a period of 5 years, at approximately \$7.5 million pa, from the completion and official opening of the proposed new regional hospital, so as to provide the essential services needed to supplement the new hospital during this period?"

Yes 15,761
No 3,335

Enrolment

Total Electors	24,351
Residential roll	24,344
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,466

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.5%
Formal votes	18,175
Informal votes	1,672
Total votes	19,847
Informality rate	8.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,302
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹	13.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bega Valley Shire Council 2012 Election

\$178,926.00

Cost per elector

\$7.37

Bega Valley Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$648.00
Candidates and polling places	\$1,915.20
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$556.70
TOTAL	\$3,119.90

⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 415 calls from postcodes within Bega Valley Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,928 unique visitors to Bega Valley Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Susan Flannery

Returning Officer's Office

Bega Region Returning Officer's Office
70 Gipps Street
(Former Retravisation Store)
Bega NSW 2550

Councils in Region

Bega Valley Shire Council and Eurobodalla Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	51
Polling Place Managers	17
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	2
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	37
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	109

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	5
Declared Institutions	7
Election day Polling Places	18

Pre-poll centre locations

Bega Region Returning Officer's Office, Bermagui Pre-Poll, Eden Pre-Poll, Merimbula Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bega-valley-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Merimbula News Weekly
Eden Magnet
Bega District News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ALLEN, Tony	-
BRITTEN, Mike	-
CAMPBELL, Pat	-
DAWSON, Mary	-
DAY, Roy	-
FITZPATRICK, Russell	-
GEARY, Judy	-

HUGHES, Keith	The Greens
JESSON, David	-
MAWHINNEY, Ann	-
McBAIN, Kristy	-
McKAY, Ivan	-
SECKOLD, Liz	-
SHAW, Jamie	The Greens
TAPSCOTT, Sharon	-
TAYLOR, Bill	-

Bellingen Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
TROY, Mark	-

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CARTER, Garry	-
HARRISON, Desmae	-
KING, Dominic	The Greens
KLIPIN, Steve	-
MANNING, Gordon	-
SCOTT, David	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bellingen-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	9,321
Residential roll	9,317
Non-residential roll	4
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	729

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.8%
Formal votes	7,259
Informal votes	459
Total votes	7,718
Informality rate	5.9%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,185
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰	12.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bellingen Shire Council 2012 Election

\$75,459.00

Cost per elector

\$8.11

Bellingen Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$707.72
Candidates and polling places	\$2,393.98
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$475.69
TOTAL	\$3,577.39

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 132 calls from postcodes within Bellingen Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,070 unique visitors to Bellingen Shire Council election web page.

¹⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Susan Mowle

Returning Officer's Office

Nambucca Region Returning Officer's Office
1 Cooper Street
Macksville NSW 2447

Councils in Region

Bellingen Shire Council and Nambucca Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	2
Deputy Polling Place Managers	2
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	17
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	32

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Bellingen Pre-Poll, Nambucca Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bellingen-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Bellingen Courier Sun
Don Dorrigo Gazette

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	25
Female Candidates	12
Male Candidates	13

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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TROY, Mark	-
WADSWORTH, Wayne	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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ANDERSON, Gillian	-
AUGER, Kathryn	-
BECKETT, Rowley	-
CARTER, Garry	-
DALTON, Linda	-
FRY, Tim	The Greens
HARRISON, Desmae	-
HYNES, Paul	-
JOSEPH, Caroline	-
KERR-WEARNE, Jess	-
KING, Dominic	The Greens
KLIPIN, Steve	-

MANNING, Gordon	-
McPHEE, Greg	-
ROSE, Debbie	-
SCOTT, David	-
SHAW, Kenton	-
SHAW, Kim	-
STOCKTON, Michelle	-
TAYLOR, Bryony	-
TINDALL, Gabrielle	The Greens
TROY, Mark	-
VERNON, Carol	The Greens
WADSWORTH, Wayne	-
WICKERT, Rosie	-

Berrigan Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRUCE, John	-
CURTIN, Bernard	-
GLANVILLE, Denis	-
HANNAN, Matt	-
HILL, Brian	-
JONES, Colin	-
MORRIS, Daryll	-
O'NEILL, Andrea	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/berrigan-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	5,777
Residential roll	5,776
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	239

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.0%
Formal votes	4,141
Informal votes	423
Total votes	4,564
Informality rate	9.3%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	939
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹	16.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Berrigan Shire Council 2012 Election

\$48,845.00

Cost per elector

\$8.50

Berrigan Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$687.52
Candidates and polling places	\$500.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$317.85
TOTAL	\$1,505.37

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 115 calls from postcodes within Berrigan Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 452 unique visitors to Berrigan Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Erin Hore

¹¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office
Old Finley Library
54 Denison Street
Finley NSW 2713

Councils in Region

Berrigan Shire Council, Conargo Shire Council, Deniliquin Council, Jerilderie Shire Council and Murray Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	9
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	8
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	24

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/berrigan-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Finley Southern Riverina News
Cobram Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BRUCE, John	-
CURTIN, Bernard	-
GLANVILLE, Denis	-
HANNAN, Matt	-
HILL, Brian	-
JONES, Colin	-
McLAURIN, Liz	-
MEXTED, Gary	-
MORRIS, Daryll	-
O'NEILL, Andrea	-

Blacktown City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Ward 1	
DIAZ, Jess	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PENDLETON, Alan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Walter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Ward 2	
HOLMES, Mark	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KELLY, Leo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ROBINSON, Len	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Ward 3	
BENJAMIN, Susai	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DICKENS, Russ	-
SILJEG, Karlo	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Ward 4	
ATALLA, Edmond	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BALI, Stephen	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WHITE, Isabelle	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Ward 5	
BLEASDALE, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DONALDSON, Jacqueline	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LOWLES, Charlie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/blacktown-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	188,908
Residential roll	188,906
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	20,214

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.5%
Formal votes	149,307
Informal votes	12,251
Total votes	161,558
Informality rate	7.6%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	21,028
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²	11.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Blacktown City Council 2012 Election

\$983,431.00

Cost per elector

\$5.23

Blacktown City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,868.25
Candidates and polling places	\$2,868.25
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$2,607.50
TOTAL	\$8,344.00

¹² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 4,385 calls from postcodes within Blacktown City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 7,704 unique visitors to Blacktown City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Janine Forrest

Returning Officer's Office

Blacktown Returning Officer's Office
Seven Hills Industrial Estate
Unit 5, 17 Stanton Road
Seven Hills NSW 2147

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	44
Polling Place Managers	68
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	38
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	37
Election Officials	312
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	41
Total Staff	541

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	8
Election day Polling Places	94

Pre-poll centre locations

Blacktown Pre-Poll, Blacktown Returning Officer's Office, Mount Druitt Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/blacktown-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Blacktown Sun
Rouse Hill Stanhope Gardens News
St Marys Star
Rouse Hill Times
Blacktown Advocate
Mt Druitt Standard

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	63
Female Candidates	20
Male Candidates	43

Ward 1 Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	10

Ward 2 Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	9

Ward 3 Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	9

Ward 4 Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	6

Ward 5 Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

Ward 1

ALDER, Ron	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BELCASTRO, Geno	-
BONHAM, Matthew	-
BONHAM, Rosarie	-
CINI, Phil	-
DIAZ, Jess	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FRYSZTAK, Danuta	-
GREEN, Allan	-
KRKAC, Anthony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PENDLETON, Alan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
QUILKEY, Chris	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Walter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Ward 2

ATTWOOD, Colin	-
GESLING, Bernie	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
GRIFFITHS, Julie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HOLMES, Mark	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KELLY, Leo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LIMGUANGCO, Rodolfo	-
ROBINSON, Len	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SCOTT, Nicole	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
THORPE, Kaia	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
VELASCO, Celestino	-
VINCENT, Dave	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
WINSLOW, Chris	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Ward 3

BATISTIC, Patricia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BENJAMIN, Susai	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BENSON, Sandy	-
BRINDELL, Leanne	-
COLLINS, Kathie	-
DICKENS, Russ	-
GIBBS, Kirsten	The Greens
HAMMOND, Ben	The Greens
HOBBS, Len	The Greens
KINNAS, Elias	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KUMAR, Satish	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RESPALL, Jose	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SILJEG, Karlo	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SMITH, Rosemary	-
VINCENT, Bob	-

Ward 4

ATALLA, Edmond	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BALI, Stephen	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DAY, Peter	-
DEL VILLAR, Dorothy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
D'ROZARIO, Jerome	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McINTYRE, Joan	-
NICOLAIDIS, George	-
POPOVIC, Nikola	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WHITE, Isabelle	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Ward 5

ATKINSON, George	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
BLEASDALE, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BRIGHT, Ronald	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BUNTING, Brad	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
COOKSLEY, Terry	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
DONALDSON, Jacqueline	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FERGUSON, Joseph	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
GUASCH, Chato	-
LOWLES, Charlie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MATTHEWS, Winsome	The Greens
MERCADO, Rowena	-
ROBERTSON, Debbie	The Greens
SOLIMAN, Neria	-
TAYLOR, Paul	The Greens
ZEVLIKARIS, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Bland Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BLAND, Robert	-
GRELLMAN, Peter	-
HAMPTON, Leeanne	-
KEATLEY, Kerry	-
LORD, Tony	-
MONAGHAN, Brian	-
McGLYNN, Liz	-
POKONEY, Neil	-
TEMPLETON, Peter	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bland-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,352
Residential roll	4,351
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	211

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.1%
Formal votes	3,508
Informal votes	110
Total votes	3,618
Informality rate	3.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	480
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹³	11.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bland Shire Council 2012 Election

\$37,554.00

Cost per elector

\$8.66

Bland Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$210.00
Candidates and polling places	\$1,080.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$168.00
TOTAL	\$1,458.00

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 102 calls from postcodes within Bland Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 532 unique visitors to Bland Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Geoffrey Lark

¹³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office
1-5 Bandon Street
Forbes NSW 2871

Councils in Region

Bland Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council and Parkes Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	9
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	17

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office, West Wyalong Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bland-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

West Wyalong Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
AIDEN, Chris	-
BLAND, Robert	-
BUTTENSCHAW, Andrew	-
COOPER, Barry	-
GRELLMAN, Peter	-
HAMPTON, Leeanne	-
KEATLEY, Kerry	-
LORD, Tony	-
McGLYNN, Liz	-
MONAGHAN, Brian	-
POKONEY, Neil	-
PRATT, Janice	-
PRICE, Darren	-
TEMPLETON, Peter	-

Blayney Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRADDON, Geoff	-
EWIN, Allan	-
FERGUSON, Scott	-
KINGHAM, David	-
OATES, Shane	-
RADBURN, Kevin	-
SOMERVAILE, David	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/blayney-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,936
Residential roll	4,935
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	320

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	86.3%
Formal votes	4,062
Informal votes	199
Total votes	4,261
Informality rate	4.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	444
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁴	9.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Blayney Shire Council 2012 Election

\$44,682.00

Cost per elector

\$9.07

Blayney Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,299.60
Candidates and polling places	\$3,891.26
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$674.99
TOTAL	\$5,865.85

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 76 calls from postcodes within Blayney Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 854 unique visitors to Blayney Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Stuart Evennett

¹⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Bathurst Region Returning Officer's Office
126 Bentinck Street
Bathurst NSW 2795

Councils in Region

Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council and Oberon Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	10
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	19

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Bathurst Region Returning Officer's Office, Blayney Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/blayney-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Blayney Chronical
Western Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BAULCH, Andrew	-
BRADDON, Geoff	-
CAMERON, Mira	-
COLLINS, John	-
EWIN, Allan	-
FERGUSON, Scott	-
HILDENBEUTEL, Peter	-
KINGHAM, David	-
OATES, Shane	-
PINE, Bruce	-
RADBURN, Kevin	-
SOMERVILLE, David	-

Blue Mountains City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
First Ward	
BEGG, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McGREGOR, Don	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STOCK, Robert	-
Second Ward	
HOLLYWOOD, Romola	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VAN DER KLEY, Chris	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WILLIAMSON, Geordie	The Greens
Third Ward	
FELL, Mick	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LUCHETTI, Brendan	-
MYLES, Daniel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Fourth Ward	
CHRISTIE, Brendan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GREENHILL, Mark	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VON SCHULENBURG, Anton	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/blue-mountains-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	56,864
Residential roll	56,856
Non-residential roll	8
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,979

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.7%
Formal votes	44,615
Informal votes	2,384
Total votes	46,999
Informality rate	5.1%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	7,297
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁵	12.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Blue Mountains City Council 2012 Election

\$345,799.00

Cost per elector

\$6.09

Blue Mountains City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$490.90
Candidates and polling places	\$991.80
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$495.90
TOTAL	\$1,978.60

¹⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,015 calls from postcodes within Blue Mountains City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 6,338 unique visitors to Blue Mountains City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Julie Truscott

Returning Officer's Office

Blue Mountains Region Returning Officer's Office
Town Centre Arcade
Shops 10-13, 81-83 Katoomba Street
Katoomba NSW 2780

Councils in Region

Blue Mountains City Council and Lithgow City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	30
Polling Place Managers	26
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	9
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	11
Election Officials	91
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	11
Total Staff	179

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	34

Pre-poll centre locations

Blaxland Pre-Poll, Blue Mountains Region Returning Officer's Office, Springwood Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/blue-mountains-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Blue Mountains Gazette

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	46
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	29

First Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	9

Second Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	5

Third Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	8

Fourth Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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First Ward

BEGG, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
COX, Bruce	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOWNES, Angela	The Greens
HOARE, Brent	The Greens
HODGSON, Matt	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
JARVIS, Mark	-
MATHEWS, Anne	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
McGREGOR, Don	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
OLSON, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ROSS, Jenny	-
ROSS, Shirley	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SELKE, Belinda	The Greens
SHRUBB, Sarah	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SLATER, Mark	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
STOCK, Robert	-

Second Ward

BECKETT, James	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CARMICHAEL, Erst	The Greens
HOLLYWOOD, Romola	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MURAWSKI, Tim	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NORDSTROM, Mitchell	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
THOMPSON, Samantha	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VAN DER KLEY, Chris	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WILLIAMSON, Frances	The Greens
WILLIAMSON, Geordie	The Greens

Third Ward

AARONSON, Michael	The Greens
ATKINS, Graeme	-
COWPER, Kim	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
FELL, Mick	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GREENAWAY, Sarah-Jane	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HUNDT, Mikayla	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LUCHETTI, Brendan	-
McDONALD, Alex	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MOALEM, Darryn	-

MYLES, Daniel
ORD, Michael
WILLIS, Noel

Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
The Greens
The Greens

Fourth Ward

BENTON, Robin
CHRISTIE, Brendan
CLIFFORD, Helen
GREENHILL, Mark
HACKER, Geoffrey
O'SULLIVAN, Mark
ROBERTS, Bruce
VON SCHULENBURG, Anton
WATSON, Anita
WRIGHT, Suzie

The Greens
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
The Greens
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Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
The Greens

Bogan Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
DEACON, Greg	-
DONALD, Ray	-
DOUGLAS, Jodi	-
DUTTON, Danny	-
GRIFFITHS, Hazel	-
HAMPSTEAD, Jim	-
McLAUGHLIN, Elaine	-
NEILL, Glen	-
RYAN, Kevin	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bogan-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,991
Residential roll	1,989
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	157

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	80.6%
Formal votes	1,565
Informal votes	39
Total votes	1,604
Informality rate	2.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	304
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁶	15.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bogan Shire Council 2012 Election

\$24,952.00

Cost per elector

\$12.60

Bogan Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$274.74
Candidates and polling places	\$686.84
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$147.18
TOTAL	\$1,108.76

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 38 calls from postcodes within Bogan Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 384 unique visitors to Bogan Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Stephen Middleton

¹⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cobar Region Returning Officer's Office
19 Barton Street
Cobar NSW 2835

Councils in Region

Bogan Shire Council, Bourke Shire Council, Brewarrina Shire Council and Cobar Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	9

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Cobar Region Returning Officer's Office, Nyngan Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bogan-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Nyngan Observer

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	6

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BALLARD, Ann	-
DEACON, Greg	-
DONALD, Ray	-
DOUGLAS, Jodi	-
DUTTON, Danny	-
GRIFFITHS, Hazel	-
HAMPSTEAD, Jim	-
McLAUGHLIN, Elaine	-
NEILL, Glen	-
PARKER, Janelle	-
RYAN, Kevin	-

Bombala Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BATEMAN, Bill	-
GOODYER, Steve	-
HAMPSHIRE, Diane	-
HASLINGDEN, Suzanne	-
INGRAM, Joe	-
STEWART, Bob	-
YELDS, Brad	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bombala-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,829
Residential roll	1,827
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	77

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.6%
Formal votes	1,462
Informal votes	48
Total votes	1,510
Informality rate	3.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	234
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁷	12.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bombala Council 2012 Election

\$18,073.00

Cost per elector

\$9.89

Bombala Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$844.43
Candidates and polling places	\$1,745.50
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$184.80
TOTAL	\$2,774.73

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 35 calls from postcodes within Bombala Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 268 unique visitors to Bombala Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Susan Burke

¹⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cooma Region Returning Officer's Office
Shop 3, 57 Sharp Street
Cooma NSW 2630

Councils in Region

Bombala Council, Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and Snowy River Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	3
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	4
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	8

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	4

Pre-poll centre locations

Bombala Pre-Poll, Cooma Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bombala-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Bombala Times
Delegate Doings
Cooma Monaro Express

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BATEMAN, Bill	-
GILLESPIE-JONES, Alan	-
GIMBERT, Paul	-
GLOVER, Derek	-
GOODYER, Steve	-
HAMPSHIRE, Diane	-
HASLINGDEN, Suzanne	-
INGRAM, Joe	-
PHILBRICK, Chris	-
STEWART, Bob	-
YELDS, Brad	-

Boorowa Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CLEMENTS, Angus	-
CORCORAN, Christopher	-
EVANS, David	-
GLEDHILL, Robert	-
McGRATH, Tim	-
RYAN, Jack	-
SOUTHWELL, Andrew	-
SYKES, Peter	-
TUCKERMAN, Wendy	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/boorowa-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,890
Residential roll	1,877
Non-residential roll	13
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	81

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.2%
Formal votes	1,525
Informal votes	48
Total votes	1,573
Informality rate	3.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	199
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁸	10.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Boorowa Council 2012 Election

\$17,670.00

Cost per elector

\$9.38

Boorowa Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$516.90
Candidates and polling places	\$1,249.20
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$107.69
TOTAL	\$1,873.79

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 32 calls from postcodes within Boorowa Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 429 unique visitors to Boorowa Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Mary Moffitt

¹⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Young Region Returning Officer's Office
Young Town Hall
189-205 Boorowa Street
Young NSW 2594

Councils in Region

Boorowa Council, Cowra Shire Council, Weddin Shire Council and Young Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	10

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Boorowa Pre-Poll, Young Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/boorowa-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Boorowa News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BIGLANDS, Maria	-
CLEMENTS, Angus	-
CORCORAN, Christopher	-
COTTER, Grant	-
EVANS, David	-
GLEDHILL, Robert	-
MAGEE, Paul	-
McGRATH, Tim	-
POPLIN, Julie	-
RYAN, Jack	-
SOUTHWELL, Andrew	-
SYKES, Peter	-
TUCKERMAN, Wendy	-

Bourke Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BARTLEY, Victor	-
BENNETT, Jack	-
BROWN, Sarah	-
DAVIS, Sally	-
DORRINGTON, Cec	-
FORD, Lachlan	-
HOLLMAN, Barry	-
JOHNSON, Stuart	-
LEWIS, Andrew	-
STUTSEL, Bob	-

For full details of results see website –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bourke-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,804
Residential roll	1,804
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	180

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	74.8%
Formal votes	1,282
Informal votes	68
Total votes	1,350
Informality rate	5.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	372
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁹	20.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Bourke Shire Council 2012 Election

\$23,546.00

Cost per elector

\$13.10

Bourke Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$250.80
Candidates and polling places	\$897.60
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$105.60
TOTAL	\$1,254.00

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 20 calls from postcodes within Bourke Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 391 unique visitors to Bourke Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Stephen Middleton

¹⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cobar Region Returning Officer's Office
19 Barton Street
Cobar NSW 2835

Councils in Region

Bogan Shire Council, Bourke Shire Council, Brewarrina Shire Council and Cobar Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	9

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Bourke Pre-Poll, Cobar Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/bourke-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Bourke Western Herald

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BARTLEY, Victor	-
BENNETT, Jack	-
BROWN, Sarah	-
DAVIS, Sally	-
DORRINGTON, Cec	-
FERGUSON, Alistair	-
FORD, Lachlan	-
HOLLMAN, Barry	-
JOHNSON, Stuart	-
LEWIS, Andrew	-
STUTSEL, Bob	-

Brewarrina Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BARKER, Jenny	-
BROWN, Mark	-
HERTSLET, Moses	-
OCONNOR, Ocker	-
PIPPOS, Angelo	-
REICHLER, Wulf	-
SLACK-SMITH, Matthew	-
TURNBULL, Conn	-
WASON, Robert	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/brewarrina-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	931
Residential roll	931
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	66

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	69.9%
Formal votes	635
Informal votes	16
Total votes	651
Informality rate	2.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	231
Rate of Failure to Vote ²⁰	24.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Brewarrina Shire Council 2012 Election

\$14,771.00

Cost per elector

\$15.93

Brewarrina Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$250.80
Candidates and polling places	\$408.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$102.00
TOTAL	\$760.80

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 12 calls from postcodes within Brewarrina Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 256 unique visitors to Brewarrina Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Stephen Middleton

²⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cobar Region Returning Officer's Office
19 Barton Street
Cobar NSW 2835

Councils in Region

Bogan Shire Council, Bourke Shire Council, Brewarrina Shire Council and Cobar Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	3
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	3
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	6

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	4

Pre-poll centre locations

Brewarrina Pre-Poll, Cobar Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/brewarrina-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Bourke Western Herald
Brewarrina News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BARKER, Jenny	-
BROWN, Mark	-
HERTSLET, Moses	-
NEALE, Wayne	-
OCONNOR, Ocker	-
PIPPOS, Angelo	-
REICHLER, Wulf	-
SLACK-SMITH, Matthew	-
TURNBULL, Conn	-
WASON, Robert	-

Broken Hill City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
CUY, Wincen	-

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ALGATE, Bob	-
BLACK, Peter	-
BROWNE, Marion	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GALLAGHER, Dave	-
GROENENDIJK, John	-
LICUL, Branko	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NOLAN, Jim	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RICHARDS, Jim	-
TURLEY, Darriea	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/broken-hill-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	13,591
Residential roll	13,585
Non-residential roll	6
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,127

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.2%
Formal votes	10,383
Informal votes	1,197
Total votes	11,580
Informality rate	10.3%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,589
Rate of Failure to Vote ²¹	11.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Broken Hill City Council 2012 Election

\$122,124.00

Cost per elector

\$9.02

Broken Hill City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$700.80
Candidates and polling places	\$438.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$94.90
TOTAL	\$1,233.70

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 98 calls from postcodes within Broken Hill City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,190 unique visitors to Broken Hill City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

²¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Darren Flowers

Returning Officer's Office

Broken Hill Region Returning Officer's Office
37-39 Oxide Street
Broken Hill NSW 2880

Councils in Region

Broken Hill City Council, Central Darling Shire Council and Wentworth Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	19
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	4
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	17
Council Count Manager	3
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	54

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Broken Hill Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/broken-hill-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

BDT

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	23
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	16

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates	Party Affiliation
BLACK, Peter	-
CUY, Wincen	-
GROENENDIJK, John	-
TURLEY, Dariea	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ADAMS, Christine	-
ALGATE, Bob	-
ANGELL, Larry	-
BIASIO, Lee	-
BLACK, Peter	-
BROWNE, Marion	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
COWDREY, Josh	-
GALLAGHER, Dave	-
GROENENDIJK, John	-
HOWARD, Dove	-
KENNEDY, Tom	-

KUERSCHNER, Sherri	-
LICUL, Branko	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NOLAN, Jim	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
OLESNICKY, Andrew	-
REVILLE, Shorty	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RICHARDS, Jim	-
ROWLANDS, Carol	-
SCHAAIJ, Pim	-
STEER, Ray	-
TUCKER, Alan	-
TURLEY, Darriea	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WECKER, Marie	-

Burwood Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
FAKER, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
DEANS, Sally	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DOUEIHI, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FURNEAUX-COOK, Lesley	Burwood Community Voice
MANNAH, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TAUNTON, Justin	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WONG, Ernest	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/burwood-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Poll

"Are you in favour of Burwood Local Government Area being proclaimed a City to be known as Burwood City?"

Yes	8,931
No	6,476

Enrolment

Total Electors	19,644
Residential roll	19,597
Non-residential roll	47
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,707

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.9%
Formal votes	15,399
Informal votes	1,275
Total votes	16,674
Informality rate	7.6%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,944
Rate of Failure to Vote ²²	9.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Burwood Council 2012 Election

\$140,116.00

Cost per elector

\$7.16

Burwood Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$966.00
Candidates and polling places	\$2,868.24
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$995.40
TOTAL	\$4,829.64

²² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 638 calls from postcodes within Burwood Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,300 unique visitors to Burwood Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

Four braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

John Neely

Returning Officer's Office

Burwood Region Returning Officer's Office
Burwood Council Chambers
1-17 Elsie Street
Burwood NSW 2134

Councils in Region

Ashfield Council, Burwood Council and Strathfield Municipal Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	34
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	11
Deputy Polling Place Managers	4
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	4
Election Officials	38
Council Count Manager	3
Part Day Election Officials	5
Total Staff	108

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Burwood Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/burwood-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Inner West Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	23
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	13

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

FAKER, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
FURNEAUX-COOK, Lesley	Burwood Community Voice
TAUNTON, Justin	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WEILEY, David	-

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

BEEKMAN, Tony	Burwood Community Voice
BUCKLEY, Ken	Burwood Community Voice
BURNS, Pamela	-
CACCIOLA, Gaetano	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DEANS, Sally	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DIXIT, Raj	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOUEIHI, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
EASSON, Louise	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ENTWISLE, Tim	Burwood Community Voice
FAKER, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
FURNEAUX-COOK, Lesley	Burwood Community Voice
GRAY, Christopher	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LIANG, Henson	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MANNAH, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SCLANDERS, Rhonda	Burwood Community Voice
SOCHAN, Bea	Burwood Community Voice
SUNG, Suk	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TAUNTON, Justin	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TURCO, Angela	-
WEILEY, David	-
WEILEY, Vanessa	-
WONG, Ernest	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
YU, Ellen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Byron Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
RICHARDSON, Simon	The Greens

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CAMERON, Basil	Our Sustainable Future
CUBIS, Chris	-
DEY, Duncan	The Greens
HUNTER, Alan	-
IBRAHIM, Sol	-
SPOONER, Paul	-
WANCHAP, Rose	The Greens
WOODS, Diane	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/byron-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	21,740
Residential roll	21,681
Non-residential roll	59
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,993

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	75.8%
Formal votes	15,578
Informal votes	903
Total votes	16,481
Informality rate	5.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	4,469
Rate of Failure to Vote ²³	20.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Byron Shire Council 2012 Election

\$140,851.00

Cost per elector

\$6.51

Byron Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$904.50
Candidates and polling places	\$2,409.88
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$86.00
TOTAL	\$3,400.38

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 328 calls from postcodes within Byron Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,345 unique visitors to Byron Shire Council election web page.

²³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Ian Smith

Returning Officer's Office

Byron Region Returning Officer's Office
Mullumbimby Civic Hall
55 Dalley Street
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Councils in Region

Ballina Shire Council and Byron Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	36
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	4
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	29
Council Count Manager	2
Part Day Election Officials	4
Total Staff	89

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Byron Bay Pre-Poll, Byron Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/byron-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Byron Shire Echo
Byron Shire News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	6
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	4

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	29
Female Candidates	12
Male Candidates	17

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

CAMERON, Basil	Our Sustainable Future
IBRAHIM, Sol	-
MORGAN,	-
RICHARDSON, Simon	The Greens
SUGARMAN, Jack	-
WOODS, Diane	-

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

ARROWSMITH, Paul	Our Sustainable Future
BEATSON, Jim	The Greens
BROMLEY, Cherie	-
CAMERON, Basil	Our Sustainable Future
CUBIS, Chris	-
DEY, Duncan	The Greens
EADY, Mira	-
GEARY, Syd	-

GORR, Amanda	-
HALLINAN, Mandy	Our Sustainable Future
HAMMOND, Donna	-
HART, Tony	Our Sustainable Future
HOCKING, Clare	The Greens
HUNTER, Alan	-
IBRAHIM, Sol	-
KHONG, Rhonda	The Greens
KOLBE, Karin	-
LYNCH, Laurie	-
MACKAY, Bill	-
MARTIN, Jeannette	-
MORIARTY, Michael	-
MURRAY, Michael	-
PRESTON, Philip	-
RICHARDSON, Simon	The Greens
SARGEANT, Rebecca	-
SPOONER, Paul	-
WANCHAP, Rose	The Greens
WODISKE, Bradley	-
WOODS, Diane	-

Cabonne Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Wednesday, 12 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CULVERSON, Janelle	-
DAVISON, Ian	-
DEAN, Geoff	-
DURKIN, Anthony	-
GOSPER, Ian	-
HAYES, Michael	-
MAC SMITH, Lachlan	-
NASH, Marlene	-
SMITH, Graham	-
TREAVORS, Greg	-
WALKER, Kevin	-
WILCOX, Sharon	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cabonne-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	9,446
Residential roll	9,441
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	389

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.8%
Formal votes	7,583
Informal votes	522
Total votes	8,105
Informality rate	6.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	870
Rate of Failure to Vote ²⁴	9.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Cabonne Shire Council 2012 Election

\$71,820.00

Cost per elector

\$7.63

Cabonne Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$829.85
Candidates and polling places	\$1,919.03
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$518.66
TOTAL	\$3,267.54

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 246 calls from postcodes within Cabonne Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,897 unique visitors to Cabonne Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Ross Baker

²⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Orange Region Returning Officer's Office
Rear of 217 Summer Street
Orange NSW 2800

Councils in Region

Cabonne Shire Council and Orange City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	14
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	17
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	34

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	17

Pre-poll centre locations

Molong Pre-Poll, Orange Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cabonne-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Orange Central Western Daily

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	21
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	18

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BURN, Barry	-
CHRYSTALL, Ralph	-
CULVERSON, Janelle	-
DAVISON, Ian	-
DEAN, Geoff	-
DURKIN, Anthony	-
GOSPER, Ian	-
HAYES, Michael	-
INGHAM, Gerald	-
JOHNSON, Derek	-
JONES, Jamie	-
MAC SMITH, Lachlan	-
MULLINS, Paul	-
NASH, Marlene	-
PUNCH, Lenny	-
SMITH, Graham	-
TREAVORS, Greg	-
WALKER, Kevin	-
WARD, Tom	-
WILCOX, Sharon	-
YOUNG, Colin	-

Camden Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Central Ward	
FEDELI, Therese	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FISCHER, Penny	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WARREN, Greg	-
North Ward	
BLIGH, David	-
SIDGREAVES, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SYMKOWIAK, Lara	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
South Ward	
CAMPBELL, Eva	-
COPELAND, Greg	-
DEWBERRY, Debby	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/camden-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	38,930
Residential roll	38,925
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,749

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.1%
Formal votes	31,075
Informal votes	2,828
Total votes	33,903
Informality rate	8.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,871
Rate of Failure to Vote ²⁵	10.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Camden Council 2012 Election

\$232,675.00

Cost per elector

\$5.99

Camden Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$385.09
Candidates and polling places	\$3,080.70
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$144.41
TOTAL	\$3,610.20

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 550 calls from postcodes within Camden Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,954 unique visitors to Camden Council election web page.

²⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Paul Sweeney

Returning Officer's Office

Camden Region Returning Officer's Office
The Undercroft, Camden Civic Centre
40 Oxley Street
Camden NSW 2570

Councils in Region

Camden Council and Wollondilly Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	26
Polling Place Managers	17
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	8
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	8
Election Officials	67
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	10
Total Staff	137

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	27

Pre-poll centre locations

Camden Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/camden-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Camden/Narellan Advertiser
Camden Chronicle
Macarthur Advertiser

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	47
Female Candidates	21
Male Candidates	26

Central Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	6

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	9

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	20
Female Candidates	9
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

CAGNEY, Cindy	-
EATON, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
EDWARDS, Coral	-

FEDELI, Therese	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FENECH, Theresa	-
FISCHER, Penny	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GATT, Alison	-
LUCK, Mark	-
O'FLYNN, Anthony	-
SWEENEY, Kevin	-
WARREN, Greg	-
ZAPPIA, Domenic	-

North Ward

BLIGH, David	-
FUNNELL, David	-
HATZISAVAS, Koula	-
HERBERT, Grant	-
JOHNSON, Peter	-
McLEAN, Linda	-
McLEAN, Peter	-
NOLAN, Steven	-
NORTHEY, Ray	-
RILEY, Jim	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SAROS, Deanne	-
SIDGREAVES, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SYMKOWIAK, Lara	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
VUMBACA, Frances	-
WARREN, Simone	-

South Ward

ANDERSON, Fred	-
CAGNEY, Dave	-
CAMPBELL, Eva	-
COPELAND, Greg	-
DEWBERRY, Debby	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOUGLAS, Briony	-
DUNSHEA, Katrina	-
FAIRBAIRN, Cheryl	-
GLYNN, Elyse	-
HEANEY, Andrew	-
MADDOCK, Keith	-
MORRISON, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MOSS, Ashleigh	-
NOVEK, Carina	-
PERIN, Richard	-
STEEL, Richard	-
TURNER, Maryann	-
VENESS, John	-
WHITE, Alan	-
WINTON, Ken	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Campbelltown City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BORG, Fred	Totally Locally Committed Party
BRTICEVIC, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CHANTHIVONG, Anoulack	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DOBSON, Sue	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
GLYNN, Wal	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GREISS, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HAWKER, Paul	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KOLKMAN, Rudi	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LAKE, Paul	Community First Team
LOUND, Darcy	Totally Locally Committed Party
MATHESON, Alana	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MEAD, Clinton	Liberal Democratic Party
OATES, Meg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ROWELL, Ted	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
THOMPSON, Bob	Bob Thompson's Independent Team

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/campbelltown-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	97,031
Residential roll	97,021
Non-residential roll	10
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	10,975

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.6%
Formal votes	74,316
Informal votes	7,765
Total votes	82,081
Informality rate	9.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	12,246
Rate of Failure to Vote ²⁶	12.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Campbelltown City Council 2012 Election

\$553,687.00

Cost per elector

\$5.72

Campbelltown City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,863.54
Candidates and polling places	\$7,735.25
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,431.77
TOTAL	\$12,030.56

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,193 calls from postcodes within Campbelltown City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,316 unique visitors to Campbelltown City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

²⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Andrew Bzadough

Returning Officer's Office

Campbelltown Returning Officer's Office
Campbelltown Civic Hall
91 Queen Street
Campbelltown NSW 2560

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	29
Polling Place Managers	41
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	19
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	18
Election Officials	166
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	22
Total Staff	296

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	42

Pre-poll centre locations

Campbelltown Returning Officer's Office, Ingleburn Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/campbelltown-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Macarthur Advertiser
Macarthur Chronicle

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	102
Female Candidates	30
Male Candidates	72

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ANIS, Mary	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
ANIS, Sarah	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
ANTUNOVIC, Steve	-
ASSAL, Michael	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
BESHAY, Marina	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BORG, Athina	Totally Locally Committed Party
BORG, Fred	Totally Locally Committed Party
BRASSIL, Greg	-
BROADBRIDGE, Colin	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
BRTICEVIC, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BURRASTON, Rhett	-
CASAS, Alan	-
CHANTHIVONG, Anoulack	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CHEW, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHOPPING, Cathy	Community First Team
COCKER, Brad	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
COLLINS, Trent	-
COTTER, Josh	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CUNNINGHAM, Bob	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
CUNNINGHAM, Keith	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOBSON, Sue	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
DRAPER, Tammy	-
EDWARDS, Mandy	-
ELLIOTT-HALLS, Samantha	Australian Democrats (NSW Division)
FALIA, Michael	-
FORD, Roger	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
FOSTER, Julie	Totally Locally Committed Party
FRUEAN, Mal	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
FUENTES, Julio	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
GALIELL, Tofick	-
GEORGE, Ralph	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

GHALY, Mina	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
GLYNN, Wal	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GOUHAR, Sara	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
GREISS, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HANNA, Isaac	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
HAWKER, Paul	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HURTADO, Sandra	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
ISLAM, Muhammed	-
JARRAH, Taufik Campbelltown Koalas	Community Service "Environment" Save
KADIR, Robert	Totally Locally Committed Party
KELLY, Iain	Community First Team
KELLY, Kevin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KHAN, Tamrez	-
KOLKMAN, Rudi	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KOZMAN, Fady	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
LAKE, Paul	Community First Team
LAUL, Brian	Totally Locally Committed Party
LAWS, Robert	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LAY, Rosalina	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
LLOYD, Katrina	Liberal Democratic Party
LOUND, Darcy	Totally Locally Committed Party
LUNA, Nusrat	-
MAHER, Jessica	-
MANNIS, Terry	Community First Team
MANOTO, Rey	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MARANTZ, Cherie	Totally Locally Committed Party
MATHESON, Alana	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McKAY, Allan	Totally Locally Committed Party
MEAD, Clinton	Liberal Democratic Party
MEAD, Dian	Liberal Democratic Party
MELVILLE, Alex	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MORCOMB, Alan	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
MORRISON, Warren	Totally Locally Committed Party
MULLANE, Michael	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
OATES, Meg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PAREEZER, Jennifer	-
PARNHAM, Anne	Community First Team
PERUMAL, Adrian	-
POTTS, Gary	-
RAHMAN, Syed	-
RAMSAY, John	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
RAMSAY, Sarah	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
REDONDO, Chris	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
RIXON, Brett	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
ROSE, Kimberley	-
ROUEN, Nicholas	Liberal Democratic Party
ROUEN, Sam	Liberal Democratic Party

ROUEN, Timothy	Liberal Democratic Party
ROWELL, Ted	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SARAO, Jaspal	-
SARKER, Abul	-
SCOPE, Joe	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
SHORTLAND, Darryl	Totally Locally Committed Party
SIMPSON, Gerald	Community First Team
SINGH, Raj	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
SMITHERS, Wayne	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
STANLEY, Bill	-
STEWART, Ian	Totally Locally Committed Party
STEWART, Stephen	Community First Team
TABLANTE, Enrico	Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas
THOMPSON, Bob	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
THOMPSON, Jason	Bob Thompson's Independent Team
TOTH, Carole	-
TOTH, Gabor	-
TREE, Teresa	Community First Team
TURNER, Les	Totally Locally Committed Party
TURVEY, Michael	Liberal Democratic Party
USOPE, Linda	Community First Team
WHITE, Gareth	Liberal Democratic Party
WOOD, Annamaria	Community First Team
YOUNG, Kristi	-

City of Canada Bay Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
TSIREKAS, Angelo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
AHMED, Tanveer	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CESTAR, Mirjana	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FASANELLA, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KENZLER, Neil	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MEGNA, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McCAFFREY, Helen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
O'CONNELL, Marian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TYRRELL, Pauline	The Greens

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/city-of-canada-bay-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	52,168
Residential roll	52,165
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	5,616

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.2%
Formal votes	40,070
Informal votes	2,819
Total votes	42,889
Informality rate	6.6%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	6,970
Rate of Failure to Vote ²⁷	13.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the City of Canada Bay Council 2012 Election

\$337,743.00

Cost per elector

\$6.49

City of Canada Bay Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,544.72
Candidates and polling places	\$3,099.20
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,550.64
TOTAL	\$7,194.56

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,054 calls from postcodes within City of Canada Bay Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,485 unique visitors to City of Canada Bay Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

One braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

²⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Karen Firestone

Returning Officer's Office

Canada Bay Region Returning Officer's Office
142 Great North Road
Five Dock NSW 2046

Councils in Region

Canada Bay City Council and Hunters Hill Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	33
Polling Place Managers	19
Polling Place Assistants	5
Deputy Polling Place Managers	11
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	14
Election Officials	86
Council Count Manager	3
Part Day Election Officials	14
Total Staff	186

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	20

Pre-poll centre locations

Canada Bay Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/city-of-canada-bay-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Inner West Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	27
Female Candidates	12
Male Candidates	15

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

MEGNA, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TSIREKAS, Angelo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TYRRELL, Pauline	The Greens

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

AHMED, Tanveer	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BELGRAVE, Leon	Liberal Democratic Party
BOLOS, Elias	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BURT, Chris	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BUTLER, Adam	The Greens
CAPRARO, Carla	Liberal Democratic Party
CESTAR, Mirjana	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CROSBY, Sam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DOWNES, Amanda	Liberal Democratic Party
EDWARDS, Therese	Liberal Democratic Party
FASANELLA, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
FINKELSTEIN, Jan	The Greens

JAMES, Clayton	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KENZLER, Neil	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LEYONHJELM, David	Liberal Democratic Party
LODER, Kaye	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MAHTANI, Sundar	The Greens
MARKS, Jacqui	The Greens
MAXWELL, Steve	The Greens
McCAFFREY, Helen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MEGNA, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
O'CONNELL, Marian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RIZAKOS, Gina	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TSIREKAS, Angelo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TYRRELL, Pauline	The Greens
WRIGHT, Georgia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
YAP, Nicholas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Canterbury City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
ROBSON, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

ADLER, Mark	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KEBBE, Fadwa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NAM, Ken	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

East Ward

EISLER, Linda	The Greens
PASCHALIDIS-CHILAS, Esta	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VASILIADES, Con	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

West Ward

AZZI, Pierre	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HAWATT, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SALEH, Karl	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/canterbury-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	86,974
Residential roll	86,973
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	7,810

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.9%
Formal votes	63,424
Informal votes	8,687
Total votes	72,111
Informality rate	12.0%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	10,302
Rate of Failure to Vote ²⁸	11.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Canterbury City Council 2012 Election

\$544,142.00

Cost per elector

\$6.27

Canterbury City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$3,688.00
Candidates and polling places	\$8,904.06
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,250.00
TOTAL	\$13,842.06

²⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,377 calls from postcodes within Canterbury City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 6,746 unique visitors to Canterbury City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

One braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Ray Pozzato

Returning Officer's Office

Canterbury Returning Officer's Office
Shop 3-5, 300-306 Canterbury Road
Canterbury NSW 2193

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	20
Polling Place Managers	34
Polling Place Assistants	3
Deputy Polling Place Managers	26
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	19
Election Officials	181
Council Count Manager	4
Part Day Election Officials	21
Total Staff	309

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	42

Pre-poll centre locations

Canterbury Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/canterbury-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Torch
Valley Times
Canterbury Bankstown Express

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
One Councillor nomination was withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	6
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	3

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	47
Female Candidates	16
Male Candidates	31

Central Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	21
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	13

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	9

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

CON, Maria	-
EISLER, Linda	The Greens
HAWATT, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KUNIANSKY, Joanne	-
ROBSON, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TAYLOR, James	-

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

Central Ward

ADJIMAN, Carlos	The Greens
ADLER, Mark	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CHEN, Gengxing	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
COLLET, Francois	-
CON, Maria	-
FOUNTAIN, Cerelia	-
GAYLA, Marifi	-
HICK, Paul	The Greens
KEBBE, Fadwa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LAM, Floris	Unity Party
LIU, James	-
LOGIOTATOS, Melina	-
MADIRAZZA, Philip	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
NAM, Ken	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
NGUYEN, Trong	-
PENICKA-SMITH, Melanie	The Greens
POPAL, Fahim	-
SIMONE, Phillip	-
TOIAIVAO, Leilagi	Unity Party
WRIGHT, Dolores	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ZENG, Zi	Unity Party

East Ward

BOUSAMRA, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
EISLER, Linda	The Greens
ERREY, Jo	The Greens
FITZGERALD, Paul	The Greens
GIANNACOPOULOS, Harry	-
NADDAF, Joe	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

PAMBRIS, Sam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PARRILLO, Geraldine	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PASCHALIDIS-CHILAS, Esta	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SANTAMARIA, Anthony	-
TAYLOR, James	-
VASILIADES, Con	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WEIR, Robert	-
ZAFIRIOU, Vera	-

West Ward

AZZI, Pierre	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BOBBIN, Gordon	-
GHABBAR, Sanaa	The Greens
HAWATT, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JARVIE, James	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ROBSON, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ROMANAKIS, Soula	-
SALEH, Karl	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STAIKOS, Spyros	-
STELZER, Glen	The Greens
THORNTHWAITE, Wendy	The Greens
VASILIADES, William	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Carrathool Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

ARMSTRONG, Mick	-
JARDINE, Darryl	-

B Ward

CAMPBELL, Russell	-
MERRYLEES, Margaret	-

C Ward

CAUGHEY, Jim	-
KITE, William	-

D Ward

FENSOM, David	-
PETERS, Geoff	-

E Ward

CASHMERE, Vince	-
LAIRD, Peter	-

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,859
Residential roll	1,859
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	91

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Carrathool Shire Council 2012 Election

\$5,362.00

Cost per elector

\$2.89

Carrathool Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,281.51
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$973.06
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,254.57

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 22 calls from postcodes within Carrathool Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 243 unique visitors to Carrathool Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested.

Returning Officer

Matthew Farley

Returning Officer's Office

Leeton Region Returning Officer's Office
18-22 Kurrajong Avenue
Leeton NSW 2705

Councils in Region

Carrathool Shire Council, Griffith City Council, Leeton Shire Council, Murrumbidgee Shire Council and Narrandera Shire Council

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Hillston Spectator
Griffith Area News
Hay Riverine Grazier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	9

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	1

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

D Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

E Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

Central Darling Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

LIVERSIDGE, Honor	-
SAMMON, Eamon	-
SULLIVAN, Peter	-

B Ward

LINNETT, Clive	-
LONGFELLOW, Ray	-
STANDLEY, Dennis	-

C Ward

ASTILL, Garry	-
LOONEY, Lorraine	-
PAGE, Ron	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/central-darling-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,186
Residential roll	1,144
Non-residential roll	42
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	58

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	72.3%
Formal votes	807
Informal votes	51
Total votes	858
Informality rate	5.9%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvt.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	257
Rate of Failure to Vote ²⁹	21.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Central Darling Shire Council 2012 Election

\$15,447.00

Cost per elector

\$13.05

Central Darling Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$767.88
Candidates and polling places	\$1,708.06
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$122.20
TOTAL	\$2,598.14

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 26 calls from postcodes within Central Darling Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 524 unique visitors to Central Darling Shire Council election web page.

²⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Darren Flowers

Returning Officer's Office

Broken Hill Region Returning Officer's Office
37-39 Oxide Street
Broken Hill NSW 2880

Councils in Region

Broken Hill City Council, Central Darling Shire Council and Wentworth Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	4
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	9

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	10

Pre-poll centre locations

Broken Hill Region Returning Officer's Office, Wilcannia Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/central-darling-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

BDT
Hillston Spectator
Wilcannia News
Ivanhoe School

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	9

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	4

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	2

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

BATES, William	-
LIVERSIDGE, Honor	-
MURRAY, William	-
SAMMON, Eamon	-
SULLIVAN, Peter	-

B Ward

JOHNSTONE, Fay	-
LINNETT, Clive	-
LONGFELLOW, Ray	-
STANDLEY, Dennis	-

C Ward

ASTILL, Garry	-
LOONEY, Lorraine	-
PAGE, Ron	-
REID, Moya	-

Clarence Valley Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BAKER, Andrew	-
CHALLACOMBE, Jeremy	-
HOWE, Craig	-
HUGHES, Sue	-
KINGSLEY, Jason	-
McKENNA, Margaret	-
SIMMONS, Jim	-
TOMS, Karen	-
WILLIAMSON, Richie	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/clarence-valley-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select 04 - *Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	37,168
Residential roll	37,165
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	3,722

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.7%
Formal votes	28,647
Informal votes	2,454
Total votes	31,101
Informality rate	7.9%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	4,606
Rate of Failure to Vote ³⁰	12.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Clarence Valley Council 2012 Election

\$235,268.00

Cost per elector

\$6.35

Clarence Valley Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,571.79
Candidates and polling places	\$1,423.43
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$314.62
TOTAL	\$3,309.84

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 465 calls from postcodes within Clarence Valley Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,522 unique visitors to Clarence Valley Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Clifford Mitchell

³⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office
15 Prince Street
Grafton NSW 2460

Councils in Region

Clarence Valley Council, Kyogle Council, Lismore City Council and Richmond Valley Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	73
Polling Place Managers	31
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	2
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	59
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	8
Total Staff	176

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	9
Election day Polling Places	32

Pre-poll centre locations

Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office, Maclean Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/clarence-valley-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Don Dorrigo Gazette
Daily Examiner
Grafton Clarence Valley Review

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	17
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BAKER, Andrew	-
BEEBY, Jane	-
CHALLACOMBE, Jeremy	-
CLANCY, Greg	-
DE ROOS, Joy	-
HOWE, Craig	-
HUGHES, Sue	-
KINGSLEY, Jason	-
McIVOR, Micheal	-
McKENNA, Margaret	-
MORRISON, Rod	-
PARKINSON, Paul	-
SCOTT, Margot	-
SIMMONS, Jim	-
TOMS, Karen	-
TUNKS, Ursula	-
WILLIAMSON, Richie	-

Cobar Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRADY, Lilliane	-
HARRISON, John	-
ISBESTER, Marsha	-
KINGS, Tracey	-
MARSDEN, Jarrod	-
MARTIN, Greg	-
MAXWELL, Peter	-
SINCLAIR, Bob	-
SMITH, Pam	-
TOOMEY, Harley	-
WILSON, Raymond	-
YENCH, Peter	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cobar-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,096
Residential roll	3,095
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	374

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Cobar Shire Council 2012 Election

\$12,395.00

Cost per elector

\$4.01

Cobar Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$345.90
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$234.56
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$580.46

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 5 calls from postcodes within Cobar Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 294 unique visitors to Cobar Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Stephen Middleton

Returning Officer's Office

Cobar Region Returning Officer's Office
19 Barton Street
Cobar NSW 2835

Councils in Region

Bogan Shire Council, Bourke Shire Council, Brewarrina Shire Council and Cobar Shire Council

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Cobar Weekly
Cobar Age

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	8

Conargo Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

CLANCY, Bernard	-
WALLACE, Mac	-

B Ward

BRENNAN, Norm	-
METCALFE, Nick	-

C Ward

HENDERSON, Donald	-
McALLISTER, Norm	-

D Ward

DYE, Sally	-
McCRABB, Peter	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/conargo-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select 04 - *Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,133
Residential roll	1,132
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Conargo Shire Council 2012 Election

\$3,283.00

Cost per elector

\$2.91

Conargo Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$952.52
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$798.60
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,751.12

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 3 calls from postcodes within Conargo Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 160 unique visitors to Conargo Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested.

Returning Officer

Erin Hore

Returning Officer's Office

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office
Old Finley Library
54 Denison Street
Finley NSW 2713

Councils in Region

Berrigan Shire Council, Conargo Shire Council, Deniliquin Council, Jerilderie Shire Council and Murray Shire Council

Pre-poll centre locations

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/conargo-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Deniliquin Pastoral Times
Finley Southern Riverina News
Hay Riverine Grazier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	7

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

D Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	1

Coolamon Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BEARD, Grant	-
BRILL, Dennis	-
HUTCHEON, Bruce	-
HUXTABLE, Bec	-
LOGAN, Kerrilee	-
MASLIN, Kathy	-
MCCANN, David	-
SEYMOUR, John	-
WHITE, Alan	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/coolamon-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,045
Residential roll	3,045
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	158

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.5%
Formal votes	2,488
Informal votes	85
Total votes	2,573
Informality rate	3.3%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	313
Rate of Failure to Vote ³¹	10.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Coolamon Shire Council 2012 Election

\$27,182.00

Cost per elector

\$8.96

Coolamon Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$859.42
Candidates and polling places	\$2,351.46
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$3,460.88

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 60 calls from postcodes within Coolamon Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 594 unique visitors to Coolamon Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Alan Salmon

³¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office
Riverina Community College
76 Wallendoon Street
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Councils in Region

Coolamon Shire Council, Cootamundra Shire Council, Harden Shire Council, Junee Shire Council and Temora Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	5
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	6
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	12

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	6

Pre-poll centre locations

Coolamon Pre-Poll, Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/coolamon-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Wagga Daily Advert.
Temora Independent

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BEARD, Grant	-
BRILL, Dennis	-
CRUIKSHANK, Catherine	-
HAYES, Matthew	-
HUTCHEON, Bruce	-
HUXTABLE, Bec	-
LOGAN, Kerrilee	-
MASLIN, Kathy	-
MCCANN, David	-
MENZIES, Megan	-
SEYMOUR, John	-
SMITH, John	-
WHITE, Alan	-

Cooma-Monaro Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CORBETT, Rogan	-
HUGHES, Martin	-
INGRAM, Angela	-
KALTOUM, Tony	-
LYNCH, Dean	-
MITCHELL, Craig	-
MONDELLO, Ignazio	-
PHILLIPS, Winston	-
TAYLOR, Bronnie	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cooma-monaro-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	7,178
Residential roll	7,168
Non-residential roll	10
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	438

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.6%
Formal votes	5,199
Informal votes	518
Total votes	5,717
Informality rate	9.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,166
Rate of Failure to Vote ³²	16.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Cooma-Monaro Shire Council 2012 Election

\$62,261.00

Cost per elector

\$8.71

Cooma-Monaro Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$888.34
Candidates and polling places	\$198.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$99.00
TOTAL	\$1,185.34

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 127 calls from postcodes within Cooma-Monaro Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,354 unique visitors to Cooma-Monaro Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Susan Burke

³² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cooma Region Returning Officer's Office
Shop 3, 57 Sharp Street
Cooma NSW 2630

Councils in Region

Bombala Council, Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and Snowy River Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	10
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	11
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	31

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Cooma Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cooma-monaro-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Cooma-Monaro Express
Cooma Post

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	14

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ALLEN, Steve	-
CORBETT, Rogan	-
HUGHES, Martin	-
INGRAM, Angela	-
KALTOUM, Tony	-
KAY, Glynn	-
LLOYD, Will	-
LYNCH, Dean	-
MITCHELL, Craig	-
MONDELLO, Ignazio	-
PERKINS, John	-
PHILLIPS, Winston	-
STARRS, Denis	-
TAYLOR, Bronnie	-
THALER, Andrew	-
TURNER, David	-

Coonamble Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BURNHEIM, Bill	-
CULLEN, Tom	-
KARANOUH, Allan	-
KEADY, Danny	-
SCHIEB, Don	-
WALKER, John	-
WEBB, Michael	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/coonamble-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,766
Residential roll	2,766
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	251

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.0%
Formal votes	2,300
Informal votes	52
Total votes	2,352
Informality rate	2.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	343
Rate of Failure to Vote ³³	12.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Coonamble Shire Council 2012 Election

\$24,448.00

Cost per elector

\$8.86

Coonamble Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$258.95
Candidates and polling places	\$665.02
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$203.31
TOTAL	\$1,127.28

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 25 calls from postcodes within Coonamble Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 563 unique visitors to Coonamble Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Helen Murray

³³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Gilgandra Region Returning Officer's Office
72 Miller Street
Gilgandra NSW 2827

Councils in Region

Coonamble Shire Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Warren Shire Council and Warrumbungle Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	3
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	9

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	4

Pre-poll centre locations

Coonamble Pre-Poll, Gilgandra Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/coonamble-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Coonamble Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	13

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BURNHEIM, Bill	-
COHEN, Adam	-
CULLEN, Tom	-
KARANOUH, Allan	-
KEADY, Danny	-
MOPPETT, Peter	-
ROBINSON, Adam	-
SCHIEB, Don	-
WALKER, John	-
WARE, Bob	-
WEBB, Michael	-
WHEELHOUSE, Paul	-
WHITE, Noel	-

Cootamundra Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRAYBROOKS, Paul	-
CHALMERS, Rod	-
DOIDGE, Stephen	-
DONNELLY, Mary	-
PALMER, Dennis	-
PHILLIPS, Doug	-
SLATTERY, James	-
STEWART, Craig	-
WIGHT, Rosalind	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cootamundra-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	5,621
Residential roll	5,620
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	432

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.6%
Formal votes	4,632
Informal votes	178
Total votes	4,810
Informality rate	3.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	556
Rate of Failure to Vote ³⁴	9.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Cootamundra Shire Council 2012 Election

\$43,693.00

Cost per elector

\$7.79

Cootamundra Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$687.46
Candidates and polling places	\$1,898.68
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$170.94
TOTAL	\$2,757.08

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 57 calls from postcodes within Cootamundra Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 626 unique visitors to Cootamundra Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Alan Salmon

³⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office
Riverina Community College
76 Wallendoon Street
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Councils in Region

Coolamon Shire Council, Cootamundra Shire Council, Harden Shire Council, Junee Shire Council and Temora Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	13
Polling Place Managers	5
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	9
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	29

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	6

Pre-poll centre locations

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cootamundra-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Cootamundra Herald

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BRAYBROOKS, Paul	-
CHALMERS, Rod	-
DOIDGE, Stephen	-
DONNELLY, Mary	-
GREWAL, Brian	-
PALMER, Dennis	-
PARDY, Nicholas	-
PHILLIPS, Doug	-
SLATTERY, James	-
STEWART, Craig	-
WIGHT, Rosalind	-

Corowa Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRUINSMA, Francesco	-
DAVEY, Daryl	-
LAW, Gail	-
LONGMIRE, Fred	-
MIEGEL, Paul	-
PALMER, Joan	-
SCHIRMER, Fiona	-
SHIELDS, Mark	-
WALES, Norm	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/corowa-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	7,985
Residential roll	7,984
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	385

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Corowa Shire Council 2012 Election

\$18,499.00

Cost per elector

\$2.33

Corowa Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$958.00
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$429.00
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,387.00

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 7 calls from postcodes within Corowa Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 343 unique visitors to Corowa Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested.

Returning Officer

Karen Mills

Returning Officer's Office

Albury Region Returning Officer's Office
575 Olive Street
Albury NSW 2640

Councils in Region

Albury City Council, Corowa Shire Council, Greater Hume Shire Council and Tumbarumba Shire Council

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Corowa Free Press
Yarrowong Chronicle

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	6

Cowra Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BROWN, Ian	-
FAGAN, Ruth	-
MALLON, Jack	-
MAYNES, Sue	-
MILLER, Bruce	-
SMITH, Judi	-
WALSH, Raymond	-
WEST, Bill	-
WRIGHT, Peter	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cowra-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	9,218
Residential roll	9,217
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	705

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.1%
Formal votes	7,268
Informal votes	396
Total votes	7,664
Informality rate	5.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,260
Rate of Failure to Vote ³⁵	13.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Cowra Shire Council 2012 Election

\$75,160.00

Cost per elector

\$8.18

Cowra Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$366.30
Candidates and polling places	\$651.20
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$162.00
TOTAL	\$1,179.50

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 114 calls from postcodes within Cowra Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,138 unique visitors to Cowra Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Mary Moffitt

³⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Young Region Returning Officer's Office
Young Town Hall
189-205 Boorowa Street
Young NSW 2594

Councils in Region

Boorowa Council, Cowra Shire Council, Weddin Shire Council and Young Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	15
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	25

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Cowra Pre-Poll, Young Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/cowra-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Cowra Guardian

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BRIDGES, Robert	-
BROWN, Ian	-
COX, David	-
FAGAN, Ruth	-
GEE, Larry	-
MALLON, Jack	-
MAYNES, Sue	-
MILLER, Bruce	-
RYAN, Tony	-
SMITH, Judi	-
WALSH, Raymond	-
WEST, Bill	-
WRIGHT, Peter	-

Deniliquin Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CONNELL, Peter	-
FOGARTY, Pat	-
HALL, Ashley	-
HOWLEY, Andrew	-
RENEWICK, Lindsay	-
SHAND, Jeff	-
TAYLOR, Sue	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/deniliquin-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	5,178
Residential roll	5,177
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	399

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Deniliquin Council 2012 Election

\$14,853.00

Cost per elector

\$2.88

Deniliquin Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$163.80
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$180.00
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$343.80

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 9 calls from postcodes within Deniliquin Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 453 unique visitors to Deniliquin Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested.

Returning Officer

Erin Hore

Returning Officer's Office

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office
Old Finley Library
54 Denison Street
Finley NSW 2713

Councils in Region

Berrigan Shire Council, Conargo Shire Council, Deniliquin Council, Jerilderie Shire Council and Murray Shire Council

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Deniliquin Pastoral Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	5

Dubbo City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
DICKERSON, Mathew	-
GRIFFITHS, Lyn	-
KELLY, Bill	-
MATTHEWS, Greg	-
MOHR, Greg	-
PARKER, Kevin	-
REYNOLDS, Tina	-
SHIELDS, Ben	-
SMITH, Allan	-
TOWNEY, Rod	-
WALKOM, John	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/dubbo-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	27,159
Residential roll	27,159
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	3,213

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.8%
Formal votes	21,765
Informal votes	2,069
Total votes	23,834
Informality rate	8.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,656
Rate of Failure to Vote ³⁶	9.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Dubbo City Council 2012 Election

\$195,838.00

Cost per elector

\$7.24

Dubbo City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,818.00
Candidates and polling places	\$2,454.30
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$424.20
TOTAL	\$4,696.50

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 328 calls from postcodes within Dubbo City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,860 unique visitors to Dubbo City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Katherine Reid

³⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Dubbo Region Returning Officer's Office
108 Macquarie Street
Dubbo NSW 2830

Councils in Region

Dubbo City Council, Narromine Shire Council and Wellington Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	32
Polling Place Managers	13
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	3
Election Officials	37
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	6
Total Staff	95

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	7
Election day Polling Places	14

Pre-poll centre locations

Dubbo Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/dubbo-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Daily Liberal

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	53
Female Candidates	20
Male Candidates	33

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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ANDERSON, Jack	-
CATELOTTI, Mick	-
CATELOTTI, Nikki	-
CATON, Laurie	-
COLLESS, Shirley	-
CUBBY, Amy	-
DAVEY, Scott	-
DICKERSON, Mathew	-
DICKSON, Deb	-
ELLIS, Nathan	-
GIBB, Jo	-
GIBBS, Peter	-
GORDON, John	-
GREENAWAY, Anne	-
GRIFFITHS, Lyn	-
HARRIS, Chris	-
JONES, Carle	-
KELLY, Bill	-
KELLY, Jim	-
KELLY, Mick	-
LYONS, Adam	-
MATTHEWS, Greg	-
MATTHEWS, Rhonda	-
MAWBEY, Wayne	-
McCARTHY, Debbie	-
McDONALD, Wayne	-
McKINNON, Barry	-
MOHR, Greg	-
MUTTON, Richard	-
NEILSON, Cindy	-
O'LEARY, Peter	-
PARKER, Kevin	-
POISSON, Rorque	-
RABBETT, Neil	-

REYNOLDS, Tina	-
SALT, Robert	-
SAYERS, Inesita	-
SEE, Cecil	-
SETON, Nicki	-
SHIELDS, Ben	-
SHIPP, Kellie	-
SHOOTER, Laura	-
SHOOTER, Nathan	-
SKORDALES, Peter	-
SMITH, Allan	-
SOMMERVILLE, Maryann	-
STAIT, Gavin	-
TOWNEY, Rod	-
WALKOM, John	-
WHEELER, Warrick	-
WILSON, Keneicha	-
WILSON, Shirley	-
WRIGHT, Jacqui	-

Dungog Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Wednesday, 12 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

BALE, Neville	-
FARROW, Stephen	-
NORMAN, Tracy	-

B Ward - Uncontested

JOHNSTON, Harold	-
KNUDSEN, Nancy	-
McKENZIE, Tony	-

C Ward

BOOTH, Robert	-
BOWDEN, Linda	-
WALL, Glenn	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/dungog-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	6,391
Residential roll	6,391
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	422

Participation and Informality³⁷

Participation rate	84.8%
Formal votes	3,483
Informal votes	157
Total votes	3,640
Informality rate	4.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote³⁷

Penalty Notices Issued	492
Rate of Failure to Vote ³⁸	11.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Dungog Shire Council 2012 Election

\$41,004.00

Cost per elector

\$6.43

Dungog Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$684.06
Candidates and polling places	\$2,605.71
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$342.00
TOTAL	\$3,631.77

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 170 calls from postcodes within Dungog Shire Council area.

³⁷ Figures for contested wards only

³⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 952 unique visitors to Dungog Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Leanne Maunder

Returning Officer's Office

Great Lakes Region Returning Officer's Office
Units 4-6, 21 Breese Parade
(Enter off Enterprise Court)
Forster NSW 2428

Councils in Region

Dungog Shire Council, Gloucester Shire Council and Great Lakes Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	6
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	13

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	7

Pre-poll centre locations

Dungog Pre-Poll, Great Lakes Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Maitland Mercury
Dungog Chronicle

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	7

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	2

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

BALE, Neville	-
FARROW, Stephen	-

LEWIS, Jennifer -
NORMAN, Tracy -

C Ward

BOOTH, Robert -
BOWDEN, Linda -
ROUSE, Dave -
WALL, Glenn -

Eurobodalla Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Monday, 17 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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BROWN, Lindsay	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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BRICE, Danielle	-
BURNSIDE, Neil	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
HARDING, Gabi	The Greens
INNES, Liz	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
LESLIGHT, Milton	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
POLLOCK, Rob	Eurobodalla First
SCHWARZ, Peter	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
THOMSON, Fergus	-

For full details of results see website –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/eurobodalla-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	27,778
Residential roll	27,402
Non-residential roll	376
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,182

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.2%
Formal votes	20,391
Informal votes	2,434
Total votes	22,825
Informality rate	10.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,365
Rate of Failure to Vote ³⁹	12.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Eurobodalla Shire Council 2012 Election

\$206,928.00

Cost per elector

\$7.48

Eurobodalla Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,539.80
Candidates and polling places	\$4,565.88
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,098.20
TOTAL	\$8,203.88

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 567 calls from postcodes within Eurobodalla Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,645 unique visitors to Eurobodalla Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

³⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Susan Flannery

Returning Officer's Office

Bega Region Returning Officer's Office
70 Gipps Street
(Former Retravisation Store)
Bega NSW 2550

Councils in Region

Bega Valley Shire Council and Eurobodalla Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	17
Polling Place Assistants	9
Deputy Polling Place Managers	2
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	36
Council Count Manager	3
Part Day Election Officials	5
Total Staff	74

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	5
Declared Institutions	9
Election day Polling Places	18

Pre-poll centre locations

Batemans Bay Pre-Poll, Bega Region Returning Officer's Office, Moruya Pre-Poll, Narooma Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/eurobodalla-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Bay Post
Eurobodalla Independent
Moruya Examiner
Narooma News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	21
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	15

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	54
Female Candidates	20
Male Candidates	34

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

BISHOP, Glenda	-
BROWN, Allan	-
BROWN, Lindsay	-
BURNSIDE, Neil	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
CAMERON, Michele	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
CONSTABLE, Phil	-
CREED, April	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
GIFFORD, Ron	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
HARDING, Gabi	The Greens
HARRISON, Tubby	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
INNES, Liz	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
KARNY-WINTERS, Orit	-
KOWAL, Chris	-
LESLIGHT, Milton	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
MORTON, Alan	-

POLLOCK, Rob	Eurobodalla First
SCHWARZ, Peter	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
SCOBIE, Graham	-
SMITH, Gary	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
THOMSON, Fergus	-
VARDON, Chris	-

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

BAILEY, Gary	-
BEASHEL, Michael	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
BISHOP, Glenda	-
BRICE, Danielle	-
BROWN, Allan	-
BROWN, Lindsay	-
BURNSIDE, Neil	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
BUSSA, Gerald	-
CAMERON, Michele	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
CARUANA, Janet	-
CARUANA, Paul	-
CHALLENGER, Ann	Eurobodalla First
CLOUT, John	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
CONSTABLE, Phil	-
CORNALL, John	Eurobodalla First
CREED, April	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
DIXON, Paul	-
DOUGLAS, Will	The Greens
EVANS, Joanne	-
FIELD, Dan	-
GIATRAS, Harry	-
GIFFORD, Ron	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
GOLDMAN, Alison	-
HACKETT, Emily	-
HARDING, Gabi	The Greens
HARRISON, Tubby	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
HASTIE, Brian	-
INNES, Liz	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
KARNY-WINTERS, Orit	-
KOWAL, Chris	-
LAW, Robbie	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
LESLIGHT, Milton	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
LONG, Tashe	-
MANNING, Maureen	-
MILLIKEN, Catherine	-
MORTON, Alan	-
PERGER, Margaret	The Greens
POLLOCK, Rob	Eurobodalla First
POTTS, Joe	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
REID, Janette	-
ROGERS, Damien	-
RYAN, Peter	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action

SCHWARZ, Peter	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
SCOBIE, Graham	-
SHEPHEARD, Jenny	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
SIMON, Les	-
SMITH, Gary	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
THOMSON, Fergus	-
ULRICHSEN, Ange	-
VARDON, Chris	Eurobodalla First
WELLARD, Michelle	The Greens
WILKINS, Peter	Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action
WILLIAMS, Anthony	-
ZAMMIT, Tyron	-

Forbes Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BOOTH, Dennis	-
FALCONER, Graham	-
JELBART, Michael	-
MATTISKE, Brian	-
MILLER, Graeme	-
MILLER, Phyllis	-
NICHOLSON, Jeff	-
PENNY, Ron	-
ROYLANCE, Chris	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/forbes-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	6,655
Residential roll	6,655
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	586

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.6%
Formal votes	5,533
Informal votes	163
Total votes	5,696
Informality rate	2.9%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	710
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴⁰	10.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Forbes Shire Council 2012 Election

\$53,408.00

Cost per elector

\$8.04

Forbes Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$475.64
Candidates and polling places	\$1,008.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$182.00
TOTAL	\$1,665.64

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 64 calls from postcodes within Forbes Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,263 unique visitors to Forbes Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Geoffrey Lark

⁴⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office
1-5 Bandon Street
Forbes NSW 2871

Councils in Region

Bland Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council and Parkes Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	18
Polling Place Managers	6
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	12
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	39

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	7

Pre-poll centre locations

Forbes Pre-Poll, Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/forbes-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Forbes Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BOOTH, Dennis	-
FALCONER, Graham	-
GLASSON, Yvonne	-
HODGES, Courtney	-
JELBART, Michael	-
LEACH, Rawson	-
MALLOY, Michael	-
MATTISKE, Brian	-
MILLER, Graeme	-
MILLER, Phyllis	-
NICHOLSON, Jeff	-
PENNY, Ron	-
ROYLANCE, Chris	-
SMITH, Nathan	Australian Protectionist Party

Gilgandra Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Wednesday, 12 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BAKER, Susan	-
BATTEN, Doug	-
CHAPMAN, Chris	-
COLLISON, John	-
HORAN, Stephen	-
JOHNSON, Gina	-
McGRATH, Laurie	-
PEART, Gregory	-
WALKER, Ash	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gilgandra-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,188
Residential roll	3,188
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	213

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.6%
Formal votes	2,625
Informal votes	105
Total votes	2,730
Informality rate	3.8%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	352
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴¹	11.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Gilgandra Shire Council 2012 Election

\$27,571.00

Cost per elector

\$8.66

Gilgandra Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$190.74
Candidates and polling places	\$302.94
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$151.47
TOTAL	\$645.15

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 50 calls from postcodes within Gilgandra Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 526 unique visitors to Gilgandra Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Helen Murray

⁴¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Gilgandra Region Returning Officer's Office
72 Miller Street
Gilgandra NSW 2827

Councils in Region

Coonamble Shire Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Warren Shire Council and Warrumbungle Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	1
Office Assistants	16
Polling Place Managers	3
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	27

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Gilgandra Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gilgandra-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Gilgandra Weekly

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BAKER, Susan	-
BATTEN, Doug	-
BUNTER, Amber	-
CHAPMAN, Chris	-
CLOUTEN, Doug	-
COLLISON, John	-
GORDON, Daniel	-
HOLLAND, Pamela	-
HORAN, Stephen	-
JOHNSON, Gina	-
McGRATH, Laurie	-
PEART, Gregory	-
WALKER, Ash	-

Glen Innes Severn Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
GRAHAM, James	-
NEWMAN, Dianne	-
PARSONS, Andrew	-
PRICE, Colin	-
QUINN, Graeme	-
SCHERF, Michael	-
SCHUMACHER, Malcolm	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/glen-innes-severn-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	6,533
Residential roll	6,530
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	420

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.8%
Formal votes	5,158
Informal votes	252
Total votes	5,410
Informality rate	4.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	749
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴²	11.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Glen Innes Severn Council 2012 Election

\$50,375.00

Cost per elector

\$7.74

Glen Innes Severn Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$187.11
Candidates and polling places	\$474.01
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$143.55
TOTAL	\$804.67

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 55 calls from postcodes within Glen Innes Severn Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 656 unique visitors to Glen Innes Severn Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Robert Vidler

⁴² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Glen Innes Region Returning Officer's Office
Glen Innes Town Hall
265 Grey Street
Glen Innes NSW 2370

Councils in Region

Glen Innes Severn Council, Inverell Shire Council and Tenterfield Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	1
Office Assistants	17
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	12
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	40

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Glen Innes Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/glen-innes-severn-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Glen Innes Examiner

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
CURTIS, Rosemary	-
GRAHAM, James	-
LOWIEN, Jeff	-
NEWMAN, Dianne	-
PARSONS, Andrew	-
PRICE, Colin	-
QUINN, Graeme	-
SCHERF, Michael	-
SCHUMACHER, Malcolm	-
SERVICE, David	-
SPEED, Janelle	-

Gloucester Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
HENDERSON, Jim	-
HOGGETT, Aled	-
HOOKE, Frank	-
HOOKE, James	-
ROSENBAUM, John	-
SMITH, Katheryn	-
TERSTEEG, Tony	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gloucester-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,859
Residential roll	3,852
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	250

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.0%
Formal votes	3,252
Informal votes	105
Total votes	3,357
Informality rate	3.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	367
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴³	9.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Gloucester Shire Council 2012 Election

\$25,011.00

Cost per elector

\$6.49

Gloucester Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$344.81
Candidates and polling places	\$623.26
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$107.11
TOTAL	\$1,075.18

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 66 calls from postcodes within Gloucester Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 559 unique visitors to Gloucester Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Leanne Maunder

⁴³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Great Lakes Region Returning Officer's Office
Units 4-6, 21 Breese Parade
(Enter off Enterprise Court)
Forster NSW 2428

Councils in Region

Dungog Shire Council, Gloucester Shire Council and Great Lakes Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	1
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	9

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	2

Pre-poll centre locations

Gloucester Pre-Poll, Great Lakes Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gloucester-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Gloucester Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
DUPREE, James	-
GERMON, Jerry	-
HENDERSON, Jim	-
HOGGETT, Aled	-
HOOKE, Frank	-
HOOKE, James	-
ROSENBAUM, John	-
SMITH, Katheryn	-
TERSTEEG, Tony	-

Gosford City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Monday, 17 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BOCKING, Deanna	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BOWLES, Gabby	-
BURKE, Chris	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOYLE, Craig	-
MACFADYEN, Jim	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MORRIS, Hillary	The Greens
McKINNA, Lawrie	-
SCOTT, Vicki	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STRICKSON, Jeff	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WARD, Bob	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gosford-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	119,887
Residential roll	119,884
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	12,786

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.5%
Formal votes	90,610
Informal votes	7,094
Total votes	97,704
Informality rate	7.3%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	15,960
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴⁴	13.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Gosford City Council 2012 Election

\$671,836.00

Cost per elector

\$5.61

Gosford City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,093.66
Candidates and polling places	\$2,421.98
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,093.66
TOTAL	\$4,609.30

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 2,504 calls from postcodes within Gosford City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 7,992 unique visitors to Gosford City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

One braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Peter Smith

⁴⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Gosford Returning Officer's Office
Level 1, 153 Mann Street
Gosford NSW 2250

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	34
Polling Place Managers	52
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	27
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	13
Election Officials	198
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	19
Total Staff	344

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	15
Election day Polling Places	53

Pre-poll centre locations

Erina Pre-Poll, Gosford Returning Officer's Office, Woy Woy Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gosford-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Central Coast Express Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	41
Female Candidates	15
Male Candidates	26

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BOCKING, Deanna	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BOWLES, Gabby	-
BROWN, Kaye	-
BURKE, Chris	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CROUCH, Adam	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DA COSTA, Kate	The Greens
DENGATE, Sue	-
DOYLE, Craig	-
DRAKE, Trevor	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
EDWARDS, Murray	-
FAULKNER, Holly	-
FAULKNER, Mitchell	-
GRACIA, Rebecca	-
HAGISTEFANIS, Nick	-
INGRAM, Heather	The Greens
JONES, Terry	The Greens
KILPATRICK, Ian	-
LYNCH, Daryl	-
MACFADYEN, Jim	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MAISEY, Brad	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MALONE, Paul	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
McCABE, Peter	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
McFARLAND, Dougie	-
McKINNA, Lawrie	-
McLAUGHLAN, Christian	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MORRIS, Hillary	The Greens
NORMAN, Pat	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
O'NEILL, Liam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RUDD, Emily	-
SAROLIS, Joanne	-
SCOTT, Vicki	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SIDIROPOULOS, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Katie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STEPHEN, Robert	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STRICKSON, Jeff	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SUTHERLAND, Leanne	-
TOMICH, Jason	-
VOUROS, Phocion	The Greens
WAGNER, Ren	-
WARD, Bob	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WARWICK, Deb	-

Goulburn Mulwaree Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BANFIELD, Andrew	-
JAMES, Carol	-
KETTLE, Geoff	-
KIRK, Bob	-
O'NEILL, Margaret	-
ROWLAND, Sam	-
SAVILLE, Robin	-
STURGISS, Denzil	-
WALKER, Alfie	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/goulburn-mulwaree-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	19,866
Residential roll	19,866
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,748

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.3%
Formal votes	14,866
Informal votes	2,075
Total votes	16,941
Informality rate	12.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,142
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴⁵	10.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Goulburn Mulwaree Council 2012 Election

\$140,785.00

Cost per elector

\$7.12

Goulburn Mulwaree Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$480.00
Candidates and polling places	\$644.15
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$122.10
TOTAL	\$1,246.25

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 245 calls from postcodes within Goulburn Mulwaree Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,985 unique visitors to Goulburn Mulwaree Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Brenda Hangilias

⁴⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Goulburn Region Returning Officer's Office
104 Clinton Street
Goulburn NSW 2580

Councils in Region

Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Yass Valley Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	28
Polling Place Managers	11
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	32
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	78

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	12

Pre-poll centre locations

Goulburn Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/goulburn-mulwaree-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Goulburn Post

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	18
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	15

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BANFIELD, Andrew	-
DILLON, Nina	-
JAMES, Carol	-
KETTLE, Geoff	-
KIRK, Bob	-
LUCAS, Roger	-
McALISTER, Frank	-
O'NEILL, Margaret	-
ORCHARD, Richard	-
PENNING, Neil	-
PETERSON, Geoff	-
ROWLAND, Sam	-
SAVILLE, Robin	-
SHEPHERD, Jason	-
STRASSER, Les	-
STURGISS, Denzil	-
THISTLETON, Andrew	-
WALKER, Alfie	-

Great Lakes Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
GILL, Linda	-
HUTCHINSON, Karen	-
MORWITCH, Jim	-
McCASKIE, Carol	-
McWILLIAMS, Jan	-
ROBERTS, Len	-
SUMMERS, Tony	-
VAUGHAN, Leigh	-
WEATE, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/great-lakes-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	27,492
Residential roll	27,479
Non-residential roll	13
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,459

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.9%
Formal votes	21,261
Informal votes	1,539
Total votes	22,800
Informality rate	6.8%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,267
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴⁶	11.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Great Lakes Council 2012 Election

\$206,347.00

Cost per elector

\$7.52

Great Lakes Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,840.94
Candidates and polling places	\$2,803.94
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,754.72
TOTAL	\$6,399.60

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 413 calls from postcodes within Great Lakes Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,110 unique visitors to Great Lakes Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Leanne Maunder

⁴⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Great Lakes Region Returning Officer's Office
Units 4-6, 21 Breese Parade
(Enter off Enterprise Court)
Forster NSW 2428

Councils in Region

Dungog Shire Council, Gloucester Shire Council and Great Lakes Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	31
Polling Place Managers	21
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	3
Election Officials	40
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	100

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	9
Election day Polling Places	22

Pre-poll centre locations

Forster Pre-Poll, Great Lakes Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/great-lakes-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Forster Great Lakes Advocate
Myall Coast NOTA
Dungog Chronicle
Gloucester Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	46
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	29

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ACKLAND, Helen	-
ANDERSON, Wayne	-
ANDREW, Brad	-
AUSTIN, Kelly	-
BICKFORD, Ted	-
BOLT, Natalie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CARSON, Gaye	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CARTER, Kevin	-
COLEMAN, Les	-
COLLINS, Louise	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
COOPER, Brett	-
COX, Noel	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DAVIS, Lynette	-
DUNN, Joel	-
FOWLE, Sharon	-
FROST, Adam	Liberal Democratic Party
GILL, Linda	-
HOAD, Rebecca	-
HODGESS, Doug	-
HUTCHINSON, Karen	-
LAWRENCE, Michael	-
MANNERS, Bob	-
McCASKIE, Carol	-
McWILLIAMS, Jan	-
MICALLEF, Greg	-
MOONEY, Peter	-
MORWITCH, Jim	-
PATON, Jan	-
PATTESON, Christian	-
ROBERTS, Len	-
ROHAN, Christian	-
RYAN, Scott	-
SCHUBERT, David	-
SCOTT, Daniel	-

SKILLEN, Leanne	-
SLATER, Sue	-
STAMP, Barry	-
STEPHENS, John	-
SUMMERS, Tony	-
TATE, Craig	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TUFFY, Mike	-
VAUGHAN, Leigh	-
WEATE, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WILDIE, Bruce	-
WILLIAMS, Jan	-
WILSON, Bob	-

Greater Hume Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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East Ward - Uncontested

McINERNEY, John	-
QUINN, Tony	-
WILTON, Heather	-

North Ward - Uncontested

HERIOT, Stuart	-
MEYER, Doug	-
SCHILG, Annette	-

South Ward

O'NEILL, Jenny	-
OSBORNE, Denise	-
SCHOFF, Karen	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/greater-hume-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	7,132
Residential roll	7,130
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	287

Participation and Informality⁴⁷

Participation rate	79.8%
Formal votes	1,821
Informal votes	59
Total votes	1,880
Informality rate	3.1%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote⁴⁷

Penalty Notices Issued	395
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴⁸	16.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Greater Hume Shire Council 2012 Election

\$39,905.00

Cost per elector

\$5.61

Greater Hume Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,016.17
Candidates and polling places	\$1,883.05
Uncontested elections	\$1,221.08
Results	\$320.85
TOTAL	\$4,441.15

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 56 calls from postcodes within Greater Hume Shire Council area.

⁴⁷ Figures for contested wards only

⁴⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 735 unique visitors to Greater Hume Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Karen Mills

Returning Officer's Office

Albury Region Returning Officer's Office
575 Olive Street
Albury NSW 2640

Councils in Region

Albury City Council, Corowa Shire Council, Greater Hume Shire Council and Tumbarumba Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	10

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Albury Region Returning Officer's Office, Culcairn Pre-Poll, Jindera Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/greater-hume-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Border Mail
Brocklesby Buzz
Culcairn Oasis
Holbrook Happenings
Henty Eastern Riverina Chronicle
Jindera News
Jindera Rural Rack
Wagga Wagga Daily Advertiser

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	5

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	1

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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South Ward

JACOB, Darryl	-
O'NEILL, Jenny	-
OSBORNE, Denise	-
SCHOFF, Karen	-

Greater Taree City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
HOGAN, Paul	-

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BELL, Kathryn	-
CHRISTENSEN, Brad	-
EPOV, Peter	-
JENKINS, Robyn	-
JENNISON, Trent	-
KEEGAN, David	-
TICKLE, Alan	-
WEST, David	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/greater-taree-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	35,283
Residential roll	35,278
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	3,549

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.8%
Formal votes	27,001
Informal votes	2,915
Total votes	29,916
Informality rate	9.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	5,340
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁴⁹	15.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Greater Taree City Council 2012 Election

\$246,170.00

Cost per elector

\$6.99

Greater Taree City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,090.24
Candidates and polling places	\$750.31
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$175.72
TOTAL	\$2,016.27

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 358 calls from postcodes within Greater Taree City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,131 unique visitors to Greater Taree City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

⁴⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Ken Raison

Returning Officer's Office

Port Macquarie Region Returning Officer's Office
Spotlight Complex
Shop 2, 180 Lake Road
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Councils in Region

Greater Taree City Council and Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	31
Polling Place Assistants	8
Deputy Polling Place Managers	2
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	55
Council Count Manager	7
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	107

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	10
Election day Polling Places	33

Pre-poll centre locations

Port Macquarie Region Returning Officer's Office, Taree Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/greater-taree-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Manning River Times
Wingham Chronicle

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	7

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	33
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	25

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BELL, Kathryn	-
EPOV, Peter	-
GALATI, Tony	-
HOGAN, Paul	-
HUTH, Diceman	-
SMITH, Bob	-
TICKLE, Alan	-
WEST, David	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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ANDERSON, Kerry	-
BELL, Kathryn	-
BUCKLEY, Brian	-
CHRISTENSEN, Brad	-
CLANCY, Bryan	-

COSWAY, Alex	-
CROOK, Richard	-
DEVERELL, Tim	-
DOUTHIE, Debbie	-
EPOV, Peter	-
GALATI, Tony	-
GIBBONS, Christine	-
HALL, Joan	-
HOGAN, Paul	-
HUDSON, Mike	-
HUTH, Diceman	-
JENKINS, Robyn	-
JENNISON, Trent	-
KEEGAN, David	-
KENT, Michael	-
LEVY, David	-
LEWERS, Paul	-
MAHARAJ, Nawal	-
MICHAEL, Jenny	-
QUINN, Dick	-
RACK, Susie	-
RANKIN, David	-
ROBERTSON, Bruce	-
SMITH, Bob	-
SUMMERFIELD, Brenden	-
TICKLE, Alan	-
VANDERPOLL, Walter	-
WEST, David	-

Griffith City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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DAL BROI, John	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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BALIND, Alison	-
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COX, Pat	-
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CROCE, Simon	-
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CURRAN, Doug	-
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LANCASTER, Bill	-
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NAPOLI, Anne	-
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NEVILLE, Mike	-
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ROSSETTO, Paul	-
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STEAD, Christine	-
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THORPE, Leon	-
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ZAPPACOSTA, Dino	-
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For full details of results see website –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/griffith-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	15,981
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Residential roll	15,981
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Non-residential roll	0
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SmartRolled Electors	1,283
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(30/7/11 – 30/7/12)

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.7%
Formal votes	11,628
Informal votes	1,587
Total votes	13,215
Informality rate	12.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,948
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵⁰	12.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Griffith City Council 2012 Election

\$128,772.00

Cost per elector

\$8.07

Griffith City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$824.36
Candidates and polling places	\$2,296.24
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$154.80
TOTAL	\$3,275.40

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 181 calls from postcodes within Griffith City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,276 unique visitors to Griffith City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

⁵⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Matthew Farley

Returning Officer's Office

Leeton Region Returning Officer's Office
18-22 Kurrajong Avenue
Leeton NSW 2705

Councils in Region

Carrathool Shire Council, Griffith City Council, Leeton Shire Council, Murrumbidgee Shire Council and Narrandera Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	10
Polling Place Assistants	1
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	24
Council Count Manager	3
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	40

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	11

Pre-poll centre locations

Griffith Pre-Poll, Leeton Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/griffith-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Griffith Area News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	8

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BENNETT, Allan	-
CROCE, Simon	-
DAL BROU, John	-
LANCASTER, Bill	-
NAPOLI, Anne	-
NEVILLE, Mike	-
PERRY, Lance	-
THORPE, Leon	-
ZAPPACOSTA, Dino	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BALIND, Alison	-
COX, Pat	-
CROCE, Simon	-
CURRAN, Doug	-
DAL BROU, John	-
DHANOA, Harnek	-

HOPPER, Brian	-
LANCASTER, Bill	-
MERCURI, Rina	-
NAPOLI, Anne	-
NEVILLE, Mike	-
PERRY, Lance	-
ROSSETTO, Paul	-
STEAD, Christine	-
THORPE, Leon	-
ZAPPACOSTA, Dino	-

Gundagai Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BATEY, Peter	-
CRANE, Mason	-
GAIN, Peter	-
GRAHAM, David	-
KINGWILL, Mike	-
MAGNONE, Ronnie	-
McALISTER, Abb	-
MOSES, Ron	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gundagai-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,693
Residential roll	2,693
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	95

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	86.3%
Formal votes	2,272
Informal votes	52
Total votes	2,324
Informality rate	2.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	255
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵¹	9.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Gundagai Shire Council 2012 Election

\$22,196.00

Cost per elector

\$8.27

Gundagai Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$833.78
Candidates and polling places	\$2,202.99
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$264.00
TOTAL	\$3,300.77

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 49 calls from postcodes within Gundagai Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 789 unique visitors to Gundagai Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Barry Shields

⁵¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office
70-72 Fitzmaurice Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Councils in Region

Gundagai Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Tumut Shire Council, Urana Shire Council and Wagga Wagga City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	6
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	7
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	14

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	7

Pre-poll centre locations

Gundagai Pre-Poll, Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gundagai-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Gundagai Independent
Tumut & Adelong Times
Cootamundra Herald

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BATEY, Peter	-
CRANE, Mason	-
CROOKS, David	-
GAIN, Peter	-
GRAHAM, David	-
GRAHAM, James	-
KINGWILL, Mike	-
MAGNONE, Ronnie	-
McALISTER, Abb	-
MOSES, Ron	-

Guyra Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
HEAGNEY, Dean	-
HIETBRINK, Hans	-
MARTIN, Lee	-
MURRAY, Simon	-
McARDLE, Audrey	-
VICKERY, Dorothy	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/guyra-shire-council.html

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Enrolment

Total Electors	3,127
Residential roll	3,127
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	152

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.5%
Formal votes	2,457
Informal votes	92
Total votes	2,549
Informality rate	3.6%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	361
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵²	11.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Guyra Shire Council 2012 Election

\$27,544.00

Cost per elector

\$8.83

Guyra Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,234.06
Candidates and polling places	\$2,138.63
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$576.00
TOTAL	\$3,948.69

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 50 calls from postcodes within Guyra Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 490 unique visitors to Guyra Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Desmond Breen

⁵² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office
2/206 Beardy Street
Armidale NSW 2350

Councils in Region

Armidale Dumaresq Council, Guyra Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	6
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	11

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	6

Pre-poll centre locations

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office, Guyra Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/guyra-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Armidale Express
Armidale Extra
Guyra Argus
Armidale Independent
Inverell Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	5

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ELLEM, Tish	-
FLEMING, Paul	-
HEAGNEY, Dean	-
HIETBRINK, Hans	-
MARTIN, Lee	-
McARDLE, Audrey	-
MURRAY, Simon	-
VICKERY, Dorothy	-

Gwydir Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
COULTON, John	-
DICK, Stuart	-
DIXON, Marilyn	-
DOERING, Angela	-
EGAN, Catherine	-
McDONALD, Kerry	-
PANKHURST, Peter	-
ROSE, David	-
SMITH, Geoff	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gwydir-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select 04 - *Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,799
Residential roll	3,798
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	172

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.9%
Formal votes	3,025
Informal votes	161
Total votes	3,186
Informality rate	5.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	377
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵³	10.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Gwydir Shire Council 2012 Election

\$34,789.00

Cost per elector

\$9.18

Gwydir Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,205.00
Candidates and polling places	\$3,786.15
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$276.42
TOTAL	\$5,267.57

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 76 calls from postcodes within Gwydir Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 513 unique visitors to Gwydir Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Sarah Risby

⁵³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Moree Region Returning Officer's Office
Moree Banquet Hall
36 Balo Street
Moree NSW 2400

Councils in Region

Gwydir Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council and Walgett Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	9
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	18

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Bingara Pre-Poll, Moree Region Returning Officer's Office, Warialda Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/gwydir-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Bingara Advocate
Barraba Gazette
The Warialda Standard
North West Magazine - (a newspaper published weekly that inserted & appears in
The Courier - Tues; Gunnedah; Tamworth Times; Barraba Gazette; Bingara;
Coonabarabran; Coonamble; Goondiwindi; Manilla; Narrabri Courier; Quirindi;
Warialda; Moree)

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
COULTON, John	-
DICK, Stuart	-
DIXON, Marilyn	-
DOERING, Angela	-
EGAN, Catherine	-
McDONALD, Kerry	-
PANKHURST, Peter	-
PRICE, Trevor	-
ROSE, David	-
SMITH, Geoff	-
SWAIN, Bob	-
YOUNG, Frances	-

Harden Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CAMPBELL, Tony	-
FLANERY, Tony	-
HORTON, John	-
MANCHESTER, Chris	-
REID, Neil	-
SANDERSON, Cathy	-
STADTMILLER, Matthew	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/harden-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,854
Residential roll	2,853
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	129

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.6%
Formal votes	2,406
Informal votes	94
Total votes	2,500
Informality rate	3.8%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	261
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵⁴	9.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Harden Shire Council 2012 Election

\$27,747.00

Cost per elector

\$9.76

Harden Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,149.00
Candidates and polling places	\$1,669.54
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$151.62
TOTAL	\$2,970.16

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 33 calls from postcodes within Harden Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 367 unique visitors to Harden Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Alan Salmon

⁵⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office
Riverina Community College
76 Wallendoon Street
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Councils in Region

Coolamon Shire Council, Cootamundra Shire Council, Harden Shire Council, Junee Shire Council and Temora Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	5
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	6
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	13

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	6

Pre-poll centre locations

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office, Harden Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/harden-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Harden Murrumburrah Express
Southern Weekly

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
CAMPBELL, Tony	-
FLANERY, Tony	-
HORTON, John	-
MADDEN, Tony	-
MANCHESTER, Chris	-
REID, Neil	-
SANDERSON, Cathy	-
STADTMILLER, Matthew	-

Hawkesbury City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CALVERT, Barry	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CONOLLY, Patrick	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CREED, Mike	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FORD, Kim	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LYONS-BUCKETT, Mary	-
MACKAY, Warwick	-
PAINE, Christine	-
PORTER, Bob	-
RASMUSSEN, Paul	-
REARDON, Jill	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TREE, Tiffany	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WILLIAMS, Leigh	The Greens

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/hawkesbury-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	43,950
Residential roll	43,921
Non-residential roll	29
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,665

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.1%
Formal votes	34,582
Informal votes	2,840
Total votes	37,422
Informality rate	7.6%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	5,086
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵⁵	11.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Hawkesbury City Council 2012 Election

\$287,373.00

Cost per elector

\$6.55

Hawkesbury City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$653.40
Candidates and polling places	\$2,123.44
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	Council did not provide details to Returning Officer
TOTAL	\$2,776.84

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 713 calls from postcodes within Hawkesbury City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,048 unique visitors to Hawkesbury City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Judith Shaw

⁵⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Hawkesbury Returning Officer's Office
The Johnson Building
4 Christie Street
Windsor NSW 2756

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	17
Polling Place Managers	27
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	7
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	3
Election Officials	75
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	9
Total Staff	139

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	28

Pre-poll centre locations

Hawkesbury Returning Officer's Office, Richmond Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/hawkesbury-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

The Gazette
The Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	62
Female Candidates	21
Male Candidates	41

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
AHRENS, Chris	The Greens
ALCHIN, Pauline	-
BESSELL, Geoffrey	-
BOWYER, Marie	-
BURNS-WOODS, Ian	-
CALVERT, Barry	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CAMPBELL, Sean	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CARBERY, Doug	-
CASBURN, Gavin	-
COALDRAKE, Dave	-
CONOLLY, Patrick	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CORNELIUS, Jason	Family First NSW Inc
CRAWFORD, Patricia	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
CRAWFORD, Ted	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
CREED, Mike	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DEVINE, Trevor	-
DODDRELL, Colin	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
EGGLETON, Wally	-
ELIAS, Fred	-
EVERARD, Tracey	-
FORD, Kim	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FRASER, Laurie	The Greens
FRASER, Robert	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
GALE, Paul	-
HAZELL, Luke	-
HILL, Trevor	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
INGHAM, Lynne	-
JOSE, John	The Greens
KANAWATI, Glen	-
KENNEDY, Graham	-
LYONS-BUCKETT, Mary	-
MACKAY, Warwick	-
MACRAE, Joel	The Greens
MCDONALD, Gordon	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

PAINE, Christine	-
PETTITT, Tony	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
PORTER, Bob	-
PULLEN, Bronwyn	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RASMUSSEN, Paul	-
RAWLING, Steven	-
REARDON, Jill	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
REYNOLDS, Peter	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RICHARDS, Sarah	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RIPA, Tessie	-
SCHOLZ, Michael	-
SHACKLEY, Vickie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SIMPSON, Ellen	-
SMITH, Bryan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Fiona	-
SMITH, Kim	-
SMITH, Margaret	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Shirley	-
STORIE, Roderick	-
STRINGFELLOW, Carl	-
TERRY, Harry	-
TREE, Tiffany	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
VELLA, Stephen	-
VIGOUROUX, Tara	-
WARD, Narelle	-
WEARNE, Neville	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WHEELER, Danielle	The Greens
WILLIAMS, Leigh	The Greens

Hay Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CRIGHTON, Jasen	-
DWYER, Jenny	-
DWYER, Peter	-
HOWARD, Robert	-
IRESON, Michael	-
McGRATH, Roger	-
RUTLEDGE, Michael	-
SHEAFFE, Bill	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/hay-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,180
Residential roll	2,175
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	119

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.3%
Formal votes	1,756
Informal votes	39
Total votes	1,795
Informality rate	2.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	265
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵⁶	12.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Hay Shire Council 2012 Election

\$23,411.00

Cost per elector

\$10.76

Hay Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$285.60
Candidates and polling places	\$621.60
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$218.40
TOTAL	\$1,125.60

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 24 calls from postcodes within Hay Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 565 unique visitors to Hay Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Peter Birnie

⁵⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Hay Region Returning Officer's Office
3/177 Lachlan Street
Hay NSW 2711

Councils in Region

Balranald Shire Council, Hay Shire Council and Wakool Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	1
Office Assistants	2
Polling Place Managers	2
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	3
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	9

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	3

Pre-poll centre locations

Hay Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/hay-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Riverine Grazier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

One Councillor nomination was withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
CRIGHTON, Jasen	-
CURTAYNE, Lynne	-
DWYER, Jenny	-
DWYER, Peter	-
FAYLE, Pat	-
HOWARD, Robert	-
IRESON, Michael	-
LOW, David	-
McGRATH, Roger	-
OATAWAY, Peter	-
RUTLEDGE, Michael	-
SHEAFFE, Bill	-
SMITH, Annette	-

Holroyd City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
East Ward	
MONAGHAN, Peter	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SARKIS, Eddy	-
ZAITER, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
North Ward	
LAKE, Lisa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RAHME, Joseph	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WHITFIELD, Yvette	Holroyd Independents
South Ward	
BRODIE, John	Holroyd Independents
COLMAN, Pam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KAFROUNI, Nasr	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
West Ward	
CUMMINGS, Greg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GROVE, Ross	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KAFROUNI, Nadima	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/holroyd-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	63,030
Residential roll	63,025
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	6,594

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.0%
Formal votes	47,966
Informal votes	4,361
Total votes	52,327
Informality rate	8.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	7,635
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵⁷	12.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Holroyd City Council 2012 Election

\$388,251.00

Cost per elector

\$6.18

Holroyd City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,782.88
Candidates and polling places	\$11,664.64
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$897.28
TOTAL	\$14,344.80

⁵⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,203 calls from postcodes within Holroyd City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 5,630 unique visitors to Holroyd City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Carol Ray

Returning Officer's Office

Holroyd Returning Officer's Office
Holroyd City Council Committee Rooms
16 Memorial Avenue
Merrylands NSW 2160

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	21
Polling Place Managers	25
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	16
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	21
Election Officials	124
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	17
Total Staff	225

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	37

Pre-poll centre locations

Holroyd Returning Officer's Office, Merrylands Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/holroyd-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Parramatta Advertiser
The Sun Holroyd

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	48
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	31

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	9

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	9

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	6

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

East Ward

BOBB, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HON, Pik	Unity Party
KALTOUM, Sandra	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KARAM, Georges	-
MIKHA, Elhaam	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MONAGHAN, Peter	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PERERA, Beth	Unity Party
PIGRAM, Ryan	-
SARKIS, Eddy	-
SHAHZAD, Amir	Unity Party
VENKATARANGAN, Balaji	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ZAITER, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

North Ward

BASKARAN, Ram	-
CARLINO, Sam	Holroyd Independents
JEMAA, Lara	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LAKE, Lisa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LOHAN, Sumit	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MAROUN, Rita	-
PIGRAM, Mark	-
RAHME, Joseph	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RAJADURAI, Vasee	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RITCHIE, Gregg	-
SARKIS, Rima	-
SRINIVASAN, Sampathkumar	-
VERMA, Jitendra	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WHITFIELD, Yvette	Holroyd Independents
ZDJELAR, Mira	Holroyd Independents

South Ward

BECHARA, Eptesam	-
BRODIE, John	Holroyd Independents
CHAHINE, Anaisa	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
COLMAN, Pam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
COUCHMAN, Allison	Holroyd Independents
EASTWOOD, Jim	Holroyd Independents
HORDER, Ray	-
KAFROUNI, Nasr	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KHODR AGHA, Mustafa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KHOURY, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KIRBY, Gillian	-
WILLIAMS, Melissa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

West Ward

CUMMINGS, Greg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GROVE, Ross	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HALAKA, Ihab	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KAFROUNI, Nadima	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LIMSON, Rachelle	Holroyd Independents
MORRISEY, Ken	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PERRY, John	Holroyd Independents
SAHA, Sam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SAID, Joe	Holroyd Independents

The Council of the Shire of Hornsby

Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
RUSSELL, Steve	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
A Ward	
ANISSE, Antony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GALLAGHER, Mick	-
TILBURY, Nathan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

B Ward

BERMAN, Nick	-
BROWNE, Robert	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SINGH, Gurdeep	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

C Ward

AZIZI, Bernadette	-
COX, Jerome	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HUTCHENCE, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-shire-of-hornsby.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	110,124
Residential roll	110,120
Non-residential roll	4
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	8,103

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.7%
Formal votes	86,426
Informal votes	6,887
Total votes	93,313
Informality rate	7.4%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	11,321
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵⁸	10.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the The Council of the Shire of Hornsby 2012 Election

\$637,008.00

Cost per elector

\$5.80

The Council of the Shire of Hornsby Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,892.70
Candidates and polling places	\$8,831.09
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$2,307.47
TOTAL	\$13,031.26

⁵⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 2,555 calls from postcodes within The Council of the Shire of Hornsby area.

NSWEC Website

There were 10,970 unique visitors to The Council of the Shire of Hornsby election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Sandra Ollington

Returning Officer's Office

Hornsby Returning Officer's Office
Hornsby Council Chambers
296 Pacific Highway
Hornsby NSW 2077

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	48
Polling Place Managers	47
Polling Place Assistants	9
Deputy Polling Place Managers	24
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	28
Election Officials	190
Council Count Manager	7
Part Day Election Officials	24
Total Staff	378

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	15
Election day Polling Places	58

Pre-poll centre locations

Hornsby Pre-Poll, Hornsby Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-shire-of-hornsby.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Northern District Times
Hornsby Advocate
Hills News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	4

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	49
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	32

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	20
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	16

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	9

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates	Party Affiliation
BERMAN, Nick	-
GALLAGHER, Mick	-
RUSSELL, Steve	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WHELAN, Peter	Liberal Democratic Party

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

ALLEN, Darryl	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
ANISSE, Antony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BETTS, Clare	-
BOULT, Richard	The Greens
BRADLEY, Michael	The Greens
CHOPRA, Dilip	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
COMB, Kristy	-
GALLAGHER, Mick	-
GREENWOOD-GRAHAM, Jeremy	-
GREENWOOD-GRAHAM, Verity	-
KINGSMILL, John	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
KLIMCZYK, Varise	-
NAYAK, Varun	-
ROSCAREL, Keith	-
RUSSELL, Steve	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SMART, Mick	-
STOREY, John	The Greens
THEW, Leighton	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
TILBURY, Nathan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TUFT, Andrew	-

B Ward

BERMAN, Nick	-
BROWNE, Robert	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CROSS, Sherrie	The Greens
ELLINAS, George	-
GOONETILLEKA, Gamani	-
KAUR, Avtar	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LAUGHLIN, Sarah	-
NAGY, Joe	-
SINGH, Gurdeep	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

SMITH, Lee	-
SOWTER, Paul	The Greens
TATTERSALL, Lara	-
TUIT, Ian	The Greens
WU, Linda	-

C Ward

AZIZI, Bernadette	-
BATEMAN, Grahame	-
BERMAN, Christine	-
BRADLEY, Michael	-
COX, Jerome	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CROKER, Jennifer	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DOLPHIN, Rob	Liberal Democratic Party
ELLIS, Janet	The Greens
FINDLAY, Felicity	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FOWLER, Graham	Liberal Democratic Party
HEYDE, Emma	The Greens
HUTCHENCE, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McMURDO, Wendy	The Greens
NICHOLS, Sandra	-
WHELAN, Peter	Liberal Democratic Party

The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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QUINN, Richard	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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North Ward

ASTRIDGE, Peter	-
BENNETT, Mark	-
BIRD, Gary	-

South Ward

MILES, Zac	-
McLAUGHLIN, Justine	-
SHEIL, Meredith	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-municipality-of-hunters-hill.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	9,516
Residential roll	9,515
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	765

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.8%
Formal votes	7,190
Informal votes	686
Total votes	7,876
Informality rate	8.7%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,100
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁵⁹	11.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill 2012 Election

\$62,441.00

Cost per elector

\$6.58

The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$3,502.56
Candidates and polling places	\$1,188.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$270.00
TOTAL	\$4,960.56

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 184 calls from postcodes within The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill area.

⁵⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 1,246 unique visitors to The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Karen Firestone

Returning Officer's Office

Canada Bay Region Returning Officer's Office
142 Great North Road
Five Dock NSW 2046

Councils in Region

Canada Bay City Council and Hunters Hill Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	2
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	15
Council Count Manager	2
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	28

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	10

Pre-poll centre locations

Canada Bay Region Returning Officer's Office, Hunters Hill Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-municipality-of-hunters-hill.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Northern District Times
The Weekly Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	23
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	18

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	10

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates Party Affiliation

ASTRIDGE, Peter	-
QUINN, Richard	-
SHEERIN, Ross	-
SHEIL, Meredith	-

Councillor Candidates Party Affiliation

North Ward

ASTRIDGE, Peter	-
BATSHON, Bassam	-
BENNETT, Mark	-
BIRD, Gary	-
BUTT, Murray	-
EDDINGTON, Trent	-
QUINN, Richard	-
VELO, Peter	-
VITAS, Nenad	-
WARNER, Peter	-

South Ward

AMOS, Charles	-
CLAXTON, Julian	-
CROLL, Annabel	-
HINDS, Joan-Mary	-
JOYCE, Anastasia	-
LIN, Jason	-
McLAUGHLIN, Justine	-
MESSINA, Vince	-
MILES, Zac	-
SANDERSON, Jim	-
SHEERIN, Ross	-
SHEIL, Meredith	-
SHERMAN, Matt	-

Hurstville City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Hurstville Ward	
BADALATI, Vince	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DRANE, Colin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ISTEPHAN, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LIU, Nancy	Unity Party
Peakhurst Ward	
JACOVOU, Jack	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KASTANIAS, Rita	-
SANSOM, Philip	-
STEVENS, Michelle	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Penshurst Ward	
HINDI, Con	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MINING, Justin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SIN, Dominic	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WU, Christina	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/hurstville-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	53,794
Residential roll	53,782
Non-residential roll	12
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,418

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.6%
Formal votes	41,550
Informal votes	3,960
Total votes	45,510
Informality rate	8.7%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	5,486
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶⁰	10.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Hurstville City Council 2012 Election

\$332,160.00

Cost per elector

\$6.19

Hurstville City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$359.93
Candidates and polling places	\$3,220.80
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$445.50
TOTAL	\$4,026.23

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,144 calls from postcodes within Hurstville City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 5,852 unique visitors to Hurstville City Council election web page.

⁶⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

Two braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Victor Grasty

Returning Officer's Office

Hurstville Returning Officer's Office
Suite 404, 4-8 Woodville Street
Hurstville NSW 2220

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	24
Polling Place Managers	22
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	16
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	15
Election Officials	112
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	16
Total Staff	206

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	32

Pre-poll centre locations

Hurstville Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/hurstville-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Leader, St George edition

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

Two Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	70
Female Candidates	26
Male Candidates	44

Hurstville Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	24
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	16

Peakhurst Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	20
Female Candidates	12
Male Candidates	8

Penshurst Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	26
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	20

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Hurstville Ward

ARONIS, Lucky	Unity Party
BADALATI, Vince	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BAO, Cathy	-
DAI, Li	-
DRANE, Colin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

FENG, Tim	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FU, Yunling	-
GREENE, Frances	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HAYWARD, Bernie	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HUANG, Shuping	-
ISTEPHAN, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LEE, Y	-
LI, Wei	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LIANG, Sunny	-
LIU, Nancy	Unity Party
MACDONALD, Amber	-
MAESTRELLI, Ferdinando	-
STEVENS, Craig	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TASEVSKI, Nikola	Unity Party
WANG, Leigh	-
WU, Si	Unity Party
XIE, Stanley	-
XU, Xintai	-
ZHEN, Yansen	-

Peakhurst Ward

BALL, Suzanne	-
BROWN, Loretta	-
DAY, Athol	-
HARWIN, Evelyn	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HINDI, Miray	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JACOVOU, Jack	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KASTANIAS, Rita	-
LAWLOR, Natalie	-
LE, Cindy	-
LEON, Sony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MANNERS, Lyn	-
MEECHAM, Natasha	-
MISSINGHAM, Terry	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PICKERING, Bill	-
REID, Helen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SANSOM, Philip	-
SANSOM, Sebastien	-
SMITH, Dylan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STEVENS, Michelle	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WATERS, Cathy	-

Penshurst Ward

BANK, Abid	-
BRICKWOOD, Elma	-
BRISCOE-HOUGH, A	-
BRISCOE-HOUGH, Greg	-
CARTER, Wayne	-
CHEUNG, Jansen	Unity Party
CHEUNG, Seng	Unity Party

DOHERTY-BRADY, Margaret	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HAMPTON, Andrew	-
HINDI, Con	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HO, Marcus	Unity Party
HUANG, Tony	-
JOBSON, Jon	-
LI, Pak	Unity Party
MINING, Justin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
O'BRIEN, Diane	-
PALMER, Dale	-
PERRY, David	-
RUSSELL, N	-
RUSSELL, R	-
SIN, Dominic	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Ian	-
STREETER, David	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TIRICOVSKI, Nick	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TOWSON, David	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WU, Christina	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Inverell Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BAKER, Di	-
CASTLEDINE, Harold	-
GIRLE, Phillip	-
HARMON, Paul	-
JOHNSTON, Barry	-
JONES, David	-
MICHAEL, Anthony	-
PETERS, Mal	-
WATTS, Jacki	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/inverell-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	11,384
Residential roll	11,383
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	798

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.9%
Formal votes	9,199
Informal votes	464
Total votes	9,663
Informality rate	4.8%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,249
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶¹	11.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Inverell Shire Council 2012 Election

\$82,136.00

Cost per elector

\$7.23

Inverell Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$565.88
Candidates and polling places	\$2,137.44
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$282.94
TOTAL	\$2,986.26

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 135 calls from postcodes within Inverell Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 918 unique visitors to Inverell Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Robert Vidler

⁶¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Glen Innes Region Returning Officer's Office
Glen Innes Town Hall
265 Grey Street
Glen Innes NSW 2370

Councils in Region

Glen Innes Severn Council, Inverell Shire Council and Tenterfield Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	16
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	27

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Glen Innes Region Returning Officer's Office, Inverell Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/inverell-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

The Inverell Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BAKER, Di	-
CASTLEDINE, Harold	-
GAUKROGER, Simon	-
GIRLE, Phillip	-
HARMON, Paul	-
JOHNSTON, Barry	-
JONES, David	-
McNEIL, Mark	-
MICHAEL, Anthony	-
NEWLEY, Garry	-
PETERS, Mal	-
WATTS, Jacki	-

Jerilderie Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRYCE, Faith	-
HENERY, Laurie	-
HOGAN, Terry	-
HUDSON, John	-
McRAE, Ruth	-
SHEED, Timothy	-
SMITH, Gaila	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/jerilderie-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,134
Residential roll	1,134
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	24

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	80.1%
Formal votes	870
Informal votes	38
Total votes	908
Informality rate	4.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	160
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶²	14.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Jerilderie Shire Council 2012 Election

\$11,432.00

Cost per elector

\$10.10

Jerilderie Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$733.44
Candidates and polling places	\$1,451.20
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$332.71
TOTAL	\$2,517.35

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 12 calls from postcodes within Jerilderie Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 234 unique visitors to Jerilderie Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Erin Hore

⁶² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office
Old Finley Library
54 Denison Street
Finley NSW 2713

Councils in Region

Berrigan Shire Council, Conargo Shire Council, Deniliquin Council, Jerilderie Shire Council and Murray Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	2
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	2
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	6

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	3

Pre-poll centre locations

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office, Jerilderie Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/jerilderie-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Finley Southern Riverina News
Coleambally Observer Newspaper

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	5

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BRYCE, Faith	-
HENERY, Laurie	-
HOGAN, Terry	-
HUDSON, John	-
McRAE, Ruth	-
ROWE, Ross	-
SHEED, Timothy	-
SMITH, Gaila	-

Junee Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
AUSTIN, Matt	-
CALLOW, Bob	-
CLINTON, Andrew	-
CUMMINS, Lola	-
HALLIBURTON, Pam	-
HOLMES, Martin	-
RANDALL, Colin	-
SMITH, Neil	-
SOMMERVILLE, Jo	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/junee-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,866
Residential roll	3,864
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	284

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.1%
Formal votes	2,999
Informal votes	137
Total votes	3,136
Informality rate	4.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	491
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶³	12.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Junee Shire Council 2012 Election

\$31,268.00

Cost per elector

\$8.11

Junee Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$537.39
Candidates and polling places	\$716.53
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$222.19
TOTAL	\$1,476.11

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 64 calls from postcodes within Junee Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 524 unique visitors to Junee Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Alan Salmon

⁶³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office
Riverina Community College
76 Wallendoon Street
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Councils in Region

Coolamon Shire Council, Cootamundra Shire Council, Harden Shire Council, Junee Shire Council and Temora Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	3
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	7
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	12

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	4

Pre-poll centre locations

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office, Junee Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/junee-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Wagga Daily Advert.
Junee Southern Cross

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
AUSTIN, Matt	-
CALLOW, Bob	-
CLINTON, Andrew	-
CUMMINS, Lola	-
HALLIBURTON, Pam	-
HOLDSWORTH, Paul	-
HOLMES, Martin	-
RANDALL, Colin	-
SMITH, Neil	-
SOMMERVILLE, Jo	-

The Council of the Municipality of Kiama Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
HONEY, Mark	-
McCLURE, Gavin	-
PETSCHLER, Brian	-
REILLY, Neil	-
RICE, Kathy	The Greens
SEAGE, Dennis	-
SLOAN, Andrew	The Greens
STEEL, Warren	-
WAY, Mark	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-municipality-of-kiama.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	15,847
Residential roll	15,847
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,296

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.6%
Formal votes	12,164
Informal votes	922
Total votes	13,086
Informality rate	7.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,012
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶⁴	12.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the The Council of the Municipality of Kiama 2012 Election

\$114,790.00

Cost per elector

\$7.26

The Council of the Municipality of Kiama Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,549.50
Candidates and polling places	\$1,693.50
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$226.03
TOTAL	\$4,469.03

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 175 calls from postcodes within The Council of the Municipality of Kiama area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,814 unique visitors to The Council of the Municipality of Kiama election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Andrea Pearson

⁶⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Kiama Returning Officer's Office
Lower Pavilion, Kiama Showground
2 Bong Bong Street
Kiama NSW 2533

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	15
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	5
Election Officials	22
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	5
Total Staff	56

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Kiama Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-municipality-of-kiama.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Kiama Independent

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	32
Female Candidates	11
Male Candidates	21

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BEHL, Bob	-
DE ROOVER, Len	The Greens
DOUGLAS, Shane	-
DUNN, Pat	The Greens
EAST, Vic	-
ELDER, Kim	-
GOLDSMITH, Carmel	-
HAINSWORTH, Sandra	-
HOLDER, Warren	The Greens
HONEY, Mark	-
KENNEY, James	-
MANSFIELD, Simon	-
MATYEAR, Renata	-
McCALLUM, Tanya	-
McCLURE, Gavin	-
McMILLAN, Sonja	-
McNIVEN, Kay	-
MOORE, Peter	-
PETSCHLER, Brian	-
PULLAR, Ian	-
REILLY, Neil	-
RICE, Kathy	The Greens
SARAIN, Michael	-
SCHILLER GOWANS, Paula	The Greens
SCHMIDT, Roy	-
SEAGE, Dennis	-
SLOAN, Andrew	The Greens
SOUTER, Michael	-
STEEL, Warren	-
WAITE, Robert	-
WARREN, Erica	-
WAY, Mark	-

Kogarah City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
East Ward	
PLATT, Michael	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STRATIPOULOS, Sam	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TANG, Annie	Unity Party
Middle Ward	
LANDSBERRY, Kathryn	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Nathaniel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
VARVARIS, Nickolas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
North Ward	
AGIUS, Stephen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KATRIS, Nick	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
McLEAN, Lachlan	-
West Ward	
ARONEY, Nicholas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KATSABARIS, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PETRONI, Jacinta	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/kogarah-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	38,242
Residential roll	38,239
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	3,296

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.7%
Formal votes	29,713
Informal votes	2,310
Total votes	32,023
Informality rate	7.2%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	4,083
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶⁵	10.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Kogarah City Council 2012 Election

\$265,573.00

Cost per elector

\$6.97

Kogarah City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$395.93
Candidates and polling places	\$3,220.80
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$977.90
TOTAL	\$4,594.63

⁶⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 950 calls from postcodes within Kogarah City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,811 unique visitors to Kogarah City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Dennis McCroary

Returning Officer's Office

Kogarah Returning Officer's Office
Jubilee Community Centre
Kogarah Park Oval, Jubilee Avenue
Carlton NSW 2218

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	22
Polling Place Managers	19
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	7
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	5
Election Officials	74
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	9
Total Staff	137

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	31

Pre-poll centre locations

Kogarah Pre-Poll, Kogarah Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/kogarah-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

St George Leader

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	47
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	30

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	10

Middle Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	5

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	10

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	5

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

East Ward

CLARK, Ross	-
HE, Hua	-
HUBBARD, Victoria	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MARCUS, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MURDEN, Neale	-
PLATT, Michael	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
QIAN, Yong	-
SILK, Andrew	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Christine	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STRATIKOPOULOS, Sam	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TANG, Annie	Unity Party
WOO, Hong	Unity Party
ZHANG, Yunzheng	Unity Party
ZHOU, Jian	-

Middle Ward

COLQUHOUN, Jim	Kogarah Residents' Association
GREEN, Tania	-
KIRK, Sophie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LANDSBERRY, Kathryn	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LEACH, Ken	Kogarah Residents' Association
PAYOR, Leesha	Kogarah Residents' Association
SMITH, Fran	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Nathaniel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
VARVARIS, Nickolas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ZHOU, Jieke	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

North Ward

AGIUS, Stephen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BRIGHTWELL, Max	-
BUFFONI, Brad	-
CLIFT, Darren	-
DE JESUS, Daniel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KATRIS, Nick	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KOKKINAKIS, Jim	-
McLEAN, Lachlan	-
MOONEY, Kevin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

MURPHY, Lee	-
SYMINGTON, Colleen	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VARVARIS, Dorette	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WOODLAND, Christine	-

West Ward

ADAIR, Michele	-
ARONEY, Nicholas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CLARKE, Lorne	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GREKAS, Sandy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KATSABARIS, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KENT, Jenny	The Greens
PETRONI, Jacinta	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PLATT, Nicholas	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ROTHWELL, Miles	The Greens
SANGSTER, Peter	The Greens

Ku-ring-gai Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Comenarra Ward	
MALICKI, Elaine	-
PETTETT, Jeff	Liberal Democratic Party

Gordon Ward

CITER, David	-
SZATOW, Cheryl	-

Roseville Ward

ANDERSON, Jennifer	-
ARMSTRONG, David	-

St Ives Ward

BERLIOZ, Christiane	-
OSSIP, David	-

Wahroonga Ward

FORNARI-ORSMOND, Chantelle	-
MCDONALD, Duncan	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ku-ring-gai-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	77,927
Residential roll	77,924
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	5,767

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.0%
Formal votes	58,971
Informal votes	4,936
Total votes	63,907
Informality rate	7.7%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	9,805
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶⁶	12.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Ku-ring-gai Council 2012 Election

\$493,980.00

Cost per elector

\$6.36

Ku-ring-gai Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$4,422.80
Candidates and polling places	\$12,431.64
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,449.36
TOTAL	\$18,303.80

⁶⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,998 calls from postcodes within Ku-ring-gai Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 10,055 unique visitors to Ku-ring-gai Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

One braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Kerrie Hunter

Returning Officer's Office

Ku-ring-gai Returning Officer's Office
910 Pacific Highway
Gordon NSW 2072

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	33
Polling Place Managers	29
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	18
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	11
Election Officials	124
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	18
Total Staff	234

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	15
Election day Polling Places	46

Pre-poll centre locations

Ku-ring-gai Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ku-ring-gai-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Hornsby Upper North Shore Advocate
North Shore Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	36
Female Candidates	16
Male Candidates	20

Comenarra Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	5

Gordon Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	4

Roseville Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	2

St Ives Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	5

Wahroonga Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	4

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Comenarra Ward

BREHERTON, Gioia	-
DYER, Grant	-
GABB, Christine	Liberal Democratic Party
LE MAY, Paul	-
MACKENZIE, Dugald	-
MALICKI, Elaine	-
PETTETT, Jeff	Liberal Democratic Party
SORRELL, Peter	-

Gordon Ward

BEAR, Tony	-
CADDEN, James	-
CITER, David	-
KEAYS, Elise	-
KITSON, Janine	-
LANE, Heather	-
LANE, Michael	-
SZATOW, Cheryl	-

Roseville Ward

ANDERSON, Jennifer	-
ARMSTRONG, David	-
DUNCOMBE, Rakesh	-
PETTETT, Angie	Liberal Democratic Party

St Ives Ward

BERLIOZ, Christiane	-
DAY, Karen	-
DRUMMER, Lauren	-
FOSTER, Neil	-
HARDWICK, Carolyne	-
HARRIS, Linda	-
HIGGINS, Peter	-

LLANES, Monique -
OSSIP, David -
WINDERBAUM, Ilan -
WINDERBAUM, Richard -

Wahroonga Ward

FORNARI-ORSMOND, Chantelle -
LYNCH, Stephen -
MCDONALD, Alexander -
MCDONALD, Duncan -
MUGFORD, Peter -

Kyogle Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

BROWN, Ross	-
SIMPSON, Chris	-
WILSON, Janet	-

B Ward

BURLEY, John	-
CREEDY, Maggie	-
DWYER, Bob	-

C Ward

MULHOLLAND, Danielle	-
PASSFIELD, Lindsay	-
REARDON, Michael	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/kyogle-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	6,521
Residential roll	6,518
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	357

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.1%
Formal votes	5,027
Informal votes	259
Total votes	5,286
Informality rate	4.9%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	900
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶⁷	13.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Kyogle Council 2012 Election

\$52,267.00

Cost per elector

\$8.05

Kyogle Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,624.58
Candidates and polling places	\$5,440.18
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$673.23
TOTAL	\$7,737.99

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 89 calls from postcodes within Kyogle Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,044 unique visitors to Kyogle Council election web page.

⁶⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Clifford Mitchell

Returning Officer's Office

Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office
15 Prince Street
Grafton NSW 2460

Councils in Region

Clarence Valley Council, Kyogle Council, Lismore City Council and Richmond Valley Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	10
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	13
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	25

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	18

Pre-poll centre locations

Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office, Kyogle Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/kyogle-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Northern Star
Richmond River Express Examiner

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	18
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	14

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	7

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	6
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	4

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

BROOKE, Michael	-
BROWN, Ross	-
EICHMANN, Brian	-
LEADBEATTER, Robert	-

NIX, Selwyn	-
O'REILLY, John	-
SIMPSON, Chris	-
WILSON, Janet	-

B Ward

BURLEY, John	-
CREEDY, Maggie	-
DWYER, Bob	-
JOHNSTON, Bree	-
MARRIOTT, Jeff	-
MOY, Andrew	-

C Ward

KIRKPATRICK, Ian	-
MULHOLLAND, Danielle	-
PASSFIELD, Lindsay	-
REARDON, Michael	-

Lachlan Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

MEDCALF, John	-
NELSON, Brian	-

B Ward

MANWARING, Des	-
SAUNDERS, Les	-

C Ward

BRADY, Dennis	-
SCOTT, Graham	-

D Ward

FRANKEL, Max	-
RIDLEY, John	-

E Ward

HALL, Mark	-
PHILLIPS, Paul	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lachlan-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,592
Residential roll	4,592
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	334

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.0%
Formal votes	3,550
Informal votes	78
Total votes	3,628
Informality rate	2.1%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	757
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶⁸	16.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Lachlan Shire Council 2012 Election

\$41,079.00

Cost per elector

\$8.96

Lachlan Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$560.95
Candidates and polling places	\$1,237.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$302.00
TOTAL	\$2,099.95

⁶⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 151 calls from postcodes within Lachlan Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 854 unique visitors to Lachlan Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Geoffrey Lark

Returning Officer's Office

Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office
1-5 Bandon Street
Forbes NSW 2871

Councils in Region

Bland Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council and Parkes Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	6
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	9
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	16

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	17

Pre-poll centre locations

Condobolin Pre-Poll, Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lachlan-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Lake Cargelligo News
Condobolin Lachlander
Condobolin Argus

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	17
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	16

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	3

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	3

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

D Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	4

E Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	4

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

FISHPOOL, Terry	-
MEDCALF, John	-
NELSON, Brian	-

B Ward

HARRIS, Peter	-
MANWARING, Des	-
SAUNDERS, Les	-

C Ward

BRADY, Dennis	-
JONES, Kim	-
SCOTT, Graham	-

D Ward

CARTER, Dave	-
FRANKEL, Max	-
RIDLEY, John	-
SHIELDS, Raymond	-

E Ward

BEATTIE, Ross	-
HALL, Mark	-
KING, Robert	-
PHILLIPS, Paul	-

Leeton Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
DAVIDSON, Peter	-
DOIG, Emerson	-
DOWLING, Steve	-
KIDD, Michael	-
MAYTOM, Paul	-
O'CALLAGHAN, Greg	-
VALENZISI, Tracey	-
WESTON, George	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/leeton-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	7,375
Residential roll	7,375
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	556

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Leeton Shire Council 2012 Election

\$20,818.00

Cost per elector

\$2.83

Leeton Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,293.10
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$200.16
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,493.26

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 9 calls from postcodes within Leeton Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 467 unique visitors to Leeton Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Matthew Farley

Returning Officer's Office

Leeton Region Returning Officer's Office
18-22 Kurrajong Avenue
Leeton NSW 2705

Councils in Region

Carrathool Shire Council, Griffith City Council, Leeton Shire Council, Murrumbidgee Shire Council and Narrandera Shire Council

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

The Irrigator

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	7

Leeton Shire Council By-election

Report

By-election Summary

By-election held Saturday, 8 December, 2012

Poll declared Wednesday, 12 December, 2012

Councillor election, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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MORRIS, Tracey	-
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For full details of results see website –
www.elections.nsw.gov.au/results/by-elections/local/2012/leeton_shire_council_by-election_8_december_2012

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Enrolment, Provisional/Silent) see the results pages for *Election Night* and *Post Election Night* of the above website.

Enrolment

Total Electors	7,357
Residential roll	7,357
Non-residential roll	0

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	76.1%
Formal votes	5,453
Informal votes	145
Total votes	5,598
Informality rate	2.6%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,504
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁶⁹	20.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Leeton Shire Council 2012 Election

\$39,019.79

Cost per elector

\$5.30

Leeton Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$295.42
Candidates and polling places	\$670.38
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$90.89
TOTAL	\$1,056.69

Election Services

NSWEC Website

There were 649 unique visitors to Leeton Shire Council By-election web page.

Returning Officer

Margaret Todd

Returning Officer's Office

Leeton Shire Council
23-25 Chelmsford Place
Leeton NSW 2705

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	2
Polling Place Managers	8

⁶⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	14
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	26

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	1
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Leeton Shire Returning Officer's Office

Polling place locations

For map and polling places see –
www.elections.nsw.gov.au/results/by-elections/local/2012/leeton_shire_council_by-election_8_december_2012/boundary_map_and_polling_places

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:
 The Irrigator

Candidates

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	5

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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BOARDMAN, Neil	-
BRINK, Alan	-
HOLDEN, Craig	-
LOWRIE, Mick	-
MORRIS, Tracey	-
PROSSER, Amanda	-
RENEKER, Tony	-

Leichhardt Municipal Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward	
BREEN, Frank	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CHANNELLS, Craig	The Greens
MANIKAS, Melinda	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Eora/Leichhardt-Lilyfield Ward

COSTANTINO, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
EMSLEY, Simon	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PORTEOUS, Rochelle	The Greens

Gadigal/Annandale-Leichhardt Ward

HANNAFORD, Vera-Ann	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KELLY, Linda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KOGOY, Daniel	The Greens

Wangal/Rozelle-Lilyfield Ward

BYRNE, Darcy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
JOBLING, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McKENZIE, Michele	The Greens

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/leichhardt-municipal-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	37,483
Residential roll	37,395
Non-residential roll	88
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,076

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	76.9%
Formal votes	27,838
Informal votes	1,005
Total votes	28,843
Informality rate	3.5%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	6,448
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷⁰	17.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Leichhardt Municipal Council 2012 Election

\$210,889.00

Cost per elector

\$5.65

Leichhardt Municipal Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,082.72
Candidates and polling places	\$3,248.16
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$504.72
TOTAL	\$4,835.60

⁷⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,072 calls from postcodes within Leichhardt Municipal Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 5,981 unique visitors to Leichhardt Municipal Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

John Beringer

Returning Officer's Office

Leichhardt Region Returning Officer's Office
Rear of 11 Marion Street
Leichhardt NSW 2040

Councils in Region

Leichhardt Municipal Council and Marrickville Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	24
Polling Place Managers	15
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	7
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	6
Election Officials	58
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	4
Total Staff	115

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	27

Pre-poll centre locations

Leichhardt Pre-Poll, Leichhardt Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/leichhardt-municipal-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Inner Western Suburbs Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	43
Female Candidates	19
Male Candidates	24

Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	7

Eora/Leichhardt-Lilyfield Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	7

Gadigal/Annandale-Leichhardt Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	5

Wangal/Rozelle-Lilyfield Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	5

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates Party Affiliation

Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward

BREEN, Frank	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BROOKS, Tracey	-
CHANNELLS, Craig	The Greens
CUNNINGTON, Ben	-
FRANKHAM, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GILLIES, John	The Greens
HACKING, Kath	-
HALFORD, Judith	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LEEDHAM, Steffi	The Greens
MANIKAS, Melinda	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MOXHAM-HALL, Vivienne	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STAMOLIS, John	-
ZABAKLY, Theo	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Eora/Leichhardt-Lilyfield Ward

BRACCI, Christian	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CARROLL, Roger	-
COSTANTINO, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CUNICH, Michelle	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
EMSLEY, Simon	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GIBSON, Helen	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GREENLAND, Hall	The Greens
PISACANE, Nicola	-
PLATE, Cassi	The Greens
PORTEOUS, Rochelle	The Greens
WEBB, Robert	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Gadigal/Annandale-Leichhardt Ward

BHATT, Neerav	The Greens
FIELD, Anna	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FRY-KONTAXIS, Leon	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HANNAFORD, Vera-Ann	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HEBBLEWHITE, Mark	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KELLY, Linda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KOGOY, Daniel	The Greens
LANGTREE, Sandra	The Greens
SPERANZA, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Wangal/Rozelle-Lilyfield Ward

BYRNE, Darcy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
FOLKES, Nicholas	Australian Protectionist Party
HARLEY, Eugenia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JENSEN, Pauline	The Greens
JOBLING, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MAY, Kristy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
McKENZIE, Michele	The Greens
MEATES, Stephen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
NEEK, Mo	The Greens
WEST, David	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Lismore City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
DOWELL, Jenny	Country Labor Party

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BATTISTA, Gianpiero	-
BENNETT, Greg	-
CLOUGH, Simon	Our Sustainable Future
GRINDON-EKINS, Vanessa	The Greens
HOUSTON, Ray	Country Labor Party
MARKS, Neil	-
MEINEKE, Graham	-
RITCHIE, Glenys	Country Labor Party
SCHEIBEL, Mathew	-
SMITH, Isaac	Country Labor Party

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lismore-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Poll

"Do you support coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and production in the Lismore City Council area?"

Yes	3,270
No	21,608

Enrolment

Total Electors	30,334
Residential roll	30,327
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,718

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.6%
Formal votes	24,372
Informal votes	1,288
Total votes	25,660
Informality rate	5.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,828
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷¹	12.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Lismore City Council 2012 Election

\$200,176.00

Cost per elector

\$6.63

Lismore City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,345.36
Candidates and polling places	\$3,599.90
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$298.27
TOTAL	\$6,243.53

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 451 calls from postcodes within Lismore City Council area.

⁷¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 2,389 unique visitors to Lismore City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Clifford Mitchell

Returning Officer's Office

Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office
15 Prince Street
Grafton NSW 2460

Councils in Region

Clarence Valley Council, Kyogle Council, Lismore City Council and Richmond Valley Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	19
Polling Place Assistants	27
Deputy Polling Place Managers	5
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	50
Council Count Manager	2
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	107

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	20

Pre-poll centre locations

Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office, Lismore Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lismore-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Northern Star
Nimbin Good Times
Northern Rivers Echo

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

Two Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	4

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	60
Female Candidates	26
Male Candidates	34

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BATTISTA, Gianpiero	-
BENNETT, Greg	-
DOWELL, Jenny	Country Labor Party
MARKS, Neil	-
MEINEKE, Graham	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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ALBERTINI, Angela	-
ANDERSON, Stuart	Our Sustainable Future
BARNES, David	-

BATEMAN, Clive	-
BATTISTA, Gianpiero	-
BATTISTA, Rebekka	-
BELL, Kevin	Country Labor Party
BENNETT, Greg	-
BEOHM, Katrina	-
BONNER, Marny	Our Sustainable Future
BORDIN, Adrian	-
BREASLEY-SMITH, Vicki	-
BRUCE, Matt	-
CASSON, Nancy	-
CHANT, John	-
CLOUGH, Simon	Our Sustainable Future
COLES, Marilyn	-
DARDENGO, Denis	-
DAVISON, Leigh	Our Sustainable Future
DEEGAN, Paul	-
DOWELL, Jenny	Country Labor Party
FINDLAY, Vicki	-
GORDON, Andrew	-
GRAHAM, Kel	-
GRINDON-EKINS, Vanessa	The Greens
GUISE, Adam	The Greens
HARLOW, Ruth	Our Sustainable Future
HENRY, Brian	-
HOUSTON, Ray	Country Labor Party
JOHNSTON, Shanelle	-
KAVANAGH, Catherine	-
KIA, Annie	Our Sustainable Future
KING, Amanda	The Greens
LARSEN, Peter	-
LAWRENCE, Terry	-
MARKS, Deborah	-
MARKS, Neil	-
MATHEW, Angela	-
McDOUGALL, Ross	-
MEINEKE, Graham	-
MILLER, Dusty	-
MURPHY, Paul	-
NOTT, Belinda	-
OLIVIERI, Kate	-
O'NEILL, Paul	-
PEARCE, Brendan	-
PILATI, Anthony	-
RITCHIE, Glenys	Country Labor Party
ROBINSON, Barry	-
RODEN, Tony	-
SALMON, Shae	The Greens
SCHEIBEL, Mathew	-
SHELLEY, Beth	The Greens
SMITH, Isaac	Country Labor Party
STOCK, Susan	The Greens

SYMONS, Scout	-
VERARDO, Sante	-
WOODHAM, Nick	-
WORRALL, Naomi	Country Labor Party
YARNALL, David	-

City of Lithgow Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
HIGLETT, Ross	-
HUNTER, Col	-
INZITARI, Frank	-
McANDREW, Wayne	Country Labor Party
McGINNES, Joe	-
PILBEAM, Peter	-
STATHAM, Maree	-
THOMPSON, Ray	-
TICEHURST, Martin	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/city-of-lithgow-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	14,640
Residential roll	14,616
Non-residential roll	24
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	970

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.9%
Formal votes	12,004
Informal votes	868
Total votes	12,872
Informality rate	6.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,340
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷²	9.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the City of Lithgow Council 2012 Election

\$97,931.00

Cost per elector

\$6.71

City of Lithgow Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$3,744.00
Candidates and polling places	\$4,000.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	Council did not provide details to Returning Officer
TOTAL	\$7,744.00

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 204 calls from postcodes within City of Lithgow Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,595 unique visitors to City of Lithgow Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Julie Truscott

⁷² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Blue Mountains Region Returning Officer's Office
Town Centre Arcade
Shops 10-13, 81-83 Katoomba Street
Katoomba NSW 2780

Councils in Region

Blue Mountains City Council and Lithgow City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	16
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	23
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	4
Total Staff	44

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	17

Pre-poll centre locations

Blue Mountains Region Returning Officer's Office, Lithgow Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/city-of-lithgow-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Lithgow Mercury

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	40
Female Candidates	13
Male Candidates	27

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ALEXANDER, Michael	-
BANNING, Sue	-
BARNES, Zoe	Country Labor Party
BESLEY, Murray	-
CApomOLLA, Frank	-
CHAMBERS, Eric	-
COLEMAN, Cassandra	Country Labor Party
COOMBES-PEARCE, Justin	-
CRAIG, Anthony	Democratic Labor Party
CRAIG, Patrick	Democratic Labor Party
DAWES, Julie	-
DEAN, Jeff	-
DICKSON, Kathy	-
FOWLER, Lyn	-
GRAVES, Sue	-
GURNEY, Rod	-
HAMMENT, Rebecca	-
HARVISON, Cassie	-
HIGLETT, Ross	-
HUNTER, Col	-
INZITARI, Frank	-
IUS, Anna	-
JACKSON, Steve	-
KING, Olwyn	-
LUKA, Mitch	-
MARSHALL, Steve	-
McANDREW, Wayne	Country Labor Party
McGINNES, Joe	-
MITCHELL, Chris	Country Labor Party
NIGHTINGALE, Max	-
NOBLE, Kathy	-
PETERS, David	-
PHILLIPS, Paul	-
PILBEAM, Peter	-

RAY, Chris	-
STATHAM, Maree	-
THOMPSON, Ray	-
THURLOW, Jeff	Country Labor Party
TICEHURST, Martin	-
WIGGINS, Lee	-

Liverpool City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
MANNOUN, Ned	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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North Ward

HADID, Mazhar	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HARLE, Peter	Liverpool Community Independents Team
KARNIB, Ali	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
RISTEVSKI, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WALLER, Wendy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

South Ward

BALLOOT, Gus	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HADCHITI, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MAMONE, Sabrina	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SHELTON, Geoff	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STANLEY, Anne	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/liverpool-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	114,297
Residential roll	114,269
Non-residential roll	28
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	12,824

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.1%
Formal votes	83,182
Informal votes	12,998
Total votes	96,180
Informality rate	13.5%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	14,106
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷³	12.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Liverpool City Council 2012 Election

\$671,202.00

Cost per elector

\$5.89

Liverpool City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,612.50
Candidates and polling places	\$8,404.42
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,768.88
TOTAL	\$12,785.80

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,760 calls from postcodes within Liverpool City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 8,204 unique visitors to Liverpool City Council election web page.

⁷³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Jack Somers

Returning Officer's Office

Liverpool Returning Officer's Office
296 Macquarie Street
Liverpool NSW 2170

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	32
Polling Place Managers	43
Polling Place Assistants	1
Deputy Polling Place Managers	26
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	54
Election Officials	233
Council Count Manager	12
Part Day Election Officials	39
Total Staff	441

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	49

Pre-poll centre locations

Liverpool Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/liverpool-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Liverpool Leader
Liverpool Champion
El Telegraph (Arabic)
Chieu Dong (Vietnamese)
Indian Link (Hindi)
South West Advertiser

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	4

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	63
Female Candidates	19
Male Candidates	44

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	27
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	19

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	36
Female Candidates	11
Male Candidates	25

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
BYRNE, Michael	Democratic Labor Party
LUCAS, Gary	-
MANNOUN, Ned	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McGOLDRICK, Jim	-
WALLER, Wendy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WESTERBERG, Signe	The Greens
YOUNG, June	Liverpool Community Independents Team

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

North Ward

BOROMISA, Alex	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CONNERS, Marc	Liverpool Community Independents Team
D'ARCY, Brendan	The Greens
DOWNES, Elizabeth	-
DRENNAN, Reg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GANDRA, Naveen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GERMANOS, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GHASTI, Sangdeep	Democratic Labor Party
HADID, Mazhar	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HARLE, Peter	Liverpool Community Independents Team
JACOTINE, Henry	Liverpool Community Independents Team
KALIYANDA, Charishma	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KARNIB, Ali	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LUCAS, Beryl	-
LUCAS, Gary	-
McPHERSON, Barry	-
NARAYAN, Sajesh	The Greens
NGUYEN, Anh	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PETTIT, David	The Greens
RISTEVSKI, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ROSS, Michael	-
RUSSELL, Michael	Liverpool Community Independents Team
SAXBY, Cherie	Liverpool Community Independents Team
SILAPHET, Benjamin	The Greens
WALLER, Wendy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WESTERBERG, Signe	The Greens
YEO, Karen	Democratic Labor Party

South Ward

ANDERSON, Dominique	-
ANDERSON, Jackie	-
ANDERSON, John	-
BALLOOT, Gus	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BARBARA, Paul	-

BOSCH, Andre	The Greens
BYRNE, Michael	Democratic Labor Party
DOAN, Michelle	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DOBELL-BROWN, Stephen	Democratic Labor Party
GEORGE, Mark	Liverpool Community Independents Team
GOUGH, Thomas	The Greens
GRIFFITH, Charles	-
HADCHITI, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HARRIS, Jessica	-
HARRIS, Marella	-
KHOO, Victor	Democratic Labor Party
KULAVKOVSKI, Alex	-
KUMAR, Raj	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LICASTRO, George	Liverpool Community Independents Team
MAMONE, Sabrina	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MANNOUN, Ned	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McGOLDRICK, Jim	-
McMINIMEE, Valerie	-
MICALLEF, Emanuel	-
MTASHAR, Jimmy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NARAYAN, Esha	The Greens
NGUYEN, Thanhan	-
REEDY, Craig	The Greens
ROWE, Pauline	Liverpool Community Independents Team
SHELTON, Geoff	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SIAA, Allan	Liverpool Community Independents Team
SKATARIC, Vladimir	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STANLEY, Anne	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VAN LIESHOUT, Ray	-
WESTERBERG, Lance	The Greens
YOUNG, June	Liverpool Community Independents Team

Liverpool Plains Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Wednesday, 12 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CUDMORE, Ken	-
HOPE, Andrew	-
LAURIE, Andrew	-
LOBSEY, Ian	-
ROBERTS, Mary	-
STEWART, Col	-
WEBSTER, Rob	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/liverpool-plains-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	5,503
Residential roll	5,501
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	349

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.7%
Formal votes	4,468
Informal votes	192
Total votes	4,660
Informality rate	4.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	606
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷⁴	11.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Liverpool Plains Shire Council 2012 Election

\$43,653.00

Cost per elector

\$7.96

Liverpool Plains Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$336.00
Candidates and polling places	\$828.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$216.00
TOTAL	\$1,380.00

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 47 calls from postcodes within Liverpool Plains Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 783 unique visitors to Liverpool Plains Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Karen Barany

⁷⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Tamworth Region Returning Officer's Office
474 Peel Street
Tamworth NSW 2340

Councils in Region

Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Tamworth Regional Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	11
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	23

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Quirindi Pre-Poll, Tamworth Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/liverpool-plains-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Quirindi Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
CUDMORE, Ken	-
DEVON, Richard	-
HOPE, Andrew	-
LAURIE, Andrew	-
LOBSEY, Ian	-
McDONALD, Jim	-
MOULES, Paul	-
ROBERTS, Mary	-
STEWART, Col	-
WEBSTER, Rob	-

Lockhart Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

DAY, Max	-
McDONNELL, Rodney	-
SCHIRMER, Rodger	-

B Ward

DOUGLAS, Derek	-
MORGAN, Jim	-
YATES, Peter	-

C Ward - Uncontested

DRISCOLL, Gail	-
PATERSON, John	-
VERDON, Greg	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lockhart-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,396
Residential roll	2,395
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	117

Participation and Informality⁷⁵

Participation rate	82.5%
Formal votes	1265
Informal votes	26
Total votes	1291
Informality rate	2.0%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote⁷⁵

Penalty Notices Issued	189
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷⁶	12.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Lockhart Shire Council 2012 Election

\$18,073.00

Cost per elector

\$7.57

Lockhart Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,162.48
Candidates and polling places	\$1,529.40
Uncontested elections	\$368.20
Results	\$205.50
TOTAL	\$3,265.58

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 37 calls from postcodes within Lockhart Shire Council area.

⁷⁵ Figures for contested wards only

⁷⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 703 unique visitors to Lockhart Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Barry Shields

Returning Officer's Office

Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office
70-72 Fitzmaurice Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Councils in Region

Gundagai Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Tumut Shire Council, Urana Shire Council and Wagga Wagga City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	5
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	10

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	7

Pre-poll centre locations

Lockhart Pre-Poll, Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lockhart-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Daily Advertiser
Chronicle

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	9

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	3

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	4

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

DAY, Max	-
McDONNELL, Rodney	-
MILDREN, Margo	-
MULHOLLAND, Sylvia	-
SCHIRMER, Rodger	-

B Ward

DOUGLAS, Derek	-
HOGAN, Ken	-
MORGAN, Jim	-
THIELE, Leia	-
YATES, Peter	-

Manly Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
HAY, Jean	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
AIRD, Barbara	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
BINGHAM, Candy	-
BURNS, Hugh	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
GRIFFIN, Cathy	The Greens
GRIFFIN, James	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HEASMAN, Adele	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LE SURF, Alan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PICKERING, Steve	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/manly-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	26,727
Residential roll	26,718
Non-residential roll	9
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,743

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	76.9%
Formal votes	19,708
Informal votes	848
Total votes	20,556
Informality rate	4.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	4,517
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷⁷	17.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Manly Council 2012 Election

\$196,509.00

Cost per elector

\$7.38

Manly Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,187.60
Candidates and polling places	\$3,562.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,164.32
TOTAL	\$5,913.92

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 536 calls from postcodes within Manly Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,581 unique visitors to Manly Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

⁷⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Suzanne Turner

Returning Officer's Office

Mosman Region Returning Officer's Office
Old Greater Union Cinema Complex
Ground Floor, 7-11 Spit Road
Mosman NSW 2088

Councils in Region

Manly Council and Mosman Municipal Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	11
Polling Place Assistants	3
Deputy Polling Place Managers	5
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	7
Election Officials	44
Council Count Manager	2
Part Day Election Officials	6
Total Staff	79

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	12

Pre-poll centre locations

Manly Pre-Poll, Mosman Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/manly-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Manly Daily

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	1

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	30
Female Candidates	11
Male Candidates	19

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

AIRD, Barbara	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
BINGHAM, Candy	-
GRIFFIN, Cathy	The Greens
HAY, Jean	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WHITTING, Craig	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

AIRD, Barbara	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
BINGHAM, Candy	-
BROXOM, Shelley	-
BURNS, David	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
BURNS, Hugh	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
CHAPMAN, Michael	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
COLLINS, Patrick	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
COULTER, Stephen	-
CUTHILL, Alex	-
D'AMBROSIO, Silvano	-

FRENCH, Jacqueline	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
GRIFFIN, Cathy	The Greens
GRIFFIN, James	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HAY, Jean	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HEASMAN, Adele	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HITCHMAN, Kylie	The Greens
KEEN, Lloyd	-
KENNY, Julian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KITCHING, Will	The Greens
LAMBERT, Judy	The Greens
LE ROUX, Terry	The Greens
LE SURF, Alan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MOONEY, Deborah	-
NAGEL, Dirk	-
OHLBACK, Neil	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
PICKERING, Steve	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PRITCHARD, Rowan	Manly Independents - Putting Residents First
ROGERS, Daniel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SANSEY, Tanie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WHITTING, Craig	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Marrickville Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward - Wirraga

ISKANDAR, Sam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MACRI, Victor	-
PHILLIPS, Max	The Greens

North Ward - Wali

ELLSMORE, Sylvie	The Greens
GARDINER, Mark	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HAYLEN, Jo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

South Ward - Magura

HANNA, Morris	-
LEARY, David	The Greens
WOODS, Chris	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

West Ward - Burraga

BROOKS, Melissa	The Greens
TSARDOULIAS, Emanuel	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TYLER, Rosana	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/marrickville-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	54,578
Residential roll	54,428
Non-residential roll	150
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	6,180

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.0%
Formal votes	40,755
Informal votes	2,382
Total votes	43,137
Informality rate	5.5%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	8,493
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷⁸	15.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Marrickville Council 2012 Election

\$322,016.00

Cost per elector

\$5.92

Marrickville Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$944.00
Candidates and polling places	\$2,018.88
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$504.72
TOTAL	\$3,467.60

⁷⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,041 calls from postcodes within Marrickville Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 6,468 unique visitors to Marrickville Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

John Beringer

Returning Officer's Office

Leichhardt Region Returning Officer's Office
Rear of 11 Marion Street
Leichhardt NSW 2040

Councils in Region

Leichhardt Municipal Council and Marrickville Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	27
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	12
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	10
Election Officials	108
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	10
Total Staff	168

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	44

Pre-poll centre locations

Leichhardt Region Returning Officer's Office, Marrickville Pre-poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/marrickville-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Inner Western Suburbs Courier
Inner City Weekender

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	50
Female Candidates	18
Male Candidates	32

Central Ward - Wirraga Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	10

North Ward - Wali Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	7

South Ward - Magura Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	11

West Ward - Burruga Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	4

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward - Wirraga

ANDRADE, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CAPOGRECO, Joseph	-
CHISTIAKOFF, Alex	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HUDSON, Katherine	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ISKANDAR, Sam	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KENT, Jennifer	The Greens
KHOURI, Joe	-
MACRI, Victor	-
PHILLIPS, Max	The Greens
POULIKAKOS, Dimitrios	The Greens
SACHS, Antony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SUTHERLAND, Bill	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

North Ward - Wali

BRYANT, Gareth	The Greens
BURNFIELD, David	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DRAKE, Phoebe	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DUARTE, Jason	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ELLSMORE, Sylvie	The Greens
EVANS, Josie	Socialist Alliance
GARDINER, Mark	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HAYLEN, Jo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HICKSON, Jill	Socialist Alliance
HINMAN, Pip	Socialist Alliance
KOVIC, Chelsea	-
LOVELL, Jaimie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
REDEGALLI, Sergio	-
REITERBAUER, George	-
SOLOMON, Karel	The Greens

South Ward - Magura

GERBER, Matthew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HANNA, Morris	-
HOWE, Elizabeth	-
KHOURY, David	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LANGFORD, Justine	The Greens
LEARY, David	The Greens

MOUNTNEY, Jason	-
NGUYEN, Vinh	-
OLIVE, Peter	The Greens
REILLY, Rebecca	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SIMMONS, Drew	Australian Democrats (NSW Division)
SYMONDS, Gregory	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TYLER, Ed	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WOODS, Chris	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

West Ward - Burruga

BERGAGNIN, Leo	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BROOKS, Melissa	The Greens
COOTE, Craig	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HO, Christina	The Greens
KELLY, Peter	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KONTELLIS, Marika	The Greens
MEADER, Chrys	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TSARDOULIAS, Emanuel	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TYLER, Rosana	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Mid-Western Regional Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CAVALIER, Paul	-
KENNEDY, Des	-
MARTENS, Esme	-
SHELLEY, Peter	-
THOMPSON, Percy	-
WALKER, Max	-
WEATHERLEY, John	-
WEBB, John	-
WHITE, Lucy	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/mid-western-regional-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	16,100
Residential roll	16,094
Non-residential roll	6
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,466

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	86.5%
Formal votes	13,034
Informal votes	886
Total votes	13,920
Informality rate	6.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,648
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁷⁹	10.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Mid-Western Regional Council 2012 Election

\$135,419.00

Cost per elector

\$8.44

Mid-Western Regional Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$462.73
Candidates and polling places	\$1,765.60
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$420.66
TOTAL	\$2,648.99

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 174 calls from postcodes within Mid-Western Regional Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,632 unique visitors to Mid-Western Regional Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

John Kaus

⁷⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Mid-Western Returning Officer's Office
90 Market Street (access at rear)
Mudgee NSW 2850

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	18
Polling Place Managers	14
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	24
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	60

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	15

Pre-poll centre locations

Gulgong Pre-Poll, Mid-Western Returning Officer's Office, Rylstone Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/mid-western-regional-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Mudgee Guardian

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	36
Female Candidates	15
Male Candidates	21

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BINKS, Robbin	-
BROWN, Dianne	-
BURNSTEIN, Jodi	-
CAVALIER, Paul	-
CHEESEWRIGHT, John	-
CHISLETT, Robin	-
CLAPHAM, Mitchell	-
CLEARY, Michael	-
DE GOEDE, Peter	-
DUFFY, Rob	-
ETHERTON, Natalie	-
FORSYTH, Scott	-
GILLHAM, Rob	-
GJESSING, Grant	-
HOLDEN, Russell	-
HONEYSETT, Andy	-
KENNEDY, Des	-
LAMOND, Bob	-
MANN, Rachel	-
MARTENS, Esme	-
PEARCE, Di	-
ROBINSON, Sheree	-
SAUERBIER, Andrea	-
SHAW, Craig	-
SHELLEY, Peter	-
SLEVIN, Alison	-
SMITH, Keith	-
SUTTON, Rebecca	-
SWEENEY, Mike	-
THOMPSON, Percy	-
VIDLER, Stacy	-
WALKER, Max	-
WEATHERLEY, John	-
WEBB, John	-
WHITE, Lucy	-
WICKS, Leanne	-

Moree Plains Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRAZEL, Rodney	-
CIKOTA, Mick	-
GALL, Claudia	-
HUMPHRIES, Katrina	-
MUNN, Brendan	-
PRICE, Sue	-
TRAMBY, John	-
TZANNES, Theo	-
VON DREHNEN, James	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/moree-plains-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	8,251
Residential roll	8,250
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	838

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	78.0%
Formal votes	6,021
Informal votes	417
Total votes	6,438
Informality rate	6.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,517
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸⁰	18.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Moree Plains Shire Council 2012 Election

\$71,880.00

Cost per elector

\$8.74

Moree Plains Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,485.66
Candidates and polling places	\$2,196.70
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$957.82
TOTAL	\$4,640.18

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 124 calls from postcodes within Moree Plains Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 955 unique visitors to Moree Plains Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Sarah Risby

⁸⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Moree Region Returning Officer's Office
Moree Banquet Hall
36 Balo Street
Moree NSW 2400

Councils in Region

Gwydir Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council and Walgett Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	22
Polling Place Managers	13
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	17
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	55

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	14

Pre-poll centre locations

Moree Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/moree-plains-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

The Border News (a weekly newspaper published on Mondays & inserted weekly into 6 newspapers around the region being: Moree Champion, Wee Waa News, Goondiwindi Argus, Warialda Standard, Bingara Advocate & Narrabri Courier).

Moree Champion
Mungindi Matters
Goondiwindi Argus

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BRAZEL, Rodney	-
CIKOTA, Mick	-
CLOWES, Richard	-
DUNN, Robert	-
GALL, Claudia	-
HUMPHRIES, Katrina	-
MAURER-KING, Michele	-
McGRADY, Carl	-
MUNN, Brendan	-
PRICE, Sue	-
TRAMBY, John	-
TZANNES, Theo	-
VON DREHNEN, James	-

Mosman Municipal Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
ABELSON, Peter	Serving Mosman

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BENDALL, Roy	Residents For Mosman
CORRIGAN, Carolyn	Serving Mosman
MENZIES, Simon	-
MOLINE, Libby	-
SHERLOCK, Tom	Serving Mosman
WHITE, Peter	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/mosman-municipal-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Poll

"Do you favour the amalgamation of Mosman Council with any other Council(s) to create a larger Local Government Authority?"

Yes 2,711
No 11,796

Enrolment

Total Electors	19,568
Residential roll	19,564
Non-residential roll	4
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,842

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	76.8%
Formal votes	13,951
Informal votes	1,087
Total votes	15,038
Informality rate	7.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,259
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸¹	16.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Mosman Municipal Council 2012 Election

\$147,392.00

Cost per elector

\$7.55

Mosman Municipal Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,463.44
Candidates and polling places	\$2,195.16
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$2,351.00
TOTAL	\$6,009.60

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 419 calls from postcodes within Mosman Municipal Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,320 unique visitors to Mosman Municipal Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

⁸¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Suzanne Turner

Returning Officer's Office

Mosman Region Returning Officer's Office
Old Greater Union Cinema Complex
Ground Floor, 7-11 Spit Road
Mosman NSW 2088

Councils in Region

Manly Council and Mosman Municipal Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	24
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	17
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	28
Council Count Manager	1
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	87

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Mosman Region RO Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/mosman-municipal-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Mosman Daily

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	6

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	29
Female Candidates	14
Male Candidates	15

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates	Party Affiliation
ABELSON, Peter	Serving Mosman
BENDALL, Roy	Residents For Mosman
MENZIES, Simon	-
MOLINE, Libby	-
REID, Jim	-
WHITE, Peter	-
YATES, Warren	-

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ABELSON, Peter	Serving Mosman
BARRETT, Olivia	Residents For Mosman
BENDALL, Roy	Residents For Mosman
BRADY, Lauren	-
BROWN, Louise	-
CONNON, Anne	-
CORRIGAN, Carolyn	Serving Mosman
DAWSON, Fred	-

ELSEGOOD, Lynette	Residents For Mosman
FRIEDRICH, Pip	Serving Mosman
GIANNESINI, Julie	-
JACKSON, Tina	-
LEE, Chris	-
LONGHURST, Mark	-
LOPEZ, Anthony	-
LYNCH, Michael	-
MACADIE, Rhonda	-
MENZIES, Simon	-
MOLINE, Libby	-
SEYMOUR, Lee-Martin	Residents For Mosman
SHERLOCK, Tom	Serving Mosman
SIEVERS, Connie	Residents For Mosman
SMOKER, Gary	-
SOMMERS, Greg	Residents For Mosman
VINCENT, Jane	-
WALKER, Christopher	-
WHITE, Peter	-
WHITEHEAD, Sally	-
YATES, Warren	-

Murray Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ANDERSON, Bill	-
BURKE, Gavin	-
CAMPBELL, Gen	-
MOON, Ian	-
MULCAHY, Sue	-
MURPHY, Betty	-
POCKLINGTON, John	-
SHARP, Brian	-
WEYRICH, Thomas	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/murray-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,870
Residential roll	4,867
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	110

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.6%
Formal votes	3,557
Informal votes	319
Total votes	3,876
Informality rate	8.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	736
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸²	15.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Murray Shire Council 2012 Election

\$44,090.00

Cost per elector

\$9.15

Murray Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$922.20
Candidates and polling places	\$3,520.76
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$460.60
TOTAL	\$4,903.56

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 40 calls from postcodes within Murray Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 616 unique visitors to Murray Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Erin Hore

⁸² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office
Old Finley Library
54 Denison Street
Finley NSW 2713

Councils in Region

Berrigan Shire Council, Conargo Shire Council, Deniliquin Council, Jerilderie Shire Council and Murray Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	9
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	17

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Berrigan Region Returning Officer's Office, Mathoura Pre-Poll, Moama Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/murray-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Echuca Riverine Herald
Deniliquin Pastoral Times
Barham Bridge Koondrook Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ANDERSON, Bill	-
BILKEY, Chris	-
BURKE, Gavin	-
CAMPBELL, Gen	-
GREAVES, Neil	-
HOLDING, Alan	-
MACKENZIE, Geoff	-
MOON, Ian	-
MULCAHY, Sue	-
MURPHY, Betty	-
POCKLINGTON, John	-
SHARP, Brian	-
WEYRICH, Thomas	-

Murrumbidgee Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Wednesday, 12 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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East Ward - Uncontested

BLACK, Robert	-
CHIRGWIN, Christine	-
EVANS, Austin	-

West Ward

CURPHEY, Robert	-
GILBERT, Gavin	-
WELLS, Phillip	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/murrumbidgee-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	1,554
Residential roll	1,551
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	91

Participation and Informality⁸³

Participation rate	80.4%
Formal votes	633
Informal votes	19
Total votes	652
Informality rate	2.9%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote⁸³

Penalty Notices Issued	133
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸⁴	16.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Murrumbidgee Shire Council 2012 Election

\$11,428.00

Cost per elector

\$7.39

Murrumbidgee Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,041.39
Candidates and polling places	\$1,509.78
Uncontested elections	\$235.93
Results	\$382.03
TOTAL	\$3,169.13

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 7 calls from postcodes within Murrumbidgee Shire Council area.

⁸³ Figures for contested wards only

⁸⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 320 unique visitors to Murrumbidgee Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Matthew Farley

Returning Officer's Office

Leeton Region Returning Officer's Office
18-22 Kurrajong Avenue
Leeton NSW 2705

Councils in Region

Carrathool Shire Council, Griffith City Council, Leeton Shire Council, Murrumbidgee Shire Council and Narrandera Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	1
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	1
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	3

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	2

Pre-poll centre locations

Coleambally Pre-Poll, Darlington Point Pre-Poll, Leeton Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/murrumbidgee-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Griffith Area News
Coleambally Observer

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	9

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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West Ward

BEAUMONT, Gordon	-
CLARKE, Ron	-
CURPHEY, Robert	-
GILBERT, Gavin	-
HARRISON, Kel	-
TURVEY, Irene	-
VAN HEES, Peter	-
WELLS, Phillip	-

Muswellbrook Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BUTCHARD, Raymond	-
LECKY, Jennifer	-
McNEILL, Graeme	-
OGG, Malcolm	-
PHELPS, Christine	-
PORTOLAN, Karen	-
RISBY, Janelle	-
RUSH, Martin	-
SCHOLES, Rod	-
SERHAN, Gary	-
WARD, Stephen	-
WOODRUFF, Brett	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/muswellbrook-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	10,415
Residential roll	10,415
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,207

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.5%
Formal votes	7,761
Informal votes	731
Total votes	8,492
Informality rate	8.6%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,587
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸⁵	15.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Muswellbrook Shire Council 2012 Election

\$74,718.00

Cost per elector

\$7.20

Muswellbrook Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$534.00
Candidates and polling places	\$1,201.28
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$474.21
TOTAL	\$2,209.49

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 144 calls from postcodes within Muswellbrook Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 701 unique visitors to Muswellbrook Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

David Workman

⁸⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Singleton Region Returning Officer's Office
Old St Patricks Primary School
Market Street
Singleton NSW 2330

Councils in Region

Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	14
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	22

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Denman Pre-Poll, Muswellbrook Pre-Poll, Singleton Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/muswellbrook-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Hunter Valley News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BUTCHARD, Raymond	-
LECKY, Jennifer	-
McNEILL, Graeme	-
OGG, Malcolm	-
PHELPS, Christine	-
PORTOLAN, Karen	-
RISBY, Janelle	-
RUSH, Martin	-
SCHOLES, Rod	-
SERHAN, Gary	-
SHEWAN, John	-
WARD, Stephen	-
WOODRUFF, Brett	-

Nambucca Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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HOBAN, Rhonda	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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AINSWORTH, John	-
BALLANGARRY, Martin	-
FINLAYSON, Brian	-
FLACK, Paula	-
MACDONALD, Kim	-
MORRISON, Bob	-
SMYTH, Anne	-
SOUTH, Elaine	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/nambucca-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	14,017
Residential roll	14,017
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,179

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	80.5%
Formal votes	10,402
Informal votes	886
Total votes	11,288
Informality rate	7.8%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,086
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸⁶	14.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Nambucca Shire Council 2012 Election

\$108,126.00

Cost per elector

\$7.73

Nambucca Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,032.88
Candidates and polling places	\$724.50
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$362.25
TOTAL	\$2,119.63

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 119 calls from postcodes within Nambucca Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,269 unique visitors to Nambucca Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

⁸⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Susan Mowle

Returning Officer's Office

Nambucca Region Returning Officer's Office
1 Cooper Street
Macksville NSW 2447

Councils in Region

Bellingen Shire Council and Nambucca Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	21
Polling Place Managers	11
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	2
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	23
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	61

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	12

Pre-poll centre locations

Macksville Pre-Poll, Nambucca Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/nambucca-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Nambucca Guardian

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	1

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	5

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
AINSWORTH, John	-
HOBAN, Rhonda	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
AINSWORTH, John	-
BALLANGARRY, Martin	-
COURT, Janet	-
FINLAYSON, Brian	-
FLACK, Paula	-
HOBAN, Rhonda	-
JAMIESON, Robby	-
LANE, Joy	-
MACDONALD, Kim	-
MORRISON, Bob	-
SHEATHER, Joy	-
SMYTH, Anne	-
SOUTH, Elaine	-

Narrabri Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BOLTON, Conrad	-
BOOBY, Maxine	-
COLLYER, Catherine	-
FABER, Robyn	-
FINLAY, Lloyd	-
FLOWER, Ken	-
KNOX, Les	-
LOWDER, Ron	-
O'REGAN, Bevan	-
REDDING, Cathy	-
SCILLEY, Tom	-
TOUGH, John	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/narrabri-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Referendum

"Do you favour the number of Narrabri Shire councillors being reduced from twelve (12) to nine (9)?"

Referendum was endorsed

See website for number of votes for and against -
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/narrabri-shire-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	8,981
Residential roll	8,981
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	714

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.9%
Formal votes	7,007
Informal votes	526
Total votes	7,533
Informality rate	7.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,110
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸⁷	12.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Narrabri Shire Council 2012 Election

\$73,128.00

Cost per elector

\$8.17

Narrabri Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,626.00
Candidates and polling places	\$1,597.20
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$726.00
TOTAL	\$3,949.20

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 150 calls from postcodes within Narrabri Shire Council area.

⁸⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 713 unique visitors to Narrabri Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Sarah Risby

Returning Officer's Office

Moree Region Returning Officer's Office
Moree Banquet Hall
36 Balo Street
Moree NSW 2400

Councils in Region

Gwydir Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council and Walgett Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	10
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	15
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	28

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	5
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	11

Pre-poll centre locations

Boggabri Pre-Poll, Moree Region Returning Officer's Office, Narrabri Pre-Poll, Wee Waa Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/narrabri-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

The Courier - Narrabri
Wee Waa News
Namoi Valley Independent - Boggabilla Supplement

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	17
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	13

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BARTON, Des	-
BOLTON, Conrad	-
BOOBY, Maxine	-
COLLYER, Catherine	-
DUFFEY, Ian	-
FABER, Robyn	-
FINLAY, Lloyd	-
FLOWER, Ken	-
KNOX, Les	-
LAIRD, Phil	-
LOWDER, Ron	-
McNAIR, Graeme	-
O'REGAN, Bevan	-
PICKARD, Tony	-
REDDING, Cathy	-
SCILLEY, Tom	-
TOUGH, John	-

Narrandera Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CLARKE, Jenny	-
EIPPER, Graham	-
HALL, Wesley	-
HOWARD, James	-
KSCHENKA, Neville	-
LEE, Jason	-
MAYNE, Barry	-
MORRIS, Kevin	-
SULLIVAN, John	-

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,366
Residential roll	4,366
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	328

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Narrandera Shire Council 2012 Election

\$12,335.00

Cost per elector

\$2.83

Narrandera Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$586.40
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$175.00
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$761.40

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 12 calls from postcodes within Narrandera Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 563 unique visitors to Narrandera Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested.

Returning Officer

Matthew Farley

Returning Officer's Office

Leeton Region Returning Officer's Office
18-22 Kurrajong Avenue
Leeton NSW 2705

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Narrandera Argus

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	8

Narromine Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CARNEY, Ruth	-
COLLINS, Dawn	-
DAVIES, Craig	-
ELLIS, Tony	-
LAMBERT, Les	-
MACK, George	-
McANALLY, Billy	-
McCUTCHEON, Sue	-
TRUSCOTT, Ivan	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/narromine-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,541
Residential roll	4,541
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	308

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.8%
Formal votes	3,723
Informal votes	173
Total votes	3,896
Informality rate	4.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	463
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸⁸	10.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Narromine Shire Council 2012 Election

\$33,002.00

Cost per elector

\$7.29

Narromine Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$800.19
Candidates and polling places	\$792.90
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$212.00
TOTAL	\$1,805.09

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 53 calls from postcodes within Narromine Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 632 unique visitors to Narromine Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Katherine Reid

⁸⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Dubbo Region Returning Officer's Office
108 Macquarie Street
Dubbo NSW 2830

Councils in Region

Dubbo City Council, Narromine Shire Council and Wellington Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	3
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	8
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	13

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	4

Pre-poll centre locations

Dubbo Region Returning Officer's Office, Narromine Pre-Poll, Trangie Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/narromine-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Narromine News
Parkes Champion Post
Flat Chat News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BARNETT, Bob	-
BRYDON, Midnight	-
CARNEY, Ruth	-
COLLINS, Dawn	-
DAVIES, Craig	-
ELLIS, Tony	-
JONES, Raynor	-
LAMBERT, Les	-
MACK, George	-
McANALLY, Billy	-
McCUTCHEON, Sue	-
TRUSCOTT, Ivan	-
WILSON, Gai	-

North Sydney Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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GIBSON, Jilly	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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Cremorne Ward

BARBOUR, Stephen	-
BURKE, Sarah	-
BUTCHER, Danielle	-

Tunks Ward

BEREGI, Maryann	-
MARCHANDEAU, Veronique	-
ROBERTSON, Tom	-

Victoria Ward

BEVAN, Ginny	-
CARR, Tony	-
REYMOND, Michel	-

Wollstonecraft Ward

BAKER, Zoe	-
CLARE, Melissa	-
MORRIS, Jeff	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/north-sydney-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Referendum

"Currently North Sydney Council has four wards and 12 councillors (three per ward), plus the popularly elected mayor, elected for a four year term. Do you favour a reduction in the number of wards from four to three and the number of councillors from 13 to 10, inclusive of the popularly elected mayor? If there is majority support for the proposal, the changes will take effect from the 2016 election."

Referendum was endorsed

See website for number of votes for and against -
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/north-sydney-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	42,562
Residential roll	42,475
Non-residential roll	87
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	5,355

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	74.1%
Formal votes	28,981
Informal votes	2,551
Total votes	31,532
Informality rate	8.1%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	8,337
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁸⁹	19.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the North Sydney Council 2012 Election

\$308,193.00

Cost per elector

\$7.27

⁸⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

North Sydney Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$731.72
Candidates and polling places	\$2,195.16
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,097.58
TOTAL	\$4,024.46

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 893 calls from postcodes within North Sydney Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 7,016 unique visitors to North Sydney Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Susan Michie

Returning Officer's Office

North Sydney Returning Officer's Office
Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council Chambers
200 Miller Street
North Sydney NSW 2060

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	20
Polling Place Managers	15
Polling Place Assistants	19
Deputy Polling Place Managers	7
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	12
Election Officials	59
Council Count Manager	4
Part Day Election Officials	10
Total Staff	147

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	5
Election day Polling Places	25

Pre-poll centre locations

North Sydney Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/north-sydney-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Mosman Daily

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
One Councillor nomination was withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	0

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	55
Female Candidates	38
Male Candidates	17

Cremorne Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	5

Tunks Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	11
Male Candidates	4

Victoria Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	6

Wollstonecraft Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	2

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BAKER, Zoe	-
CLARKE-NASH, Suzanne	-
GIBSON, Jilly	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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Cremorne Ward

BARBOUR, Stephen	-
BRENNAN, Peter	The Greens
BURKE, Sarah	-
BUTCHER, Danielle	-
CAREY, Margaret	The Greens
FENNELL, Aloma	The Greens
FRASER, Christine	-
HAMMOND, Richard	-
KEEN, Jessica	-
MAY, Sara	-
MILLER, Carolyn	-
MINOGUE, Caroline	-
PEARSON, Noel	-
RUDDICK, John	-
WARD, Melissa	-

Tunks Ward

BAUER, Hannah	-
BEREGI, Maryann	-
CHRISTIE, Jillian	-

DE COURCAY, Marion	-
DRUMMOND, Alanya	-
FARRAR, Richard	-
FERGUSON, Zoe	-
MACDONALD, Kate	-
MARCHANDEAU, Veronique	-
MARSH, Sam	-
RAYNER, Rose	-
ROBERTSON, Tom	-
SMAILES, Kate	-
WORRALL, Phil	-
YAAGER, Lara	-

Victoria Ward

ATKIN, Elsa	-
BEVAN, Ginny	-
CARR, Tony	-
DAI, Kelly	-
GIBSON, Jilly	-
IACCARINO, Toby	-
OWEN, Justin	-
RAYNER, Tom	-
REED, Sarah	-
REYMOND, Michel	-
SCANLAN, Mark	-
STONEBERG, Molly	-
WILSON, Carol	-

Wollstonecraft Ward

BAKER, Zoe	-
CARRIGAN, Carol	-
CLARE, Melissa	-
DAVIDSON, Diana	-
GREENOP, Jane	-
GUERRERO, Rebecca	-
HENDERSON, Anne	-
HUDSON, Steven	-
MARTIN, Jenna	-
MORRIS, Jeff	-
ROBSON, Susan	-
SOUTH, Nikki	-

Oberon Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
DONEY, Ian	-
EVANS, Jill	-
FRANCIS, Neil	-
GIBBONS, Kerry	-
LORD, Sam	-
McCARTHY, Clive	-
McMAHON, John	-
MORGAN, John	-
SAJOWITZ, Kathy	-

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,574
Residential roll	3,574
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	203

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Oberon Council 2012 Election

\$10,076.00

Cost per elector

\$2.82

Oberon Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,285.51
Candidates and polling places	\$298.80
Uncontested elections	\$513.00
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,097.31

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 19 calls from postcodes within Oberon Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 381 unique visitors to Oberon Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested.

Returning Officer

Stuart Evennett

Returning Officer's Office

Bathurst Region Returning Officer's Office
126 Bentinck Street
Bathurst NSW 2795

Councils in Region

Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council and Oberon Council

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Oberon Review
Western Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	6

Orange City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BROWN, Ash	-
DAVIS, John	-
DUFFY, Kevin	-
GANDER, Ron	-
GRYLLIS, Chris	-
HAMLING, Jason	-
JONES, Neil	The Greens
KIDD, Reg	-
MUNRO, Scott	-
TAYLOR, Glenn	-
TURNER, Russell	-
WHITTON, Jeff	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/orange-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Referendum

"The Mayor of Orange is currently elected each year by the 12 Councillors. Do you approve of the direct election of the Mayor by the voters of Orange, for a four year term?"

Referendum was endorsed

See website for number of votes for and against -
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/orange-city-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	26,225
Residential roll	26,215
Non-residential roll	10
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,881

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.7%
Formal votes	20,798
Informal votes	1,677
Total votes	22,475
Informality rate	7.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,893
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹⁰	11.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Orange City Council 2012 Election

\$183,096.00

Cost per elector

\$7.01

Orange City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,663.20
Candidates and polling places	\$2,743.37
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$326.70
TOTAL	\$4,733.27

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 228 calls from postcodes within Orange City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,911 unique visitors to Orange City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

⁹⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Ross Baker

Returning Officer's Office

Orange Region Returning Officer's Office
Rear of 217 Summer Street
Orange NSW 2800

Councils in Region

Cabonne Shire Council and Orange City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	22
Polling Place Managers	13
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	4
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	3
Election Officials	42
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	87

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	15

Pre-poll centre locations

Orange Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/orange-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Orange Central Western Daily
Orange Photo News
Mid State Observer

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	45
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	35

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ALEXANDER-FISHER, Bev	-
BLACK, Yvette	The Greens
BLUNDEN, Paul	-
BROWN, Ash	-
BUCKINGHAM, Sarah	The Greens
CLEAL, Dave	-
CLEARY, Justeene	-
COPPING, Gail	-
CREARY, Sonja	-
DA RIN, John	-
DAVIS, John	-
DUFFY, Kevin	-
EDWARDS, Peter	-
EGGLESTON, Richard	The Greens
FINN, Jim	-
GANDER, Ron	-
GINTY, Charlie	-
GRAY, Michael	-
GRYLLIS, Chris	-
HAMLING, Jason	-
JOHNS, Derek	-
JOHNSON, Darren	-
JOHNSON, Justin	-

JONES, Neil	The Greens
KIDD, Reg	-
McDOUGALL, Andrew	-
MUNRO, Scott	-
NELSON, Haidee	The Greens
NIVEN, Richard	-
NUGENT, Stephen	The Greens
REILLY, Adam	-
ROMANO, Sam	-
SAVAGE, Jan	-
SHEARING, Dave	-
SMITH, Cyril	-
SWEETING, Troy	-
TAYLOR, Glenn	-
TOWNSEND, Paula	-
TURNER, Dean	-
TURNER, Russell	-
WARBURTON, Tammy	-
WHITTON, Jeff	-
WILLIAMSON, Rob	-
WOOD, Brian	-
WRIGHT, Aaron	-

Palerang Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
COCKRAM, Paul	-
FRANCE, Keith	-
GRAHAM, Richard	-
HARRISON, Pete	-
HICKS, Trevor	-
HOGARTH-BOYD, Belinda	-
MARSHALL, Peter	-
MORRISON, Garth	Country Labor Party
SCHWEIKERT, Mark	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/palerang-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	10,393
Residential roll	10,385
Non-residential roll	8
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	399

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.5%
Formal votes	7,688
Informal votes	781
Total votes	8,469
Informality rate	9.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,436
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹¹	14.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Palerang Council 2012 Election

\$73,294.00

Cost per elector

\$7.13

Palerang Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,047.82
Candidates and polling places	\$2,128.34
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$364.28
TOTAL	\$3,540.44

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 195 calls from postcodes within Palerang Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,954 unique visitors to Palerang Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Linda Strika

⁹¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Queanbeyan Region Returning Officer's Office
256 Crawford Street
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Councils in Region

Palerang Council and Queanbeyan City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	9
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	17
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	32

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	10

Pre-poll centre locations

Braidwood Pre-Poll, Bungendore Pre-Poll, Queanbeyan Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/palerang-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Bugendore Bulletin
Captains Flat Telegraph
Queanbeyan Age
Braidwood Times
Bungendore Mirror

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	27
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	19

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BOS, Kerry	-
CHAPMAN, Jil	Country Labor Party
COCKRAM, Paul	-
DIGNAN, Cecily	-
FALKINER, James	-
FRANCE, Keith	-
GEORGE, Greg	-
GRAHAM, Richard	-
HAND, Sandra	-
HARRISON, Pete	-
HENRY, Naomi	-
HICKS, Trevor	-
HOGARTH-BOYD, Belinda	-
HOLTHOUSE, David	-
LANGFORD, Geoffrey	-
MARJASON, Ian	-
MARSHALL, Peter	-
McCOLL, Mike	Country Labor Party
MONTESIN, Helen	-
MORRISON, Garth	Country Labor Party
PETERS, Ian	-
RICHARDS, Bronwyn	-
RUTLEDGE, William	-
SCHWEIKERT, Mark	-
SMITH, Alison	Country Labor Party
VAN DER LINDEN, Fernando	Country Labor Party
VAN DER STRAATEN, John	-

Parkes Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
GREENWOOD, Michael	-
HADDIN, Bob	-
KEITH, Ken	-
McCORKELL, Belinda	-
McGRATH, Kenny	-
NEWTON, Barbara	-
O'LEARY, Louise	-
PRATT, George	-
SMITH, Pat	-
WARD, Alan	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/parkes-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	10,109
Residential roll	10,109
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	878

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.1%
Formal votes	8,209
Informal votes	396
Total votes	8,605
Informality rate	4.6%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,115
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹²	11.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Parkes Shire Council 2012 Election

\$82,687.00

Cost per elector

\$8.20

Parkes Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$543.18
Candidates and polling places	\$1,008.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$162.00
TOTAL	\$1,713.18

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 177 calls from postcodes within Parkes Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,470 unique visitors to Parkes Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Geoffrey Lark

⁹² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office
1-5 Bandon Street
Forbes NSW 2871

Councils in Region

Bland Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council and Parkes Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	11
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	17
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	5
Total Staff	35

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	12

Pre-poll centre locations

Forbes Region Returning Officer's Office, Parkes Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/parkes-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Parkes Champion Post

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
GREENWOOD, Michael	-
HADDIN, Bob	-
KEITH, Ken	-
McCORKELL, Belinda	-
McGRATH, Kenny	-
NEWTON, Barbara	-
O'LEARY, Louise	-
PRATT, George	-
REYNOLDS, Grant	-
RICHARDSON-BARTLEY, Gail	-
SMITH, Pat	-
WARD, Alan	-

Parramatta City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Arthur Phillip Ward	
FINN, Julia	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MAKARI, Bakous	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WILSON, Andrew	Lorraine Wearne Independents
Caroline Chisholm Ward	
CHOWDHURY, Shahadat	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DWYER, Bob	-
LLOYD, Scott	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Elizabeth Macarthur Ward	
CHEDID, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HUGH, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SHAW, James	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Lachlan Macquarie Ward	
ABOOD, Jean Pierre	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ESBER, Pierre	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WEARNE, Lorraine	Lorraine Wearne Independents
Woodville Ward	
ELMORE, Glenn	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GARRARD, Paul	Woodville Independents
ISSA, Steven	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/parramatta-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	101,555
Residential roll	101,542
Non-residential roll	13
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	10,267

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	80.9%
Formal votes	76,322
Informal votes	5,873
Total votes	82,195
Informality rate	7.1%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	14,148
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹³	14.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Parramatta City Council 2012 Election

\$613,023.00

Cost per elector

\$6.06

Parramatta City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,775.52
Candidates and polling places	\$8,217.56
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$5,442.04
TOTAL	\$16,435.12

⁹³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 2,449 calls from postcodes within Parramatta City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 12,309 unique visitors to Parramatta City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Jennifer Maher

Returning Officer's Office

Parramatta Returning Officer's Office
Level 1, 169 Macquarie Street
Parramatta NSW 2150

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	30
Polling Place Managers	44
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	23
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	30
Election Officials	202
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	27
Total Staff	357

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	10
Election day Polling Places	59

Pre-poll centre locations

Parramatta Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/parramatta-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Parramatta Advertiser
Northern District Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	75
Female Candidates	28
Male Candidates	47

Arthur Phillip Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	18
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	12

Caroline Chisholm Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	18
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	11

Elizabeth Macarthur Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	6

Lachlan Macquarie Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	8

Woodville Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

Arthur Phillip Ward

ASHLEY, Reece	The Parramatta Independents
BARRAK, Benjamin	The Parramatta Independents
BRADLEY, Phil	The Greens
CREAGH, Howard	Lorraine Wearne Independents
FINN, Julia	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HALL, Craig	Lorraine Wearne Independents
KAYE-SMITH, Zorica	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MAITRA, Prabir	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MAKARI, Bakous	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MORNINGSTAR, Angelus	The Greens
NIVEN, John	Democratic Labor Party
O'NEILL, Astrid	The Greens
PROCIV, Patricia	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SHETTY, Devi	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SIDHU, Singh	Democratic Labor Party
TALLON, Cassandra	The Parramatta Independents
WILSON, Andrew	Lorraine Wearne Independents
YELLANDUR JAYATHIRTA, Vidya	Democratic Labor Party

Caroline Chisholm Ward

ASHTIANI, Alyssa	-
BARBER, Paul	Lorraine Wearne Independents
BOUMANSOUR, Judy	The Parramatta Independents
BREUST, Anna	The Greens
BRYANT, Anthony	The Greens
CHOWDHURY, Shahadat	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DE CELIS, Amanda	Lorraine Wearne Independents
DWYER, Bob	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DWYER, Clare	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FARES, Gus	The Parramatta Independents
GREGORY, Roger	-
LANCE, Leeanne	Lorraine Wearne Independents
LLOYD, Scott	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MAY, Deborah	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NANGA, Prasanna	-
NIELSEN, Annie	The Greens
PUNCH, Andrew	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WATKINS, Glen	The Parramatta Independents

Elizabeth Macarthur Ward

CHEDID, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FERGUSON, Mathew	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GARRARD, Michelle	The Parramatta Independents
HUGH, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LENARD, Brittany	The Parramatta Independents
MCDERMOTT, Michael	Parramatta Better Local Government Party
PATEL, Nimi	The Parramatta Independents
REID, Pauline	Parramatta Better Local Government Party
SHAW, James	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SOURLAS, Helen	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TECALA, Christian	Parramatta Better Local Government Party
VATS, Aparna	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Lachlan Macquarie Ward

ABOOD, Jean Pierre	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BRUCE, Lynette	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
DAVIS, Donna	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ESBER, Pierre	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LI, Wilson	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MARGAN, Simon	The Greens
PETERS, Lindsay	The Greens
REED, Paul	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STEVENS, Harold	The Greens
TSANG, Shirley	Lorraine Wearne Independents
WALKER, Tony	Lorraine Wearne Independents
WEARNE, Lorraine	Lorraine Wearne Independents

Woodville Ward

ABBOUD, Miramar	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CAMILLERI, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHIN, Sam	Woodville Independents
CHRISTOU, Steve	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
COLEMAN, John	Socialist Alliance
DEVINE, Joanna	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ELMORE, Glenn	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GARRARD, Paul	Woodville Independents
GEARY, Ross	Socialist Alliance
GERGES, Amale	Woodville Independents
ISSA, Steven	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KASSEM, Eddy	-
SARI, Suleyman	-
SIRL, Jennifer	-
WILLIAMS, Kerryn	Socialist Alliance

Pittwater Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

FERGUSON, Kylie	-
WHITE, Ian	-
YOUNG, Sue	-

North Ward

GRACE, Bob	-
GRIFFITH, Selena	The Greens
McTAGGART, Alex	-

South Ward

HEGARTY, Julie	-
MILLAR, Kay	-
TOWNSEND, Jacqui	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/pittwater-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	43,456
Residential roll	43,453
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,512

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	78.1%
Formal votes	31,187
Informal votes	2,773
Total votes	33,960
Informality rate	8.2%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvt.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	6,965
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹⁴	16.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Pittwater Council 2012 Election

\$313,521.00

Cost per elector

\$7.23

Pittwater Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,026.90
Candidates and polling places	\$2,036.80
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$807.94
TOTAL	\$4,871.64

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 802 calls from postcodes within Pittwater Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,266 unique visitors to Pittwater Council election web page.

⁹⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Christopher McGuckin

Returning Officer's Office

Pittwater Returning Officer's Office
341 Barrenjoey Road
Newport NSW 2106

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	12
Polling Place Managers	15
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	9
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	10
Election Officials	72
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	11
Total Staff	130

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	23

Pre-poll centre locations

Pittwater Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/pittwater-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Manly Daily

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	33
Female Candidates	11
Male Candidates	22

Central Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	8

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	13
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	10

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	4

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

CATCHLOVE, David	-
COLBECK, Jim	-
DUNBAR, Bob	-
FERGUSON, Kylie	-
GYE, Bill	-

HILL, Kyle	-
ILLINGSWORTH, Lynette	-
MIDDLETON, Peter	-
RICHMOND, Stephen	-
WHITE, Ian	-
YOUNG, Sue	-

North Ward

BIBBY, Laurence	-
FRIEND, Brian	-
GRACE, Bob	-
GRIFFITH, Selena	The Greens
LANGFORD, Peter	-
MATTHEWS, Stewart	-
McTAGGART, Alex	-
MILHAM, John	-
REY, Pip	The Greens
SLOPER, Graham	-
WARING, John	-
WAWN, Pru	The Greens
WENDEN, David	-

South Ward

BOYLE, Michael	-
CORRIGAN, Adam	-
GORDON, Angus	-
HEGARTY, Julie	-
HEGARTY, Monique	-
HORNSBY, Chris	-
MILLAR, Kay	-
SIMMONDS, Cathy	-
TOWNSEND, Jacqui	-

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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BESSELING, Peter	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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CUSATO, Michael	-
GRIFFITHS, Sharon	-
HAWKINS, Geoff	-
INTEMANN, Lisa	-
LEVIDO, Justin	-
ROBERTS, Adam	-
SARGEANT, Trevor	-
TURNER, Robert	-

For full details of results see website –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/port-macquarie-hastings-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	55,724
Residential roll	55,723
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	5,695

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.1%
Formal votes	43,137
Informal votes	4,281
Total votes	47,418
Informality rate	9.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	5,798
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹⁵	10.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council 2012 Election

\$369,669.00

Cost per elector

\$6.65

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,898.28
Candidates and polling places	\$5,506.16
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$621.06
TOTAL	\$9,025.50

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 839 calls from postcodes within Port Macquarie-Hastings Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,692 unique visitors to Port Macquarie-Hastings Council election web page.

⁹⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Ken Raison

Returning Officer's Office

Port Macquarie Region Returning Officer's Office
Spotlight Complex
Shop 2, 180 Lake Road
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Councils in Region

Greater Taree City Council and Port Macquarie-Hastings Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	66
Polling Place Managers	34
Polling Place Assistants	14
Deputy Polling Place Managers	6
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	4
Election Officials	86
Council Count Manager	8
Part Day Election Officials	8
Total Staff	227

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	11
Election day Polling Places	35

Pre-poll centre locations

Laurieton Pre-Poll, Port Macquarie Pre-Poll, Port Macquarie Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/port-macquarie-hastings-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Camden Haven Courier
Port Times
Wauchope Gazette

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
Two Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	6

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	32
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	25

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

ALLEY, Peter	Country Labor Party
BESSELING, Peter	-
GRIFFITHS, Sharon	-
INTEMANN, Lisa	-
McGOWAN, Bob	-
PIERCE, Reg	-
ROBERTS, Adam	-
WILKINSON, Keith	-

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

ALLEY, Peter	Country Labor Party
BESSELING, Peter	-
CARMODY, Colleen	Country Labor Party
CONSTANTINE, Con	-
CROWE, Ann-Maree	-

CUSATO, Michael	-
FERRIER, Tom	The Greens
FITZ-ALAN, Leigh	-
GRIFFITHS, Jeff	-
GRIFFITHS, Sharon	-
HADFIELD, Luke	-
HAWKINS, Geoff	-
HUTCHEON, Jim	Country Labor Party
INTEMANN, Lisa	-
KANTUREK, Petr	-
KOOPMANS, Caryl	-
LEVIDO, Justin	-
LIPS, Fred	Country Labor Party
McGOWAN, Bob	-
MEGGET, Drusi	The Greens
NU, Tin	The Greens
OXENFORD, Ian	The Greens
PIERCE, Reg	-
PIERCE, Richard	-
ROBERTS, Adam	-
SARGEANT, Trevor	-
SCOTT, Glenn	-
SHEA, Gerard	-
STYLES, Jeff	-
TURNER, Robert	-
WALSH, Darren	-
WILKINSON, Keith	-

Queanbeyan City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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OVERALL, Tim	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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BRAY, Peter	-
BROWN, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BURFOOT, Judith	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CREGAN, Jamie	-
McLENNAN, Toni	-
TAYLOR, Trudy	-
TRAJANOSKI, Velice	-
WHELAN, Sue	-
WINCHESTER, Kenrick	-

For full details of results see website –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/queanbeyan-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	26,617
Residential roll	26,610
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,892

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	75.9%
Formal votes	18,364
Informal votes	1,826
Total votes	20,190
Informality rate	9.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	5,278
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹⁶	20.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Queanbeyan City Council 2012 Election

\$179,909.00

Cost per elector

\$6.81

Queanbeyan City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,371.71
Candidates and polling places	\$17,236.73
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$801.50
TOTAL	\$20,409.94

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 224 calls from postcodes within Queanbeyan City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 2,655 unique visitors to Queanbeyan City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

⁹⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Linda Strika

Returning Officer's Office

Queanbeyan Region Returning Officer's Office
256 Crawford Street
Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Councils in Region

Palerang Council and Queanbeyan City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	31
Polling Place Managers	9
Polling Place Assistants	2
Deputy Polling Place Managers	4
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	6
Election Officials	38
Council Count Manager	3
Part Day Election Officials	8
Total Staff	102

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	10

Pre-poll centre locations

Queanbeyan Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/queanbeyan-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Queanbeyan Chronicle
Queanbeyan Age
Canberra Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	3

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	36
Female Candidates	12
Male Candidates	24

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

BROWN, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CREGAN, Jamie	-
OVERALL, Tim	-
ROCCA, Ann	-
WHELAN, Sue	-

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

BAGLEY, Michael	-
BARTLETT, Steve	-
BISCOTTI, Michael	-
BOLAND, Meg	The Greens
BRAY, Peter	-
BROWN, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BUCKMAN, Gregory	The Greens
BURFOOT, Judith	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

CAWSE, Kane	-
CREGAN, Jamie	-
CURREN, Steve	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DAVANZO, Mauro	-
DUGGAN, Ben	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HUNTER, Brent	-
KAWALEVA, Keni	-
McLENNAN, Toni	-
NEWMAN, Chris	-
OVERALL, Tim	-
PARKER, Liz	-
PETKOVSKI, Steven	-
PHILPOTT, Richard	The Greens
PIPER, Margaret	The Greens
SADA, Benjamin	-
SPEARS, Rena	-
STONHAM, Philip	-
TAYLOR, Trudy	-
THOMPSON, Neil	-
TRAJANOSKI, Velice	-
TUTTY, Lyndell	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WALTER, Anne	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WALTMANN, Harry	-
WEBB, Jason	-
WHELAN, Sue	-
WILLIS, Katrina	The Greens
WINCHESTER, Briony	-
WINCHESTER, Kenrick	-

Randwick City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Central Ward	
ANDREWS, Anthony	-
SENG, Ted	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STEVENSON, Geoff	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
East Ward	
BOWEN, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MATSON, Murray	The Greens
ROBERTS, Brendan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
North Ward	
NEILSON, Kathy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SHUREY, Lindsay	The Greens
SMITH, Kiel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
South Ward	
BELLELI, Robert	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
D'SOUZA, Noel	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GARCIA, Pat	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
West Ward	
MOORE, Greg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NASH, Scott	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STAVRINOS, Harry	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/randwick-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	82,202
Residential roll	82,193
Non-residential roll	9
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	8,141

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.7%
Formal votes	61,961
Informal votes	3,518
Total votes	65,479
Informality rate	5.4%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	12,309
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹⁷	15.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Randwick City Council 2012 Election

\$526,888.00

Cost per elector

\$6.44

Randwick City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,553.78
Candidates and polling places	\$3,932.46
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,335.75
TOTAL	\$7,821.99

⁹⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,740 calls from postcodes within Randwick City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 10,012 unique visitors to Randwick City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

John Powell

Returning Officer's Office

Randwick Returning Officer's Office
Randwick Town Hall
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	29
Polling Place Managers	30
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	18
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	21
Election Officials	132
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	13
Total Staff	244

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	9
Election day Polling Places	48

Pre-poll centre locations

Randwick Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/randwick-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Southern Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	74
Female Candidates	22
Male Candidates	52

Central Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	8

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	10

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	10

South Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	10

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	18
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	14

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

AIRLIE, Ryan	-
ALEXANDER, Janet	The Greens
ANDREWS, Anthony	-
COUNTER, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ENGLAND, Mark	The Greens
HUANG, Danny	-
SENG, Ted	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SNICER, Zdenka	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STEVENSON, Geoff	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WEEKES, Christine	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WOODSMITH, Margaret	The Greens
ZINONOS, Yianni	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

East Ward

BANFIELD, Mary	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BLACKBURN, Richard	The Greens
BOWEN, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BRUCE, Paula	The Greens
CALANNI, Antonino	-
CLOTHIER, Lucy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
EGGINS, Doug	No Parking Meters Party
HOLTEN, Donna	No Parking Meters Party
LEWIS, Stephen	-
LORD, Gabrielle	-
MATSON, Murray	The Greens
ROBERTS, Brendan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SAYLE, Jeff	No Parking Meters Party
SINGER, Eli	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WATTERSON, Barry	-
WILSON, Marea	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

North Ward

BRAID, Robert	No Parking Meters Party
CHILCOTT, Paul	-
DARBEN, Toni	-
DRUMMOND, Lachlan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GREENWOOD, Judy	The Greens

HAY, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KRUSS, James	-
LOCHNER, Nic	-
MARKS, Kelly	The Greens
MEZRANI, Tanya	No Parking Meters Party
NEILSON, Kathy	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SHUREY, Lindsay	The Greens
SMITH, Kiel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
THOMPSON, Pat	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TREBELAS, Kon	No Parking Meters Party
YOUNG, Jason	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

South Ward

BELLELI, Robert	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BRANIGHAN, Arthur	No Parking Meters Party
D'SOUZA, Noel	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GARCIA, Pat	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HUGHES, Leanne	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ISON, Sam	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MACDONALD, James	The Greens
MATTHEWS, Charles	No Parking Meters Party
MOORE, Ashley	The Greens
OLSEN, Gregory	The Greens
RENFORD, Michael	No Parking Meters Party
TESORIERO, Santina	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

West Ward

ALLISON, David	The Greens
FENECH, Mario	-
GUERRERA, Grace	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HUGHES, Bradley	The Greens
JACKSON, Stewart	The Greens
MOORE, Greg	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MORRIS, Robert	No Parking Meters Party
NASH, Scott	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PROCOPIADIS, John	-
QIAO, Chao	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ROYDHOUSE, Andrew	-
SOFIOS, Patricia	-
STAVRINOS, Harry	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TINYOW, Dudley	-
TREBELAS, Pandelis	No Parking Meters Party
TREBELAS, Poppy	No Parking Meters Party
WHITEHEAD, Margery	-
WILLING, Ross	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Richmond Valley Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
BENNETT, Ernie	-

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
DUNCAN-HUMPHRYS, Sandra	-
HAYES, Robert	-
MORRISSEY, Steve	-
MUSTOW, Robert	-
SIMPSON, Daniel	-
SULLIVAN, Colin	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/richmond-valley-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	15,576
Residential roll	15,569
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,653

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.3%
Formal votes	12,073
Informal votes	1,209
Total votes	13,282
Informality rate	9.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,748
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹⁸	11.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Richmond Valley Council 2012 Election

\$112,365.00

Cost per elector

\$7.23

Richmond Valley Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$466.24
Candidates and polling places	\$2,048.44
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$810.99
TOTAL	\$3,325.67

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 196 calls from postcodes within Richmond Valley Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,084 unique visitors to Richmond Valley Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Clifford Mitchell

⁹⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office
15 Prince Street
Grafton NSW 2460

Councils in Region

Clarence Valley Council, Kyogle Council, Lismore City Council and Richmond Valley Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	12
Polling Place Assistants	7
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	25
Council Count Manager	1
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	51

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	13

Pre-poll centre locations

Casino Pre-Poll, Clarence Region Returning Officer's Office, Evans Head Pre-poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/richmond-valley-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Richmond RiverExpress Examiner
Northern Star

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	4

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	17
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BENNETT, Ernie	-
MOORE, Rod	-
MUSTOW, Robert	-
SULLIVAN, Colin	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BENNETT, Ernie	-
CRAWFORD, Owen	-
DUNCAN-HUMPHRYS, Sandra	-
HAYES, Robert	-
HICKLING, Gwen	-
LOW, Bryan	-
MARKS, Sonya	-
MOORE, Rod	-
MORRISSEY, Steve	-
MUSTOW, Robert	-
OOSTERBEEK, Kelly-Ann	-
PETROVIC, Joanne	-
SIMPSON, Daniel	-
STEWART, Margaret	-
SULLIVAN, Colin	-
WOOD, Roger	-
YATES, Craig	-

Rockdale City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
First Ward	
HANNA, Mark	-
POULOS, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TSOUNIS, Andrew	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Second Ward	
IBRAHIM, Tarek	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MICKOVSKI, Nicholas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
NAGI, Michael	-
Third Ward	
KALLIGAS, Petros	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SARAVINOVSKI, Bill	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SEDRAK, Lydia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Fourth Ward	
AWADA, Joe	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BARLOW, Liz	-
SEDRAK, Paul	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Fifth Ward	
BEZIC, Ron	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MACDONALD, James	-
O'BRIEN, Shane	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/rockdale-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	65,050
Residential roll	65,043
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	6,104

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.3%
Formal votes	49,128
Informal votes	5,066
Total votes	54,194
Informality rate	9.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	6,469
Rate of Failure to Vote ⁹⁹	9.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Rockdale City Council 2012 Election

\$408,541.00

Cost per elector

\$6.30

Rockdale City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$359.93
Candidates and polling places	\$3,220.80
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$494.55
TOTAL	\$4,075.28

⁹⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,124 calls from postcodes within Rockdale City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,835 unique visitors to Rockdale City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Gregory Cole

Returning Officer's Office

Rockdale Returning Officer's Office
Former Brighton Fishermans Club
100B Bestic Street
Brighton-Le-Sands NSW 2216

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	21
Polling Place Managers	30
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	14
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	13
Election Officials	129
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	15
Total Staff	223

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	9
Election day Polling Places	50

Pre-poll centre locations

Rockdale Pre-Poll, Rockdale Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/rockdale-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

St George Shire Leader

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	60
Female Candidates	21
Male Candidates	39

First Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	5

Second Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	9

Third Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	9

Fourth Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	11

Fifth Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	5

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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First Ward

CROMPTON, Les	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HAN, Samantha	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HANNA, Mark	-
HRDINA, Georgina	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KALLIGAS, Patricia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KARAVANAS, Kosta	-
POULOS, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TSOUNIS, Andrew	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
YU, Jenny	-

Second Ward

BEZIC, Ritsa	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BRENNAN, Jan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHAHINE, Moussa	-
IBRAHIM, Tarek	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KHAMIS, Ali	-
MICKOVSKI, Nicholas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
NAGI, Michael	-
PASOVSKI, Kiro	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SHARAH, Bernie	-
TENODI, Damir	-
TENODI, Vesna	-
YAN, Jack	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Third Ward

ABDALLAH, Rami	-
COLLARO, Evelyn	The Greens
DE LEAU, Lesa	The Greens
IBRAHIM, Khalil	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KALLIGAS, Petros	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MARTIN, Barbara	-
MORGAN, David	The Greens
PEPPAS, Con	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SARAVINOVSKA, Belinda	-
SARAVINOVSKI, Bill	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SARAVINOVSKI, George	-
SEDRAK, Lydia	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

TSILIKOUNAS, Con	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WONG, Meillie	-
ZAJAKOVSKI, Rade	-

Fourth Ward

APOSTOLOVSKI, Robert	-
ASSAAD, Khal	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
AWADA, Joe	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BARLOW, Liz	-
CHAN, Kam	-
HEE, Peter	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
JACKSON, Cathy	-
KOLIADIS, George	-
KOLIADIS, Kerry	-
PAVLIDES, Michael	-
POULOS, Maria	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RAPHAEL, Magdi	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SEDRAK, Paul	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SINGH, Prem	-
XU, Ying	-

Fifth Ward

ASTON, Bill	-
BEZIC, Ron	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
D'AMATO, David	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FAULKNER, Sallianne	-
KAMPER, Steve	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MACDONALD, James	-
MAIDEN, Emma	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
O'BRIEN, Shane	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
POULOS, Vicki	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Ryde City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Central Ward	
PENDLETON, Denise	-
PICKERING, William	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SALVESTRO-MARTIN, Jeff	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
YEDELIAN, Sarkis	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
East Ward	
CHUNG, Craig	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MAGGIO, Roy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PETCH, Ivan	-
SIMON, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
West Ward	
ETMEKDJIAN, Artin	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LAXALE, Jerome	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LI, Justin	-
PERRAM, Terry	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ryde-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	68,582
Residential roll	68,571
Non-residential roll	11
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	6,010

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.7%
Formal votes	53,682
Informal votes	3,710
Total votes	57,392
Informality rate	6.5%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	8,149
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰⁰	11.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Ryde City Council 2012 Election

\$443,973.00

Cost per elector

\$6.49

Ryde City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$598.53
Candidates and polling places	\$3,926.21
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$329.52
TOTAL	\$4,854.26

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,610 calls from postcodes within Ryde City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 9,448 unique visitors to Ryde City Council election web page.

¹⁰⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

One braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Susan Park

Returning Officer's Office

Ryde Returning Officer's Office
Blaxland House
219 Blaxland Road
Ryde NSW 2112

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	40
Polling Place Managers	30
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	14
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	15
Election Officials	130
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	18
Total Staff	248

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	14
Election day Polling Places	44

Pre-poll centre locations

Ryde Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/ryde-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Northern Districts Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	74
Female Candidates	28
Male Candidates	46

Central Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	28
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	18

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	24
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	16

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	22
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	12

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

BARTON, Sherie	-
BROOKMAN, Victoria	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BROWN, Philip	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
DUIC, Emil	-
ELIAS, Hassib	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

FINNANE, Ewen	The Greens
GREEN, Michael	The Greens
HOWARD, Sinclair	-
KARMAKER, Anjan	-
KLUECKMANN, Karina	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
KOSNIK, Beth	-
McDERMOTT, Bianca	-
NETTERFIELD, Connie	-
NETTLE, Ted	The Greens
O'BRIEN, Diane	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
O'BRIEN, Patrick	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
OPHIR, Mitchell	The Greens
PEAKE, Philip	-
PENDLETON, Denise	-
PICKERING, William	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RANDO, James	-
SALVESTRO-MARTIN, Jeff	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SINCLAIR, Heather	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
STUFANO, Nino	-
WANG, Jeffery	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WOOLLEY, Gary	-
WORSLEY, Julie	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
YEDELIAN, Sarkis	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

East Ward

BONVINO, Anthony	-
CHUNG, Craig	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CORDINER, David	Save Our State
CORDINER, Graeme	Save Our State
CUADROS, Ana-Maria	-
FERHAD, Tamar	-
GILCHRIST, Shaun	The Greens
HARTLEY, Jill	The Greens
MAGGIO, Roy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MALKOUN, Lee	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McKEE, Grant	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MULLEN, Christine	Save Our State
PETCH, Ivan	-
RYTMEISTER, Cathy	The Greens
SHAW, Jimmy	The Greens
SIMON, George	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMOLDERS, John	-
TAGG, Vic	-
THOMPSON, Kerry	-
WARING, Diana	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WEBBER, Edward	Save Our State
WHITINGTON, Luke	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WOODS, Jacqueline	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ZABAKLY, Helen	-

West Ward

BENZANO, Fiona	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CHECCHIA, Simone	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
COCKING, David	-
COOPER, Beth	-
ETMEKDJIAN, Artin	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GILCHRIST, Patricia	-
HARDWICK, Ian	-
HARDY, Doug	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JENSEN, Coralie	-
LAXALE, Jerome	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LEE, Geoffrey	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LI, Justin	-
MAYGER, Margaret	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NEWSTEAD, Vicki	-
PERRAM, Terry	-
SANGKUHL, Helge	-
SUN, Douglas	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TOROSSIAN, Rose	-
WANG, Yvonne	-
WILLIAMS, John	-
WILLIAMS, Miechele	Democratic Labor Party
WILLIAMS, Nick	Democratic Labor Party

Singleton Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
MARTIN, John	-

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ADAMTHWAITE, Godfrey	-
CAPSANIS, Tessa	-
JENKINS, Hollee	-
KEOWN, Bob	-
LOWE, Gary	-
MOORE, Sue	-
McNAMARA, Tony	-
ROGERS, Ruth	-
SCOTT, Val	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/singleton-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	15,154
Residential roll	15,149
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	1,443

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.5%
Formal votes	11,253
Informal votes	1,556
Total votes	12,809
Informality rate	12.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,862
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰¹	12.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Singleton Council 2012 Election

\$114,268.00

Cost per elector

\$7.57

Singleton Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,153.00
Candidates and polling places	\$1,238.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$285.82
TOTAL	\$2,676.82

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 299 calls from postcodes within Singleton Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,699 unique visitors to Singleton Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

¹⁰¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

David Workman

Returning Officer's Office

Singleton Region Returning Officer's Office
Old St Patricks Primary School
Market Street
Singleton NSW 2330

Councils in Region

Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	37
Polling Place Managers	13
Polling Place Assistants	2
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	21
Council Count Manager	1
Part Day Election Officials	4
Total Staff	82

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	14

Pre-poll centre locations

Singleton Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/singleton-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Singleton Argus
Hunter Valley News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	5

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	6

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates	Party Affiliation
GALLAGHER, Lee	-
HARVISON, Fred	-
MARTIN, John	-
McNAMARA, Tony	-
MOORE, Sue	-
O'BRIEN, Terence	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STIBBARD, Kylie	-

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ADAMTHWAITE, Godfrey	-
CAPSANIS, Tessa	-
GALLAGHER, Lee	-
JENKINS, Hollee	-
KEOWN, Bob	-
LOWE, Gary	-
MARTIN, John	-

McNAMARA, Tony	-
METLIKOVEC, Christina	-
MOORE, Sue	-
ROGERS, Ruth	-
SCOTT, Val	-

Snowy River Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
CAHILL, John	-

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BEER, Peter	-
FROST, Bob	-
SHUMACK, John	-
SMITS, Bill	-
STEWART-BEARDSLEY, Colin	-
WALLACE, Vickii	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/snowy-river-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,701
Residential roll	4,698
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	291

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	77.3%
Formal votes	3,366
Informal votes	267
Total votes	3,633
Informality rate	7.3%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	907
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰²	19.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Snowy River Shire Council 2012 Election

\$44,930.00

Cost per elector

\$9.61

Snowy River Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,400.46
Candidates and polling places	\$2,701.66
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$93.00
TOTAL	\$4,195.12

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 49 calls from postcodes within Snowy River Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 672 unique visitors to Snowy River Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Susan Burke

¹⁰² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cooma Region Returning Officer's Office
Shop 3, 57 Sharp Street
Cooma NSW 2630

Councils in Region

Bombala Council, Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and Snowy River Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	1
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	9
Council Count Manager	1
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	20

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Berridale Pre-Poll, Cooma Region Returning Officer's Office, Jindabyne Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/snowy-river-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Cooma Monaro Express
Cooma Summit Sun
Snowy River Echo
Monaro Post

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	3

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BEER, Peter	-
CAHILL, John	-
SHUMACK, John	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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BEER, Peter	-
ELLIOTT, Nick	-
FROST, Bob	-
HAYES, Tony	-
SHUMACK, John	-
SMITS, Bill	-
STEWART-BEARDSLEY, Colin	-
WALLACE, Vickii	-

Strathfield Municipal Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BOTT, Daniel	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DATTA, Raj	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KOKKOLIS, Stephanie	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McLUCAS, Helen	-
OK, Sang	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SOULOS, Andrew	-
VACCARI, Gulian	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/strathfield-municipal-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Poll

"Do you support Strathfield Municipal Council changing its name to Strathfield City Council?"

Yes 10,784
No 5,755

Enrolment

Total Electors	21,360
Residential roll	21,355
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,243

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.1%
Formal votes	16,504
Informal votes	1,255
Total votes	17,759
Informality rate	7.1%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,433
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰³	11.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Strathfield Municipal Council 2012 Election

\$149,028.00

Cost per elector

\$7.02

Strathfield Municipal Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,427.28
Candidates and polling places	\$1,284.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$642.00
TOTAL	\$3,353.28

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 509 calls from postcodes within Strathfield Municipal Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,267 unique visitors to Strathfield Municipal Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

¹⁰³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

John Neely

Returning Officer's Office

Burwood Region Returning Officer's Office
Burwood Council Chambers
1-17 Elsie Street
Burwood NSW 2134

Councils in Region

Ashfield Council, Burwood Council and Strathfield Municipal Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	10
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	6
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	5
Election Officials	43
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	5
Total Staff	70

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	11

Pre-poll centre locations

Burwood Region Returning Officer's Office, Strathfield Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/strathfield-municipal-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Inner Western Courier
Inner West Weekly

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	33
Female Candidates	16
Male Candidates	17

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ANANDAN, Victor	-
BARRON, Paul	-
BHANDULA, Rajiv	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BOTT, Daniel	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CAI, Benjamin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CAI, Xiaobing	Unity Party
CARNEY, Mira	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHEUNG, Jennifer	-
CREMATY, Edward	-
DATTA, Raj	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DEVATHI, Krishna	-
DORAN, Marlene	-
DUONG, Krystal	Unity Party
EDWARDS, Anna	-
FORD, Dale	-
GAUGHAN, Nella	-
HAVEA, Phillip	-
HEIDARI, Sakineh	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KIM, Thomas	Unity Party
KOKKOLIS, Stephanie	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KREBS, John	-
LEUNG, Pinkie	Unity Party
McLUCAS, Helen	-
OK, Sang	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

PACKANEN, Daniel	Unity Party
PENSABENE, Julia	-
PUVANENDIRANATHAN, Vasantha	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ROMANOUS, Sarah	-
SMYTHE, Susan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SOULOS, Andrew	-
TANNOUS, Pierre	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
VACCARI, Gulian	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
YUN, Su	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Council of the City of Sydney Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
MOORE, Clover	Clover Moore Independent Team

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
DOUTNEY, Irene	The Greens
FORSTER, Christine	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GREEN, Jenny	Clover Moore Independent Team
KEMMIS, Robyn	Clover Moore Independent Team
KOK, Robert	Clover Moore Independent Team
MANDLA, Edward	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MANT, John	Clover Moore Independent Team
SCOTT, Linda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VITHOULKAS, Angela	The Living Sydney Team

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/council-of-the-city-of-sydney.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	101,846
Residential roll	100,138
Non-residential roll	1708
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	12,681

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	69.1%
Formal votes	65,981
Informal votes	4,374
Total votes	70,355
Informality rate	6.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	25,841
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰⁴	25.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Council of the City of Sydney 2012 Election

\$708,833.00

Cost per elector

\$6.99

Council of the City of Sydney Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$24,224.60
Candidates and polling places	\$88,048.30
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$8,433.80
TOTAL	\$120,706.70

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 3,705 calls from postcodes within Council of the City of Sydney area.

NSWEC Website

There were 15,192 unique visitors to Council of the City of Sydney election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

Two braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

¹⁰⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Colin McNaught

Returning Officer's Office

Sydney Returning Officer's Office
Level 1, 309 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	100
Polling Place Managers	39
Polling Place Assistants	12
Deputy Polling Place Managers	19
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	31
Election Officials	189
Council Count Manager	21
Part Day Election Officials	19
Total Staff	431

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	7
Election day Polling Places	39

Pre-poll centre locations

Glebe Pre-Poll, Redfern Pre-Poll, Sydney Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/council-of-the-city-of-sydney.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Sydney Morning Herald
Inner West Courier
Sydney Star Observer
Sydney Central Courier

Daily Telegraph
City News (Sydney)
The South Sydney Herald
Wentworth Courier
IWC - Inner City

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	2

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	60
Female Candidates	29
Male Candidates	31

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

Party Affiliation

COULTON, Dixie	-
DOHERTY, Denis	-
DOUTNEY, Irene	The Greens
MANDLA, Edward	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MOORE, Clover	Clover Moore Independent Team
SCOTT, Linda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STARDUST, Zahra	Australian Sex Party NSW
VITHOULKAS, Angela	The Living Sydney Team

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

AGHAZARIAN, Armen	The Greens
ALCORSO, Caroline	The Greens
ALVARO, Joe	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BAANSTRA, Stuart	-
BASSI, Raul	-
BRECHT, Graham	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BRENTIN, Christopher	The Greens
BRIERLEY NEWTON, De	The Greens
BUCKWORTH, Virginia	-
CHUTER, Andrew	-

COULTON, Dixie	-
DEAUNA, Roman	The Greens
DOHERTY, Denis	-
DOUTNEY, Irene	The Greens
DUCKMANTON, Andrew	The Living Sydney Team
DUNNE, Graeme	Australian Sex Party NSW
ERIKSEN, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FENWICK, Lisa	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FLETCHER, Jay	-
FORSTER, Christine	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FORTESCUE, Robyn	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
GOLDSWORTHY, Rebecca	-
GREEN, Jenny	Clover Moore Independent Team
GREENWICH, Alex	Clover Moore Independent Team
GYORY, Stephan	The Living Sydney Team
HALL, Robbie	-
HARVIE, Margaret	The Living Sydney Team
HOLDER, Jo	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HUTCHINSON, John	Clover Moore Independent Team
JACKSON, Ray	-
KEMMIS, Robyn	Clover Moore Independent Team
KOK, Robert	Clover Moore Independent Team
LAU, Rebecca	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LOVEKIN, Gregory	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LYON, Collin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MALE, Andrew	-
MANDLA, Edward	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MANT, John	Clover Moore Independent Team
MARSDEN, Fabian	The Living Sydney Team
McINTOSH, Claudia	Clover Moore Independent Team
McINTOSH, Isabel	The Greens
McNALLY, Peter	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MOORE, Clover	Clover Moore Independent Team
MORTLOCK, Hilary	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
O'CONNOR, Sean	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PANUCCIO, Maddalen	-
PATTERSON, Andrew	Australian Sex Party NSW
SCHOFIELD, Nell	Clover Moore Independent Team
SCOTT, Linda	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SMITH, Mark	The Greens
SPRUCE, Damian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STARDUST, Zahra	Australian Sex Party NSW
THOMAS, Geoffrey	Australian Sex Party NSW
TOBOREK, Dejay	The Greens
TRIGG, Robyn	Australian Sex Party NSW
TSIRBAS, Angelo	The Living Sydney Team
TYRRELL, Jade	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VITHOULKAS, Angela	The Living Sydney Team
WANG, Linda	The Living Sydney Team
YATES, Jill	The Living Sydney Team

Tamworth Regional Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BETTS, Phil	-
COATES, Tim	-
MURRAY, Col	-
RODDA, Mark	-
TICKLE, Helen	-
TRELOAR, James	-
WEBB, Russell	-
WILSON, Juanita	-
WOODLEY, Warren	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tamworth-regional-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	40,250
Residential roll	40,250
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,507

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.2%
Formal votes	32,379
Informal votes	1,897
Total votes	34,276
Informality rate	5.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	4,488
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰⁵	11.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Tamworth Regional Council 2012 Election

\$271,450.00

Cost per elector

\$6.76

Tamworth Regional Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,948.10
Candidates and polling places	\$3,519.96
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$739.20
TOTAL	\$6,207.26

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 564 calls from postcodes within Tamworth Regional Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,606 unique visitors to Tamworth Regional Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Karen Barany

¹⁰⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Tamworth Region Returning Officer's Office
474 Peel Street
Tamworth NSW 2340

Councils in Region

Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Tamworth Regional Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	44
Polling Place Managers	24
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	4
Election Officials	57
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	9
Total Staff	142

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	5
Declared Institutions	7
Election day Polling Places	25

Pre-poll centre locations

Barraba Pre-Poll, Manilla Pre-Poll, Nundle Pre-Poll, Tamworth Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tamworth-regional-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Northern Daily Leader
Manilla Express
Barraba Gazette
Tamworth City News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	17
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	13

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ALLAN, Sandy	-
BALLARD, Danny	-
BETTS, Phil	-
BIFFIN, Barry	-
CHILLINGWORTH, Gary	-
COATES, Tim	-
DURANT, Paul	-
EDMUNDS, Judith	-
MURRAY, Col	-
RODDA, Mark	-
SHERWOOD, Kimberley	-
TAIT, Ray	-
TICKLE, Helen	-
TRELOAR, James	-
WEBB, Russell	-
WILSON, Juanita	-
WOODLEY, Warren	-

Temora Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
COATES, Graham	-
FIRMAN, Rick	-
JUDD, Nigel	-
OLIVER, Max	-
SCHLIEBS, Rachael	-
SINCLAIR, Graham	-
SLEIGH, Dennis	-
SMITH, Ken	-
SPEIRS, Peter	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/temora-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,460
Residential roll	4,453
Non-residential roll	7
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	222

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.8%
Formal votes	3,820
Informal votes	94
Total votes	3,914
Informality rate	2.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	369
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰⁶	8.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Temora Shire Council 2012 Election

\$35,428.00

Cost per elector

\$7.97

Temora Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$351.52
Candidates and polling places	\$1,190.40
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$93.46
TOTAL	\$1,635.38

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 30 calls from postcodes within Temora Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 509 unique visitors to Temora Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Alan Salmon

¹⁰⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office
Riverina Community College
76 Wallendoon Street
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Councils in Region

Coolamon Shire Council, Cootamundra Shire Council, Harden Shire Council, Junee Shire Council and Temora Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	3
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	8
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	13

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	4

Pre-poll centre locations

Cootamundra Region Returning Officer's Office, Temora Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/temora-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Temora Independent
Narraburra News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ANTHONY, Michael	-
BROAD, Irene	-
BRYANT, Rex	-
COATES, Graham	-
FIRMAN, Rick	-
JUDD, Nigel	-
OLIVER, Max	-
SCHLIEBS, Rachael	-
SHARROCK, Mary-Anne	-
SINCLAIR, Graham	-
SLEIGH, Dennis	-
SMITH, Ken	-
SPEIRS, Peter	-
STORM, Tony	-

Tenterfield Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

PETTY, Peter	-
VERRI, Gary	-

B Ward

MAXWELL, Blair	-
PETERS, Tom	-

C Ward

LEAHY, Mary	-
MURRAY, Brian	-

D Ward

FORBES, Don	-
SCHIFFMANN, Carol	-

E Ward

HULL, Toni	-
PETRIE, Michael	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tenterfield-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,729
Residential roll	4,727
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	190

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	80.1%
Formal votes	3,632
Informal votes	158
Total votes	3,790
Informality rate	4.2%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	697
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰⁷	14.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Tenterfield Shire Council 2012 Election

\$43,018.00

Cost per elector

\$9.14

Tenterfield Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,110.98
Candidates and polling places	\$1,444.63
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$232.32
TOTAL	\$3,787.93

¹⁰⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 58 calls from postcodes within Tenterfield Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,584 unique visitors to Tenterfield Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Robert Vidler

Returning Officer's Office

Glen Innes Region Returning Officer's Office
Glen Innes Town Hall
265 Grey Street
Glen Innes NSW 2370

Councils in Region

Glen Innes Severn Council, Inverell Shire Council and Tenterfield Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	11
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	20

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	18

Pre-poll centre locations

Glen Innes Region Returning Officer's Office, Tenterfield Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tenterfield-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Southern Free Times
Tenterfield Star
Northern Star

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	21
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	14

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	5

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

D Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

E Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	1

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

HORNEMAN, Alan	-
I'ONS, Jane	-
PETTY, Peter	-
VERRI, Gary	-

B Ward

FOAN, Graham	-
LAVENDER, Clifford	-
MACNISH, John	-
MAXWELL, Blair	-
PETERS, Tom	-

C Ward

LEAHY, Mary	-
MURRAY, Brian	-
SOUTH, Bob	-

D Ward

FORBES, Don	-
HARMOND, Peter	-
SCHIFFMANN, Carol	-
WEST, Lawrie	-

E Ward

BANCROFT-STUART, Roxanne	-
HENNESSY, Kym-Maree	-
HULL, Toni	-
PETRIE, Michael	-
VIRTUE, Julie	-

The Hills Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Monday, 17 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Central Ward	
HAY, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KEANE, Yvonne	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LOWE, Jeff	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
East Ward	
HASELDEN, Alan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JEFFERIES, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TRACEY, Ryan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
North Ward	
GANGEMI, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PRESTON, Robyn	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TAYLOR, Mark	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
West Ward	
BYRNE, Michelle	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HARTY, Raymond	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
THOMAS, Mike	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-hills-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Referendum

"Do you favour the election of the Mayor by electors for a four year term which necessarily increases the number of Councillors by 1?"

Referendum was endorsed

See website for number of votes for and against -

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-hills-shire-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	120,003
Residential roll	120,002
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	9,886

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.0%
Formal votes	96,122
Informal votes	5,881
Total votes	102,003
Informality rate	5.8%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	13,400
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰⁸	11.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the The Hills Shire Council 2012 Election

\$708,461.00

Cost per elector

\$5.92

¹⁰⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

The Hills Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,482.20
Candidates and polling places	\$5,337.92
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	Council did not provide details to Returning Officer
TOTAL	\$7,820.12

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 2,194 calls from postcodes within The Hills Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 10,936 unique visitors to The Hills Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Paul Freeman

Returning Officer's Office

The Hills Returning Officer's Office
Unit 3, 9 Salisbury Road
Castle Hill NSW 2154

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	39
Polling Place Managers	48
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	27
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	29
Election Officials	209
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	31
Total Staff	384

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	64

Pre-poll centre locations

Castle Hill Pre-poll, The Hills Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-hills-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Hills News
Rouse Hill & Stanhope Gardens News
Hills Shire Times
Rouse Hill Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	46
Female Candidates	13
Male Candidates	33

Central Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	9

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	6

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	10

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

ATKINS, Darryl	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BROWN, Ray	Building Australia Party
CRAIG, Geoff	Building Australia Party
DIMBROWSKY, Peter	-
DUNCAN, Geoff	-
EMRICH, Eva	Building Australia Party
GIOVAS, George	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HAY, Tony	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HUDSON, Garry	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KEANE, Yvonne	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
LOWE, Jeff	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

East Ward

BOOTHBY, Jeanette	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BURNS, Nicole	Building Australia Party
CHAN, Carol	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HAN, Paul	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HASELDEN, Alan	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HENDERSON, Ross	Building Australia Party
JEFFERIES, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PIGNAT, Jim	Building Australia Party
TRACEY, Ryan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

North Ward

AMJAD, Aisha	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
ATKINSON, Monique	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BELLSTEDT, Michael	The Greens
BURTON, Barbara	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
CUNNINGHAM, Pat	-
FRIER, Bob	Liberal Democratic Party
GANGEMI, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

HOWDEN, Jocelyn
KWONG, Kenneth
NICKOLS, Graham
PIGNAT, Reg
PRESTON, Robyn
TAYLOR, Mark
VELLENGA, John
WAKEFIELD, Peter
WOOLNOUGH, Catherine

The Greens
Liberal Democratic Party
Liberal Democratic Party
Building Australia Party
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Building Australia Party
Building Australia Party
The Greens

West Ward

BLAIR, Mike
BYRNE, Michelle
DODD, Catherine
HARTY, Raymond
MARKS, Steve
O'DONNELL, Mike
PORTER, Todd
SELVARAJ, Immanuel
THOMAS, Mike
WALTER, David

Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Democratic Labor Party
Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Building Australia Party
Building Australia Party
Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Building Australia Party

Tumbarumba Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
A'BECKETT, Tony	-
BECKE, Alan	-
CHAFFEY, Ian	-
FLETCHER, Sue	-
GIDDINGS, Julie	-
LIVERMORE, Brent	-
MARTIN, George	-
SHAW, Rodney	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tumbarumba-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,488
Residential roll	2,469
Non-residential roll	19
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	127

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	78.3%
Formal votes	1,871
Informal votes	76
Total votes	1,947
Informality rate	3.9%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	367
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹⁰⁹	14.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Tumbarumba Shire Council 2012 Election

\$19,482.00

Cost per elector

\$7.86

Tumbarumba Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$497.50
Candidates and polling places	\$2,004.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$546.00
TOTAL	\$3,047.50

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 55 calls from postcodes within Tumbarumba Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 520 unique visitors to Tumbarumba Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Karen Mills

¹⁰⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Albury Region Returning Officer's Office
575 Olive Street
Albury NSW 2640

Councils in Region

Albury City Council, Corowa Shire Council, Greater Hume Shire Council and Tumbarumba Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	5
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	6
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	12

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	6

Pre-poll centre locations

Albury Region Returning Officer's Office, Tumbarumba Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tumbarumba-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Tumbarumba Times
Khancoban Echo
Corryong Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
A'BECKETT, Tony	-
BECKE, Alan	-
BLYTON, Ron	-
CHAFFEY, Ian	-
FLETCHER, Sue	-
GIDDINGS, Julie	-
HALL, Gerry	-
LIVERMORE, Brent	-
MARTIN, George	-
NAGLE, Colin	-
SHAW, Rodney	-

Tumut Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BULGER, Sue	-
CROSS, Peter	-
HAYES, James	-
ISSELMANN, Margaret	-
PRITCHARD, Geoff	-
STEVENSON, Scott	-
THOMSON, Trina	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tumut-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	8,031
Residential roll	8,030
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	707

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.8%
Formal votes	6,323
Informal votes	329
Total votes	6,652
Informality rate	4.9%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,175
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹⁰	14.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Tumut Shire Council 2012 Election

\$53,751.00

Cost per elector

\$6.71

Tumut Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$280.50
Candidates and polling places	\$836.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$330.00
TOTAL	\$1,446.50

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 123 calls from postcodes within Tumut Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,133 unique visitors to Tumut Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Barry Shields

¹¹⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office
70-72 Fitzmaurice Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Councils in Region

Gundagai Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Tumut Shire Council, Urana Shire Council and Wagga Wagga City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	6
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	15
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	25

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	7

Pre-poll centre locations

Tumut Pre-Poll, Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tumut-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Tumut & Adelong Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	7

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ALCHIN, Janice	-
BULGER, Sue	-
CROSS, Peter	-
DUMBRELL, Ben	-
ERSKINE, Bob	-
HAYES, James	-
ISSELMANN, Margaret	-
LARTER, John	-
McKENZIE, Audrey	-
PRITCHARD, Geoff	-
STEVENSON, Scott	-
THOMSON, Trina	-

Tweed Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ARMSTRONG, Michael	Country Labor Party
BAGNALL, Gary	-
BYRNE, Carolyn	-
LONGLAND, Barry	-
MILNE, Katie	The Greens
POLGLASE, Warren	-
YOUNGBLUTT, Phil	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tweed-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	60,670
Residential roll	60,662
Non-residential roll	8
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,401

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	77.9%
Formal votes	42,840
Informal votes	4,438
Total votes	47,278
Informality rate	9.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	10,326
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹¹	17.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Tweed Shire Council 2012 Election

\$367,643.00

Cost per elector

\$6.08

Tweed Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$504.90
Candidates and polling places	\$2,405.70
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$445.50
TOTAL	\$3,356.10

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,105 calls from postcodes within Tweed Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,029 unique visitors to Tweed Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Leendert Sparreboom

¹¹¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Tweed Returning Officer's Office
39 Wharf Street
Tweed Heads NSW 2485

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	37
Polling Place Managers	31
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	9
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	86
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	8
Total Staff	174

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	16
Election day Polling Places	32

Pre-poll centre locations

Murwillumbah Pre-Poll, Tweed Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/tweed-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Tweed Link

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	59
Female Candidates	29
Male Candidates	30

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ADAMS, Angela	-
ALFORD, Linton	-
ARMSTRONG, Michael	Country Labor Party
BAGNALL, Gary	-
BRINSMEAD, Rhiannon	-
BROWNJOHN, Anni	-
BUTTERWORTH, Katherine	-
BYRNE, Carolyn	-
BYRNES, Reece	Country Labor Party
CAHILL, Stuart	-
CAMPBELL, Bruce	-
CHERRY, Chris	-
COOPER, Ron	-
COWDROY, Una	-
DUPUIS, Anthony	-
EALAND, Kirsten	The Greens
EMBREY, Karen	-
FIEN, Sam	-
GARDNER, Joanna	The Greens
GARDNER, Marion	Country Labor Party
HAWKEN, Robert	-
HAYES, Jenny	-
HENRY, Jayne	-
HEWISON, Fred	Country Labor Party
HOLDOM, Dot	-
KILARNEY, Russell	Family First NSW Inc
KINNEALLY, Rob	-
LARKIN, Bill	-
LEWIS, Brian	-
LOGAN, Russell	-
LONGLAND, Barry	-
LUFF, Mandy	-
LYNCH, Cath	-
MCKITTRICK, Stephanie	-

MEEVES, Andrew	-
MILNE, Katie	The Greens
MILNER, Paul	-
MUNDAY, Mick	The Greens
NAYLOR, Mel	-
O'HARA, Tim	-
PICKERING, Carolyn	-
POLGLASE, Warren	-
ROBERTS, Eddie	-
ROWE, Bill	-
SAUNDERS, Lindsay	-
SCHILLER, Nicole	-
SHARPLES, Kaye	-
SKINNER, Kevin	-
SLEDGE, Scott	-
SMITH, Lindy	-
STRIDE, Tracey	-
TURNER, Kerry	-
VICKERS, Andrea	The Greens
WELSH, Doreen	-
WEST, Julie	-
WESTON, Bruce	-
WILLIS, Ian	The Greens
YOUNGBLUTT, Phil	-
ZAHN, John	-

Upper Hunter Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BEDGGOOD, Wayne	-
BISHOP, Peter	-
CAMPBELL, Ron	-
COLLISON, Maurice	-
DRISCOLL, Lorna	-
FISHER, Kiwa	-
JOHNSEN, Michael	-
PEEBLES, Deirdre	-
WATTS, Lee	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/upper-hunter-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	9,673
Residential roll	9,671
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	710

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.9%
Formal votes	7,079
Informal votes	1,133
Total votes	8,212
Informality rate	13.8%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,025
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹²	10.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Upper Hunter Shire Council 2012 Election

\$75,348.00

Cost per elector

\$7.82

Upper Hunter Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$961.69
Candidates and polling places	\$3,100.68
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$801.90
TOTAL	\$4,864.27

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 128 calls from postcodes within Upper Hunter Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,137 unique visitors to Upper Hunter Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

David Workman

¹¹² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Singleton Region Returning Officer's Office
Old St Patricks Primary School
Market Street
Singleton NSW 2330

Councils in Region

Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	11
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	18
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	30

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	5
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	12

Pre-poll centre locations

Merriwa Pre-Poll, Murrurundi Pre-Poll, Scone Pre-Poll, Singleton Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/upper-hunter-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Hunter Valley News
Scone Advocate
Murrurundi Links
Merriwa Ringer

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	11
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BEDGGOOD, Wayne	-
BISHOP, Peter	-
CAMPBELL, Ron	-
COLLISON, Maurice	-
DRISCOLL, Lorna	-
FISHER, Kiwa	-
JOHNSEN, Michael	-
MAUGER, Gary	-
PEEBLES, Deirdre	-
SAKEY, Russell	-
WATTS, Lee	-

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BARLOW, Malcolm	-
CRAIG, Scott	-
CULHANE, Paul	-
MARSHALL, Jo	-
McCORMACK, Brian	-
O'BRIEN, Darren	-
SEARL, John	-
SHAW, John	-
WHEELWRIGHT, James	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/upper-lachlan-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	5,775
Residential roll	5,765
Non-residential roll	10
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	220

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.9%
Formal votes	4,629
Informal votes	218
Total votes	4,847
Informality rate	4.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	618
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹³	10.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Upper Lachlan Shire Council 2012 Election

\$50,933.00

Cost per elector

\$8.85

Upper Lachlan Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,628.50
Candidates and polling places	\$1,637.82
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$808.72
TOTAL	\$4,075.04

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 75 calls from postcodes within Upper Lachlan Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 918 unique visitors to Upper Lachlan Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Brenda Hangilias

¹¹³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Goulburn Region Returning Officer's Office
104 Clinton Street
Goulburn NSW 2580

Councils in Region

Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Yass Valley Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	12
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	13
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	28

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	13

Pre-poll centre locations

Crookwell Pre-Poll, Goulburn Region Returning Officer's Office, Gunning Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/upper-lachlan-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Goulburn Post
Yass Tribune
Crookwell Gazette

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	12

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BARLOW, Malcolm	-
BILL, Sandra	-
COLEY, Mike	-
CRAIG, Scott	-
CULHANE, Paul	-
KENNEDY, Barry	-
KING, Peter	-
MARSHALL, Jo	-
MAYOH, Mick	-
McCORMACK, Brian	-
O'BRIEN, Darren	-
SEARL, John	-
SHAW, John	-
WHEELWRIGHT, James	-

Uralla Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

CROUCH, Bob	-
DUSTING, Mark	-
PEARCE, Michael	-

B Ward

FIELD, Daphne	-
GELDOF, Fred	-
WARD, Kevin	-

C Ward

COOPER, Leanne	-
DUSTING, Karen	-
STRUTT, Isabel	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/uralla-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Referendum

"The Mayor of the Uralla Shire Council is currently elected by the Councillors. Do you favour the election of the Mayor by the electors for a four year term, reducing the number of wards from three to two (one Urban and one Rural) and maintaining nine Councillors (including the mayor) to enable the election of four Councillors from the two wards?"

Referendum was endorsed

See website for number of votes for and against -
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/uralla-shire-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,463
Residential roll	4,462
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	246

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	82.7%
Formal votes	3,420
Informal votes	271
Total votes	3,691
Informality rate	7.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	532
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹⁴	11.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Uralla Shire Council 2012 Election

\$40,350.00

Cost per elector

\$9.06

Uralla Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,030.06
Candidates and polling places	\$1,602.84
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$462.00
TOTAL	\$3,094.90

¹¹⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 79 calls from postcodes within Uralla Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,069 unique visitors to Uralla Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Desmond Breen

Returning Officer's Office

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office
2/206 Beardy Street
Armidale NSW 2350

Councils in Region

Armidale Dumaresq Council, Guyra Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	6
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	8
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	15

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	12

Pre-poll centre locations

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office, Uralla Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/uralla-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Inverell Times
Armidale Express Extra
Armidale Express

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

Two Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	22
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	14

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	6
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	4

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	6

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	8
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	4

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

CROUCH, Bob	-
DUSTING, Mark	-
FARRELL, John	-
HARVIE, Kim	-
PEARCE, Michael	-
STRONG, Celia	-

B Ward

BARWELL, Erica	-
FIELD, Daphne	-
FISCHER, Duncan	-
GELDOF, Fred	-
MAGILL, David	-
McMULLEN, Bruce	-
TAYLOR, Graeme	-
WARD, Kevin	-

C Ward

CALLIESS, Wayne	-
COOPER, Leanne	-
DUSTING, Karen	-
HOBBS, Paul	-
POWLEY, Stephen	-
ROHDE, Hazel	-
SPREADBOROUGH, Robert	-
STRUTT, Isabel	-

Urana Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

FAHEY, David	-
MARSH, Anthony	-
URQUHART, Alan	-

B Ward - Uncontested

BOURKE, Patrick	-
McFARLANE, Barry	-
RHODES, Lisa	-

C Ward - Uncontested

BUNTIN, Marg	-
DAY, Peter	-
KREUTZBERGER, Ian	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/urana-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	862
Residential roll	862
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	23

Participation and Informality¹¹⁵

Participation rate	63.0%
Formal votes	170
Informal votes	2
Total votes	172
Informality rate	1.2%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvt.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote¹¹⁵

Penalty Notices Issued	68
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹⁶	24.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Urana Shire Council 2012 Election

\$7,051.00

Cost per elector

\$8.19

Urana Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,032.12
Candidates and polling places	\$744.84
Uncontested elections	\$564.34
Results	\$386.21
TOTAL	\$2,727.51

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 15 calls from postcodes within Urana Shire Council area.

¹¹⁵ Figures for contested wards only

¹¹⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 235 unique visitors to Urana Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Barry Shields

Returning Officer's Office

Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office
70-72 Fitzmaurice Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Councils in Region

Gundagai Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Tumut Shire Council, Urana Shire Council and Wagga Wagga City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	2
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	2
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	5

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	3

Pre-poll centre locations

Urana Pre-Poll, Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/urana-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Albury /Wodonga Border Mail
Daily Advertiser
Border Mail
Wagga Daily Advertiser

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	8

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	4

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	2

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

FAHEY, David	-
JAMES, Arthur	-
MARSH, Anthony	-
URQUHART, Alan	-

Wagga Wagga City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Monday, 17 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BRAID, Yvonne	-
BROWN, Alan	-
CONKEY, Greg	-
FUNNELL, Paul	-
HISCOCK, Garry	-
KENDALL, Rod	-
McLAREN, Julian	-
NEGLINE, Andrew	-
PASCOE, Kerry	-
POYNTER, Kevin	The Greens
TOUT, Dallas	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wagga-wagga-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Referendum

"Do you support a reduction in the number of Councillors for the City of Wagga Wagga from 11 to 9?"

Referendum was endorsed

See website for number of votes for and against -
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wagga-wagga-city-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	41,891
Residential roll	41,888
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	4,505

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	81.9%
Formal votes	31,232
Informal votes	3,083
Total votes	34,315
Informality rate	9.0%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	6,090
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹⁷	14.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Wagga Wagga City Council 2012 Election

\$291,222.00

Cost per elector

\$6.97

Wagga Wagga City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$531.38
Candidates and polling places	\$375.09
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$260.91
TOTAL	\$1,167.38

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 527 calls from postcodes within Wagga Wagga City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,545 unique visitors to Wagga Wagga City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

¹¹⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Barry Shields

Returning Officer's Office

Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office
70-72 Fitzmaurice Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Councils in Region

Gundagai Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Tumut Shire Council, Urana Shire Council and Wagga Wagga City Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	29
Polling Place Managers	23
Polling Place Assistants	10
Deputy Polling Place Managers	6
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	64
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	5
Total Staff	139

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	8
Election day Polling Places	24

Pre-poll centre locations

Wagga Wagga Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wagga-wagga-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Daily Advertiser

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	57
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	40

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ABBOTT, David	-
ARGUS, Donna	-
BARROW, Eric	-
BATE, David	The Greens
BAYLEY, Matthew	-
BRAID, Yvonne	-
BROWN, Alan	-
BROWN, Millicent	-
BROWN, Raymond	-
CAMPBELL, Jenni	-
CHAMBERS, Bob	-
CLARK, Nikola	-
CONKEY, Greg	-
ELLIOTT-RUDDER, Glenn	Country Labor Party
FOLEY, Kevin	-
FOLEY, Laurie	-
FUNNELL, Paul	-
FURZE, Elaine	-
GEALE, Wayne	-
HAYES, Dan	Country Labor Party
HAYWARD, Sue	-
HISCOCK, Garry	-
KENDALL, Rod	-
KENNEDY, Andrew	-
KIMBALL, Steven	-

KLEMKE, Ken	-
LASHBROOK, Mari	-
MACAULAY, Melissa	-
McCORMACK, Paul	-
McLAREN, Julian	-
MONTGOMERY, Bradley	-
MORRIS, Jenny	The Greens
NEGLINE, Andrew	-
NICHOLLS, Jim	-
O'NEILL, Melissa	-
PARMENTER, Rick	-
PASCOE, Kerry	-
PEACOCK, Mathew	-
PENNICOTT-FINCH, Shannon	-
POYNTER, Kevin	The Greens
PRANGNELL, Ros	The Greens
ROLFE, Jenny	-
RUSH, Emma	The Greens
SHOEMARK, Ley	-
SIDES, Tim	-
SIMPSON, Christine	The Greens
SIMPSON, Dane	-
SLATTERY, Samuel	-
SMITH, Greg	-
STAIT, Tim	-
THOMSON, Rhonda	-
TOUT, Dallas	-
TURNER, Bill	-
UDEN, Clint	-
WAIT, Steven	-
WALKER, Scott	-
WESTON, Daryl	-

The Council of the Shire of Wakool

Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

DOUGLAS, Andrew	-
LOCKHART, Lois	-

B Ward - Uncontested

JACKSON, Anthony	-
LIPP, Katarni	-

C Ward - Uncontested

GOREY, Neil	-
MEMBREY, Colin	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-shire-of-wakool.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,807
Residential roll	2,807
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	52

Participation and Informality¹¹⁸

Participation rate	54.5%
Formal votes	477
Informal votes	26
Total votes	503
Informality rate	5.2%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote¹¹⁸

Penalty Notices Issued	340
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹¹⁹	37.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the The Council of the Shire of Wakool 2012 Election

\$30,894.00

Cost per elector

\$11.07

The Council of the Shire of Wakool Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,254.21
Candidates and polling places	\$1,739.21
Uncontested elections	\$1,177.40
Results	\$535.05
TOTAL	\$4,705.87

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 44 calls from postcodes within The Council of the Shire of Wakool area.

¹¹⁸ Figures for contested wards only

¹¹⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

NSWEC Website

There were 327 unique visitors to The Council of the Shire of Wakool election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Peter Birnie

Returning Officer's Office

Hay Region Returning Officer's Office
3/177 Lachlan Street
Hay NSW 2711

Councils in Region

Balranald Shire Council, Hay Shire Council and Wakool Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	4
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	8

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	6

Pre-poll centre locations

Hay Region Returning Officer's Office, Moulamein Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/the-council-of-the-shire-of-wakool.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Swan Hill Guardian
Barham Bridge Koondrook Times
Northern Times
Deniliquin Pastoral Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	7
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	4

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	1

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	1

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

CROWE, Ann	-
DOUGLAS, Andrew	-
LOCKHART, Lois	-

Walcha Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

ARCHDALE, Janelle	-
SCHMUTTER, Scott	-

B Ward

LYON, Clint	-
THOMSON, Robert	-

C Ward

LEVINGSTON, Lloyd	-
WOODS, Maria	-

D Ward - Uncontested

FERRIER, Kevin	-
HEAZLETT, Bill	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/walcha-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Referendum

"Currently, Walcha council is divided into 4 Wards. 2 Councillors are elected from each Ward by the electors enrolled in that Ward. Candidates must be enrolled in the council area but not necessarily in the Ward they are nominating as a candidate. Elections are only held if more than 2 nominations are received in each Ward. Do you favour Walcha Council abolishing Wards so that all electors vote for all Eight (8) Councillors?"

Referendum was not endorsed.

See website for number of votes for and against -
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/walcha-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,329
Residential roll	2,329
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	12

Participation and Informality¹²⁰

Participation rate	87.4%
Formal votes	1,455
Informal votes	50
Total votes	1,505
Informality rate	3.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	221
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²¹	9.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Walcha Council 2012 Election

\$22,596.00

¹²⁰ Figures for contested wards only

¹²¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Cost per elector

\$9.73

Walcha Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$767.28
Candidates and polling places	\$1,358.20
Uncontested elections	\$289.70
Results	\$95.00
TOTAL	\$2,510.18

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 30 calls from postcodes within Walcha Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 726 unique visitors to Walcha Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Desmond Breen

Returning Officer's Office

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office
2/206 Beardy Street
Armidale NSW 2350

Councils in Region

Armidale Dumaresq Council, Guyra Shire Council, Uralla Shire Council and Walcha Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0

Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	4
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	10

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Armidale Region Returning Officer's Office, Walcha Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/walcha-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Walcha Apsley Advocate
Walcha News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	15
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	11

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	2

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	5
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	5

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	2

D Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

ARCHDALE, Janelle	-
BETTERRIDGE, Daniel	-
CLARE, Debra	-
SCHMUTTER, Scott	-

B Ward

BIRD, David	-
CROSS, John	-
LYON, Clint	-
MOXEY, Aaron	-
THOMSON, Robert	-

C Ward

KENNELLY, Tony	-
LEVINGSTON, Lloyd	-
SMITH, Janelle	-
WOODS, Maria	-

Walgett Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Saturday, 15 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
COOPER, Darryl	-
GREENAWAY, Robert	-
KEIR, Jane	-
LANE, David	-
MARTINEZ, Manuel	-
MURRAY, Bill	-
TAYLOR, Michael	-
WALFORD, Lawrence	-
WOODCOCK, Ian	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/walgett-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	3,809
Residential roll	3,809
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	271

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	68.8%
Formal votes	2,497
Informal votes	122
Total votes	2,619
Informality rate	4.7%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	942
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²²	24.8%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Walgett Shire Council 2012 Election

\$34,292.00

Cost per elector

\$9.02

Walgett Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,798.47
Candidates and polling places	\$1,415.42
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$421.57
TOTAL	\$3,635.46

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 83 calls from postcodes within Walgett Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 488 unique visitors to Walgett Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Sarah Risby

¹²² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Moree Region Returning Officer's Office
Moree Banquet Hall
36 Balo Street
Moree NSW 2400

Councils in Region

Gwydir Shire Council, Moree Plains Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council and Walgett Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	7
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	9
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	18

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	8

Pre-poll centre locations

Moree Region Returning Officer's Office, Walgett Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/walgett-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Walgett Spectator
Lightning Ridge News
The Border News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
CAMERON, Tanya	-
COOPER, Darryl	-
GREENAWAY, Robert	-
KEIR, Jane	-
LANE, David	-
MARTINEZ, Manuel	-
MURRAY, Bill	-
TAYLOR, Michael	-
WALFORD, Lawrence	-
WOODCOCK, Ian	-

Warren Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Uncontested - Poll declared by Saturday, 8 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

CAMPBELL, Julian	-
KINSEY, Noel	-
SERDITY, Pauline	-

B Ward

BEACH, Mark	-
BRENNAN, Nick	-
WILSON, Rex	-

C Ward

AZAR, Richard	-
TAYLOR, Kevin	-
VAN LUBECK, Tony	-

D Ward

McCALMAN, Jim	-
QUIGLEY, Milton	-
WILLIAMSON, Brett	-

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,056
Residential roll	2,056
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	103

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Warren Shire Council 2012 Election

\$6,473.00

Cost per elector

\$3.15

Warren Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$307.20
Candidates and polling places	\$0.00
Uncontested elections	\$208.30
Results	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$515.50

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 4 calls from postcodes within Warren Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 256 unique visitors to Warren Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested.

Returning Officer

Helen Murray

Returning Officer's Office

Gilgandra Region Returning Officer's Office
72 Miller Street
Gilgandra NSW 2827

Councils in Region

Coonamble Shire Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Warren Shire Council and Warrumbungle Shire Council

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Warren Weekly
Warren Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

One Councillor nomination was withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	10

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	1

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	3

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	3

D Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	3
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	3

Warringah Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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REGAN, Michael	Your Warringah
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

DE LUCA, Vincent	-
GOBERT, Wayne	Your Warringah
MOSKAL, Vanessa	Your Warringah

B Ward

DALEY, Pat	-
GILTINAN, Bob	-
HEINS, Sue	Your Warringah

C Ward

HARRISON, Roslyn	Your Warringah
KERR, Duncan	Your Warringah
MENANO-PIRES, Jose	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/warringah-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	98,251
Residential roll	98,248
Non-residential roll	3
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	8,809

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	80.2%
Formal votes	70,823
Informal votes	8,022
Total votes	78,845
Informality rate	10.2%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	13,757
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²³	14.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Warringah Council 2012 Election

\$602,297.00

Cost per elector

\$6.15

Warringah Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,328.64
Candidates and polling places	\$3,492.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$6,720.64

¹²³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,815 calls from postcodes within Warringah Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 11,207 unique visitors to Warringah Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Elizabeth Wright

Returning Officer's Office

Warringah Returning Officer's Office
295 Condamine Street
Manly Vale NSW 2093

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	48
Polling Place Managers	37
Polling Place Assistants	10
Deputy Polling Place Managers	22
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	21
Election Officials	164
Council Count Manager	6
Part Day Election Officials	24
Total Staff	333

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	13
Election day Polling Places	46

Pre-poll centre locations

Warringah Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/warringah-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Manly Daily

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	4
Female Candidates	1
Male Candidates	3

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	49
Female Candidates	21
Male Candidates	28

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	6

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	23
Female Candidates	10
Male Candidates	13

C Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	9

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates	Party Affiliation
DALEY, Pat	-
DE LUCA, Vincent	-
HARRIS, Conny	The Greens
REGAN, Michael	Your Warringah

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

AMON, Rory	-
DE LUCA, Vincent	-
FALINSKI, Jason	-
FINIANOS, Wendy	-
FISHER, Rohan	Your Warringah
GAMMIE, Denise	-
GOBERT, Wayne	Your Warringah
KIRSCH, Christina	The Greens
LITTLE, Cameron	The Greens
MOSKAL, Vanessa	Your Warringah
POCHWYT, Halina	The Greens
RAY, Michelle	-

B Ward

BEACHLEY, Layne	-
BLOOMFIELD, Michelle	-
BURKE, Sean	-
DALEY, Pat	-
DODDS, Matthew	-
GAMBACORTI, Angela	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
GILTINAN, Bob	-
HEINS, Sue	Your Warringah
HENNESSEY, Adam	-
HODGES, Ken	-
LAKEMAN, Julia	-
LOWE, Adrienne	-
Mc CANN-YOUNG, Susan	-
McKAY, Geoff	-
MOORE, Graham	-
NERO, Pasquale	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
NERO, Silvana	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)
PETROLO, Anthony	The Greens
RASMUSSEN, Joe	The Greens
RICHARDS, Rob	-
STANFORD, Gavin	Your Warringah
THORNTON, Liz	The Greens
WILKINS, Helen	Your Warringah

C Ward

COFFIN, Carl	-
COLLINS, Kevin	-
CRVELIN, Bianca	-
HARRIS, Conny	The Greens
HARRISON, Roslyn	Your Warringah
HEHIR, Ian	The Greens
KERR, Duncan	Your Warringah
KUYUMGIAN-RANKIN, Beatrice	The Greens
LAUGESEN, Virginia	-
LINDLEY, John	-
MENANO-PIRES, Jose	-
MOMDJIAN, Shahe	-
REGAN, Michael	Your Warringah
THORPE, Gordon	Your Warringah

Warrumbungle Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ANDREWS, Gary	-
CAPEL, Anne-Louise	-
CLANCY, Fred	-
COE, Murray	-
SCHMIDT, Victor	-
SHINTON, Peter	-
SULLIVAN, Chris	-
SULLIVAN, Ron	-
TODD, Denis	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/warrumbungle-shire-council.html

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Poll

"The idea of changing the name of the Warrumbungle Shire Council to that of Warrumbungle Regional Council has been discussed on numerous occasions since the amalgamation of the Coolah Shire Council with the Coonabarabran Shire Council. This subject was again raised at the Community Strategic Planning meetings held in various locations around the Shire in 2011. Are you in favour of changing the name of Warrumbungle Shire Council to Warrumbungle Regional Council?"

Yes 1,646
No 4,186

Enrolment

Total Electors	7,101
Residential roll	7,101
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	375

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	84.5%
Formal votes	5,735
Informal votes	266
Total votes	6,001
Informality rate	4.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	797
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²⁴	11.3%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Warrumbungle Shire Council 2012 Election

\$64,116.00

Cost per elector

\$9.05

Warrumbungle Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$362.80
Candidates and polling places	\$762.10
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$360.68
TOTAL	\$1,485.58

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 124 calls from postcodes within Warrumbungle Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 853 unique visitors to Warrumbungle Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

¹²⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer

Helen Murray

Returning Officer's Office

Gilgandra Region Returning Officer's Office
72 Miller Street
Gilgandra NSW 2827

Councils in Region

Coonamble Shire Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Warren Shire Council and Warrumbungle Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	9
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	12
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	24

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	10

Pre-poll centre locations

Coolah Pre-Poll, Coonabarabran Pre-Poll, Gilgandra Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/warrumbungle-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Coonabarabran Times
Coolah Diary and Dunedoo District Diary

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ANDREWS, Gary	-
CAMPBELL, Kerry	-
CAPEL, Anne-Louise	-
CLANCY, Fred	-
COE, Murray	-
HILL, Wendy	-
LEWIS, Ray	-
SCHMIDT, Victor	-
SHINTON, Peter	-
SULLIVAN, Chris	-
SULLIVAN, Ron	-
TENNE, Simone	-
TODD, Denis	-
TUCKEY, Ken	-

Waverley Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Bondi Ward	
CLAYTON, Joy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WAKEFIELD, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WY KANAK, Dominic	The Greens
Hunter Ward	
BETTS, Sally	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GOLTSMAN, Leon	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GUTTMAN-JONES, Miriam	-
Lawson Ward	
BURRILL, Angela	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CUSACK, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MASSELOS, Paula	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Waverley Ward	
KAY, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MOUROUKAS, Bill	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
STREWE, Ingrid	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/waverley-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	41,602
Residential roll	41,580
Non-residential roll	22
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	5,181

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	72.3%
Formal votes	28,792
Informal votes	1,305
Total votes	30,097
Informality rate	4.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	8,890
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²⁵	21.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Waverley Council 2012 Election

\$251,999.00

Cost per elector

\$6.08

Waverley Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,274.86
Candidates and polling places	\$6,292.48
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,544.36
TOTAL	\$9,111.70

¹²⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 994 calls from postcodes within Waverley Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 5,554 unique visitors to Waverley Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Patricia Lewis

Returning Officer's Office

Waverley Returning Officer's Office
Waverley Park Pavilion
Waverley Oval, 49C Bondi Road
Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Staffing

Office Manager	0
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	19
Polling Place Managers	14
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	7
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	6
Election Officials	54
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	7
Total Staff	107

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	27

Pre-poll centre locations

Waverley Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/waverley-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Wentworth Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	40
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	23

Bondi Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	6

Hunter Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	7

Lawson Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	4

Waverley Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	6

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates

Party Affiliation

Bondi Ward

CHARLTON, Colin	The Greens
CLAYTON, Joy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JEFFREY, David	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KULAKAUSKAS, Lenore	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
LEAHY, Mary-Jane	The Greens
MAKSIMOVICH, Brent	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SMITH, Di	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STANFORD, Charles	-
WAKEFIELD, John	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WY KANAK, Dominic	The Greens

Hunter Ward

BETTS, Sally	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CUNIO, Stephanie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
DAVIES, Tom	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
FRAZER, Dov	-
GOLTSMAN, Leon	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GUERRY, Annette	-
GUTTMAN-JONES, Miriam	-
HENRY, Paul	The Greens
MEWTON, Ross	The Greens
MILSON, Virginia	The Greens
PEARCE, Paul	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
VALENZA, Dario	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Lawson Ward

BRASS, Adam	The Greens
BURRILL, Angela	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CUSACK, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JOSLYN, Lynne	The Greens
MAIN, Mora	The Greens
MASSELOS, Paula	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
O'NEILL, Brian	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PAPPAS, Alexander	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PENA, Eileen	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Waverley Ward

CANCIAN, Prue	The Greens
COMNINOS, Byron	The Greens
COPELAND, George	The Greens
JAEGER, Michael	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KAY, Tony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
MORTIMER, Luke	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MOUROUKAS, Bill	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
O'NEILL, Marjorie	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STREWE, Ingrid	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

Weddin Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BEST, Paul	-
BROWN, Carly	-
GRIFFITHS, Alan	-
HALLS, Graeme	-
HUGHES, Nevin	-
LIEBICH, Mark	-
McCLELLAND, Geoff	-
NIVEN, John	-
PARLETT, Jan	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/weddin-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	2,802
Residential roll	2,802
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	95

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	89.1%
Formal votes	2,413
Informal votes	84
Total votes	2,497
Informality rate	3.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	219
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²⁶	7.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Weddin Shire Council 2012 Election

\$24,297.00

Cost per elector

\$8.72

Weddin Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$686.40
Candidates and polling places	\$1,100.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$172.00
TOTAL	\$1,958.40

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 36 calls from postcodes within Weddin Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 675 unique visitors to Weddin Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Mary Moffitt

¹²⁶ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Young Region Returning Officer's Office
Young Town Hall
189-205 Boorowa Street
Young NSW 2594

Councils in Region

Boorowa Council, Cowra Shire Council, Weddin Shire Council and Young Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	4
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	6
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	11

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	1
Election day Polling Places	5

Pre-poll centre locations

Grenfell Pre-Poll, Young Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/weddin-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Grenfell Record

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	23
Female Candidates	7
Male Candidates	16

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ATCHISON, Bill	-
BEST, Paul	-
BRANDT, Noelene	-
BROWN, Carly	-
BURN, Leslie	-
EDWARDS, Ken	-
GREEN, Bill	-
GRIFFITHS, Alan	-
GRIMM, Graham	-
HALLS, Graeme	-
HINDE, Barry	-
HUGHES, Nevin	-
LIEBICH, Mark	-
LOBB, Chris	-
McCLELLAND, Geoff	-
McSPADDEN, Bill	-
MELLON, Valerie	-
MITTON, Katie	-
NIVEN, John	-
O'LOUGHLIN, James	-
PARLETT, Jan	-
THOROUGHGOOD, Brian	-
THOROUGHGOOD, Dale	-

Wellington Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
BUHR, Rod	-
CONN, Alison	-
CROSS, Graham	-
DRAY, Terry	-
GRANT, David	-
GRIGGS, Mark	-
HANNEY, Marcus	-
JONES, Anne	-
SMITH, Pip	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wellington-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	5,703
Residential roll	5,701
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	439

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	86.2%
Formal votes	4,451
Informal votes	463
Total votes	4,914
Informality rate	9.4%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	596
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²⁷	10.5%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Wellington Council 2012 Election

\$44,256.00

Cost per elector

\$7.79

Wellington Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$988.04
Candidates and polling places	\$545.98
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$172.90
TOTAL	\$1,706.92

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 75 calls from postcodes within Wellington Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 689 unique visitors to Wellington Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Katherine Reid

¹²⁷ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Dubbo Region Returning Officer's Office
108 Macquarie Street
Dubbo NSW 2830

Councils in Region

Dubbo City Council, Narromine Shire Council and Wellington Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	10
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	0
Total Staff	19

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Dubbo Region Returning Officer's Office, Wellington Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wellington-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Wellington Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	12

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BUHR, Rod	-
BUTLER, Michael	-
CONN, Alison	-
CROSS, Graham	-
DRAY, Terry	-
DRYSDALE, Shirley	-
ENGLAND, Rex	-
EVERETT, Roger	-
GIFFIN, Ian	-
GRANT, David	-
GRIGGS, Mark	-
HANNEY, Marcus	-
HOUGH, Lindsay	-
JEFFERY, Barry	-
JONES, Anne	-
SMITH, Pip	-

Wentworth Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
CLARKE, Brad	-
COHRS, Paul	-
HEDERICS, Melisa	-
MCKINNON, Don	-
NUNAN, Peter	-
WAKEFIELD, Brian	-
WHEELDON, Bill	-
WHEELDON, Bob	-
WHITFIELD, Ian	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wentworth-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	4,049
Residential roll	4,043
Non-residential roll	6
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	97

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.3%
Formal votes	3,044
Informal votes	168
Total votes	3,212
Informality rate	5.2%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	661
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²⁸	16.4%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Wentworth Shire Council 2012 Election

\$39,401.00

Cost per elector

\$9.77

Wentworth Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$1,852.00
Candidates and polling places	\$1,824.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$512.10
TOTAL	\$4,188.10

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 30 calls from postcodes within Wentworth Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 691 unique visitors to Wentworth Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Darren Flowers

¹²⁸ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Broken Hill Region Returning Officer's Office
37-39 Oxide Street
Broken Hill NSW 2880

Councils in Region

Broken Hill City Council, Central Darling Shire Council and Wentworth Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	5
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	0
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	0
Election Officials	7
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	15

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	0
Election day Polling Places	6

Pre-poll centre locations

Broken Hill Region Returning Officer's Office, Wentworth Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wentworth-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Mildura Weekly
Sunraysia Daily
NSW Standard

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	10

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BROOK, Bill	-
CLARKE, Brad	-
COHRS, Paul	-
HEDERICS, Melisa	-
KING, Mark	-
LAMB, Gaye	-
MCKINNON, Don	-
NUNAN, Peter	-
WAKEFIELD, Brian	-
WHEELDON, Bill	-
WHEELDON, Bob	-
WHITFIELD, Ian	-

Willoughby City Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Monday, 17 September, 2012

Mayoral election, successful candidate

Mayor name	Party Affiliation
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REILLY, Pat	-
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Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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Middle Harbour Ward

NORTON, Wendy	-
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ROZOS, Angelo	-
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RUTHERFORD, Judith	-
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Naremburn Ward

COPPOCK, Stuart	-
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SLOANE, Michelle	-
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WRIGHT, Nic	-
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Sailors Bay Ward

ERIKSSON, Hugh	-
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GILES-GIDNEY, Gail	-
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HOOPER, John	-
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West Ward

MUSTACA, Tony	-
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SAVILLE, Lynne	The Greens
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STEVENS, Mandy	-
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For full details of results see website –

www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/willoughby-city-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	43,882
Residential roll	43,866
Non-residential roll	16
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	3,671

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	79.2%
Formal votes	31,611
Informal votes	3,128
Total votes	34,739
Informality rate	9.0%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	6,574
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹²⁹	15.0%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Willoughby City Council 2012 Election

\$300,651.00

Cost per elector

\$6.87

Willoughby City Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$500.00
Candidates and polling places	\$2,847.15
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$632.70
TOTAL	\$3,979.85

¹²⁹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 930 calls from postcodes within Willoughby City Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 6,163 unique visitors to Willoughby City Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Julie de Garis

Returning Officer's Office

Willoughby Returning Officer's Office
3/25 Gibbes Street
Chatswood NSW 2067

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	19
Polling Place Managers	17
Polling Place Assistants	1
Deputy Polling Place Managers	8
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	14
Election Officials	71
Council Count Manager	6
Part Day Election Officials	11
Total Staff	148

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	27

Pre-poll centre locations

Chatswood Pre-Poll, Willoughby Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/willoughby-city-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

North Shore Times

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Mayoral nominations were withdrawn.
No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Mayoral Candidates

Total Candidates	2
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	2

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	48
Female Candidates	22
Male Candidates	26

Middle Harbour Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	6

Naremburn Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	6

Sailors Bay Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	10
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	6

West Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	17
Female Candidates	9
Male Candidates	8

Names of all candidates

Mayoral Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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COPPOCK, Stuart	-
REILLY, Pat	-

Councillor Candidates

	Party Affiliation
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Middle Harbour Ward

GROSS, Trevor	-
NORTON, Wendy	-
REILLY, Pat	-
ROZOS, Angelo	-
ROZOS, Megan	-
RUTHERFORD, Judith	-
TSANG, Michael	-
VIRGONA, John	-
WILSON, Robert	-

Naremburn Ward

ABROON, Abbas	-
ADAMS, Vanessa	-
BIGGS, Susan	-
COPPOCK, Stuart	-
GARTRELL, Glenda	-
MANNING, Robert	-
MURPHY, Orla	-
NEWMAN, Robert	-
PRESSLER, April	-
SLOANE, Michelle	-
TOMLINSON, Alan	-
WRIGHT, Nic	-

Sailors Bay Ward

CARRION, Roxana	-
CLIFFORD, Pam	-
COHILJ, Peter	-
DI CIANO, Miranda	-
ERIKSSON, Hugh	-
GILES-GIDNEY, Gail	-
HOOPER, John	-

MALOUF, Joseph	-
TERADO, Ken	-
TRUSWELL, Stewart	-

West Ward

CHAN, Maria	-
FITZPATRICK, Peter	-
FLYNN, James	-
FREDERICKS, Ron	-
GINGES, Hannah	-
HANNAN, Anne	-
LEE, Seamus	The Greens
LO, Kelvin	-
McDOUGALL, Anna	-
MIN, Seong	-
MUSTACA, Luisa	-
MUSTACA, Tony	-
PANG, Anthony	-
SAVILLE, Lynne	The Greens
STEVENS, Mandy	-
WASHINGTON, Haydn	The Greens
WONG, Anne	-

Wingecarribee Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ARKWRIGHT, Juliet	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CAMPBELL, Holly	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CLARK, James	The Greens
GAIR, Duncan	-
McLAUGHLIN, Graham	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
SCANDRETT, Ian	-
TURLAND, Garry	-
ULIANA, John	-
WHIPPER, Larry	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wingecarribee-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	33,312
Residential roll	33,304
Non-residential roll	8
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,434

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.7%
Formal votes	25,791
Informal votes	2,094
Total votes	27,885
Informality rate	7.5%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	3,961
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹³⁰	11.9%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Wingecarribee Shire Council 2012 Election

\$224,708.00

Cost per elector

\$6.76

Wingecarribee Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$750.00
Candidates and polling places	\$2,800.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$330.00
TOTAL	\$3,880.00

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 376 calls from postcodes within Wingecarribee Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 6,172 unique visitors to Wingecarribee Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Peter Kay

¹³⁰ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Wingecaribee Returning Officer's Office
Council Theatre, Wingecaribee Shire Council
Elizabeth Street
Moss Vale NSW 2577

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	16
Polling Place Managers	20
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	2
Election Officials	49
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	94

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	6
Election day Polling Places	21

Pre-poll centre locations

Mittagong Pre-Poll, Wingecaribee Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wingecaribee-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Highland Post
Southern Highlands News

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	53
Female Candidates	17
Male Candidates	36

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ADAMS, Laurie	-
ANDREWS, Grahame	-
ANDREWS, Kevin	-
ARKWRIGHT, Juliet	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BEAUMONT, Sally	-
BOWERN, Mike	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
BOWIE, Ian	The Greens
BRADLEY, Tim	-
BROUSSE, Virginia	-
BYRNE, Maree	The Greens
CAMPBELL, Holly	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHANCE, Mark	-
CLARK, James	The Greens
FOSTER, Jeremy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
FOSTER, John	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GAIR, Duncan	-
GEORGE, Kevin	-
HEARNE, Annette	The Greens
HOPE, Darrell	-
HUNT, Alan	-
ILIANI, Jodie	-
JAMES, Rob	-
JOHNS, Charlie	-
JONES, Danielle	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
KENT, David	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
KOSAC, Angela	-
LAING, Ron	-
LAUGHTON, Randall	-
LOTTER, Wendy	-
MAUGER, Jim	-
McLAUGHLIN, Graham	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MERRIMAN, Jan	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MILLER, Jane	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
PRYOR, Nancie	-

REID, David	-
SCANDRETT, Ian	-
SHEPPARD, Nicholas	-
SMYTH, Peter	-
SPENCE, Alan	-
SPILAREWICZ, Ziggy	-
SPRINGETT, John	-
STRANGER, Antonia	-
STRANGER, David	-
TENNANT, Frank	-
THORBURN, Carole	-
TURLAND, Garry	-
TZIALLAS, Tom	-
ULIANA, John	-
WALLIS, Neil	-
WATKINS, John	-
WHIPPER, Larry	-
WHITE, Deb	-
WOLFE, Susan	The Greens

Wollondilly Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
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Central Ward

AMATO, Lou	-
BANASIK, Michael	-
MITCHELL, Col	-

East Ward

BANASIK, Benn	-
LAW, Ray	-
TERRY, Kate	-

North Ward

GIBBS, Hilton	-
HANNAN, Judy	-
LANDOW, Simon	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wollondilly-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	30,757
Residential roll	30,755
Non-residential roll	2
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	2,988

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	87.2%
Formal votes	24,383
Informal votes	2,440
Total votes	26,823
Informality rate	9.1%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	2,975
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹³¹	9.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Wollondilly Shire Council 2012 Election

\$189,725.00

Cost per elector

\$6.18

Wollondilly Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$490.36
Candidates and polling places	\$1,500.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$154.02
TOTAL	\$2,144.38

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 436 calls from postcodes within Wollondilly Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 3,481 unique visitors to Wollondilly Shire Council election web page.

¹³¹ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Paul Sweeney

Returning Officer's Office

Camden Region Returning Officer's Office
The Undercroft, Camden Civic Centre
40 Oxley Street
Camden NSW 2570

Councils in Region

Camden Council and Wollondilly Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	19
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	6
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	3
Election Officials	55
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	3
Total Staff	87

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	2
Election day Polling Places	25

Pre-poll centre locations

Camden Region Returning Officer's Office, Picton Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wollondilly-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Camden Advertiser
District Reporter
Macarthur Chronicle
Wollondilly Advertiser

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	47
Female Candidates	13
Male Candidates	34

Central Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	14
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	11

East Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	16
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	12

North Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	17
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	11

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
Central Ward	
AMATO, Lou	-
BANASIK, Michael	-
CROSSLING, Lisa	-
DAVIS, Greg	-
GLACKIN, Bryce	-
HARDACRE, Mark	-
HIGGS, Tony	-
KHAN, Robert	-
LANGE, Diana	-
McLEAN, Tom	-
MITCHELL, Col	-
MOULAS, Arthur	-
RIXON, Ted	-
STYLES, Lynette	-
East Ward	
BANASIK, Benn	-
BURT, Jason	-
CHALKER, Glenda	-
CICHOCKI, Stan	-
DEETH, Matthew	-
HARRISON, Lorri	-
HUNT, Peter	-
KRATTLI, Walter	-
LAW, Ray	-
LOWRY, Noel	-
ROBERTS, Peter	-
SCHAEFER, Paul	-
SENIOR, Timothy	-
SLEE, Ray	-
TERRY, Kate	-
ZAUTSEN, Leanne	-
North Ward	
ATKINS, Terry	-
CARMODY, James	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
CHEVIS, Jacqy	-
COSTA, Phil	-
GIBBS, Hilton	-
GOULD, Matt	-
HANNAN, Judy	-
LANDOW, Simon	-
McDONALD, Stephen	-

MINEHAN, Matthew	-
ROBINSON, Joanne	-
SMITH, Ray	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
STUCKI, Dominique	-
THOMAS, Chris	-
WATKINS, Tracey	-
WATLING, Gloria	Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)
WYLIE, Peter	-

Woollahra Municipal Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Sunday, 16 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
Bellevue Hill Ward	
LEVENSTON, Greg	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PETRIE, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ZULMAN, Jeff	Residents First Woollahra
Cooper Ward	
ELSING, Luise	Residents First Woollahra
MARANO, Anthony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
O'REGAN, Katherine	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Double Bay Ward	
KIRILLOVA, Elena	Residents First Woollahra
THOMAS, Deborah	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ZELTZER, Toni	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
Paddington Ward	
CAVANAGH, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ROBERTSON, Matthew	The Greens
WISE, Elena	Residents First Woollahra
Vaucluse Ward	
BENNETT, Ted	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BOSKOVITZ, Anthony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WYNNE, Susan	Residents First Woollahra

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/woollahra-municipal-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	37,400
Residential roll	37,395
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	3,989

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	69.7%
Formal votes	25,087
Informal votes	977
Total votes	26,064
Informality rate	3.7%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	8,786
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹³²	23.6%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Woollahra Municipal Council 2012 Election

\$287,126.00

Cost per elector

\$7.71

Woollahra Municipal Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$2,047.76
Candidates and polling places	\$3,400.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$1,544.36
TOTAL	\$6,992.12

¹³² Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 872 calls from postcodes within Woollahra Municipal Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,775 unique visitors to Woollahra Municipal Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

David Oatley

Returning Officer's Office

Woollahra Returning Officer's Office
Suite 3-4, Level 1, 53 Cross Street
Double Bay NSW 2028

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	19
Polling Place Managers	16
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	3
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	6
Election Officials	48
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	9
Total Staff	102

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	32

Pre-poll centre locations

Woollahra Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/woollahra-municipal-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Wentworth Courier

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	45
Female Candidates	23
Male Candidates	22

Bellevue Hill Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	4

Cooper Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	4

Double Bay Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	6
Female Candidates	5
Male Candidates	1

Paddington Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	12
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	8

Vaucluse Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	9
Female Candidates	4
Male Candidates	5

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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Bellevue Hill Ward

BRITTON, Susan	The Greens
COHEN, Geoffrey	Residents First Woollahra
EXCELL, Tanya	The Greens
GRIEVE, Nicola	The Greens
LEVENSTON, Greg	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
OLAH, Karin	Residents First Woollahra
PETRIE, Andrew	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RATCLIFFE, Fiona	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ZULMAN, Jeff	Residents First Woollahra

Cooper Ward

ELSING, Luise	Residents First Woollahra
MARANO, Anthony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
O'REGAN, Katherine	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
PRICE, D'Arcy	Residents First Woollahra
RAINE, Jeremy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RHODES, Andrew	The Greens
TSANG, Patricia	The Greens
WHITE, Rosie	The Greens
WIVELL PLATER, Claire	Residents First Woollahra

Double Bay Ward

CARPENTER, Elizabeth	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CHRYSTAL, Lavinia	Residents First Woollahra
COATES, Doug	Residents First Woollahra
KIRILLOVA, Elena	Residents First Woollahra
THOMAS, Deborah	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ZELTZER, Toni	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

Paddington Ward

AMZALLAG, Daniel	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BRITTON-HARPER, Zoe	The Greens
CAVANAGH, Peter	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
HAEGE, Paul	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
JARNASON, Susan	The Greens
JENNINGS, Collin	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

LEWIS, Ruark	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NORMYLE, John	Residents First Woollahra
ROBERTSON, Matthew	The Greens
SCHWARTZ, Laelie	Residents First Woollahra
TEMBY, Paul	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WISE, Elena	Residents First Woollahra

Vaucluse Ward

BENNETT, Ted	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BERKELMANS, Ron	-
BLAND, Bruce	Residents First Woollahra
BOSKOVITZ, Anthony	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
CULLEN, Claudia	Residents First Woollahra
MCELVOGUE, Louise	-
NEMESH, William	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SHAND, Fiona	-
WYNNE, Susan	Residents First Woollahra

Wyong Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Monday, 17 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
A Ward	
BEST, Greg	-
GREENWALD, Ken	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NAYNA, Luke	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TROY, Adam	Save Tuggerah Lakes
VINCENT, Doug	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)

B Ward

EATON, Doug	-
GRAHAM, Bob	-
MATTHEWS, Lisa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TAYLOR, Lloyd	Save Tuggerah Lakes
WEBSTER, Lynne	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wyong-shire-council.html

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Referendum

"The Mayor of Wyong Shire Council is currently elected annually by the Councillors. Do you favour the election of the Mayor by electors for a four year term and an increase of the number of Councillors from ten to eleven (including the Mayor) to enable the election of 5 councillors from the two wards?"

Referendum was endorsed

See website for number of votes for and against -
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wyong-shire-council.html

Enrolment

Total Electors	108,366
Residential roll	108,361
Non-residential roll	5
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	13,059

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	83.1%
Formal votes	82,611
Informal votes	7,453
Total votes	90,064
Informality rate	8.3%

For details of participation and informality by ward see website – www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/lge-statistics.htm

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	14,143
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹³³	13.1%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Wyong Shire Council 2012 Election

\$637,178.00

Cost per elector

\$5.89

Wyong Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$234.84
Candidates and polling places	\$940.00
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$234.84
TOTAL	\$1,409.68

¹³³ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 1,947 calls from postcodes within Wyong Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 4,701 unique visitors to Wyong Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Rhonda Bassett

Returning Officer's Office

Wyong Returning Officer's Office
2A & 2B Amy Close
Wyong NSW 2259

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	35
Polling Place Managers	52
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	17
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	15
Election Officials	171
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	19
Total Staff	310

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	4
Declared Institutions	12
Election day Polling Places	56

Pre-poll centre locations

Blue Haven Pre-Poll, The Entrance Pre-Poll, Wyong Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/wyong-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Central Coast Express Advocate

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	55
Female Candidates	23
Male Candidates	32

A Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	25
Female Candidates	12
Male Candidates	13

B Ward Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	30
Female Candidates	11
Male Candidates	19

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
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A Ward

ANDERSON, Donna	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
ARNEIL, Scott	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
BEST, Greg	-
BEST, Jess	-
BEST, Joshua	-
BEST, Maree	-

DAVIS, Amber	Save Tuggerah Lakes
DRINAN, Karen	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
GREENWALD, Ken	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HALE, Lesley	The Greens
HENDERSON, Chris	The Greens
HITCHENS, Michael	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
HOOK, Jessica	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NAYNA, Luke	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
RICKARD, Scott	The Greens
SCHWARTZ, Kaye	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
STOLZ, Troy	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
TROY, Adam	Save Tuggerah Lakes
TROY, Courtney	Save Tuggerah Lakes
TROY, Joshua	Save Tuggerah Lakes
TROY, Kaylene	Save Tuggerah Lakes
VINCENT, Doug	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
WALLISCH, John	-
WYNN, Ben	The Greens
WYNN, Sue	The Greens

B Ward

BARTON, Bob	-
CASTLES, Margot	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
EATON, Doug	-
GAUT, Leonard	Save Tuggerah Lakes
GRAHAM, Bob	-
HEY, Ken	-
JINKS, Deidrie	The Greens
MATTHEWS, Lisa	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MAY, Tyson	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
McCULLY, Bill	-
McKINNON, Ian	The Greens
McKINNON, Jean	The Greens
MEHAN, David	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
MORLEY, Mick	-
MULVEY, Robert	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
NEWMAN, Tony	The Greens
PERCEVAL, Bob	-
PERICLEOUS, Laurinda	-
SARGEANT, Clive	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SCOTT, Vivienne	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SLATER, Rod	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
SOHIER, Brandon	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
TAYLOR, Charles	Save Tuggerah Lakes
TAYLOR, Helaine	Save Tuggerah Lakes
TAYLOR, Lloyd	Save Tuggerah Lakes
TURNER, Vanessa	The Greens
WACHER, Edna	-
WEBSTER, Lynne	Liberal Party of Australia New South Wales Division
WEST, John	-
WILLIAMS, Tina	Save Tuggerah Lakes

Yass Valley Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Friday, 14 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
ABBEY, Rowena	-
BURGESS, Cecil	-
BUTLER, Greg	-
DANIEL, Ann	-
FROST, Geoff	-
JONES, Jasmin	-
McMANUS, Michael	-
NEEDHAM, David	-
WARE, Garry	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/yass-valley-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	10,670
Residential roll	10,669
Non-residential roll	1
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	490

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	80.0%
Formal votes	7,976
Informal votes	564
Total votes	8,540
Informality rate	6.6%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,610
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹³⁴	15.2%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Yass Valley Council 2012 Election

\$81,469.00

Cost per elector

\$7.71

Yass Valley Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$643.50
Candidates and polling places	\$1,086.80
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$1,880.30

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 145 calls from postcodes within Yass Valley Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,942 unique visitors to Yass Valley Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Brenda Hangilias

¹³⁴ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Goulburn Region Returning Officer's Office
104 Clinton Street
Goulburn NSW 2580

Councils in Region

Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Yass Valley Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	0
Polling Place Managers	10
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	18
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	2
Total Staff	33

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	3
Declared Institutions	3
Election day Polling Places	11

Pre-poll centre locations

Goulburn Region Returning Officer's Office, Yass Pre-Poll, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/yass-valley-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Yass Tribune

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	21
Female Candidates	8
Male Candidates	13

Names of all candidates

Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
ABBEY, Rowena	-
BAKER, Kevin	-
BHATIA, Manish	-
BHATIA, Perminder	-
BURGESS, Cecil	-
BUTLER, Greg	-
CASSIDY, David	-
DANIEL, Ann	-
FROST, Geoff	-
HELDON, Karen	-
HEWLETT, Ginny	-
INKSTER, Mike	-
JONES, Jasmin	-
McCLINTOCK, Sara	-
McMANUS, Michael	-
NEEDHAM, David	-
REYNOLDS-FURRY, Nathan	-
STOREY, Edward	-
TEMPLEMAN, Julieanne	-
TURNER, Kim	-
WARE, Garry	-

Young Shire Council Report

Election Summary

Poll declared by Thursday, 13 September, 2012

Councillor elections, successful candidates

Councillor name	Party Affiliation
COOPER, Ben	-
FREUDENSTEIN, Sandy	-
FREUDENSTEIN, Stuart	-
INGRAM, Brian	-
MILLER, Allan	-
MULLANY, Brian	-
McGREGOR, John	-
WALKER, John	-
WALLACE, Tony	-

For full details of results see website –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/young-shire-council.html

For a breakdown of voting by Vote Type (Ordinary, Declared Institution/Pre-poll, Postal, Provisional/Silent) see the *Councillor Election* page of the above website, on the *Final Results* tab select *04 - Enrolment and Voting by Aggregated Vote Type Report*.

Enrolment

Total Electors	8,847
Residential roll	8,847
Non-residential roll	0
SmartRolled Electors (30/7/11 – 30/7/12)	735

Participation and Informality

Participation rate	85.4%
Formal votes	7,229
Informal votes	324
Total votes	7,553
Informality rate	4.3%

Failure to Vote

Penalty Notices Issued	1,120
Rate of Failure to Vote ¹³⁵	12.7%

Election Costs

Total Cost of the Young Shire Council 2012 Election

\$73,002.00

Cost per elector

\$8.28

Young Shire Council Statutory Advertising Campaign Expenditure

Nominations	\$159.52
Candidates and polling places	\$600.86
Uncontested elections	\$0.00
Results	\$68.00
TOTAL	\$828.38

Election Services

Elector Enquiry Centre

The Elector Enquiry Centre answered 60 calls from postcodes within Young Shire Council area.

NSWEC Website

There were 1,565 unique visitors to Young Shire Council election web page.

Braille Ballot Papers

No braille ballot papers were requested or printed.

Returning Officer

Mary Moffitt

¹³⁵ Percentage of Penalty Notices Issued to Enrolment (as shown on Authorised Roll)

Returning Officer's Office

Young Region Returning Officer's Office
Young Town Hall
189-205 Boorowa Street
Young NSW 2594

Councils in Region

Boorowa Council, Cowra Shire Council, Weddin Shire Council and Young Shire Council

Staffing

Office Manager	1
Senior Office Assistant	0
Office Assistants	24
Polling Place Managers	8
Polling Place Assistants	0
Deputy Polling Place Managers	1
Declaration Vote Issuing Officer	1
Election Officials	15
Council Count Manager	0
Part Day Election Officials	1
Total Staff	51

Polling Places

Pre-poll Centres	2
Declared Institutions	4
Election day Polling Places	9

Pre-poll centre locations

Young Region Returning Officer's Office, Sydney Town Hall

Polling place locations

For 2012 map and polling places see –
www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2012/young-shire-council.html

Advertising

Statutory Campaign

The Council requested that the statutory advertisements be placed in the following press:

Young Witness

Candidates

Nominations withdrawn

No Councillor nominations were withdrawn.

Councillor Candidates

Total Candidates	18
Female Candidates	6
Male Candidates	12

Names of all candidates

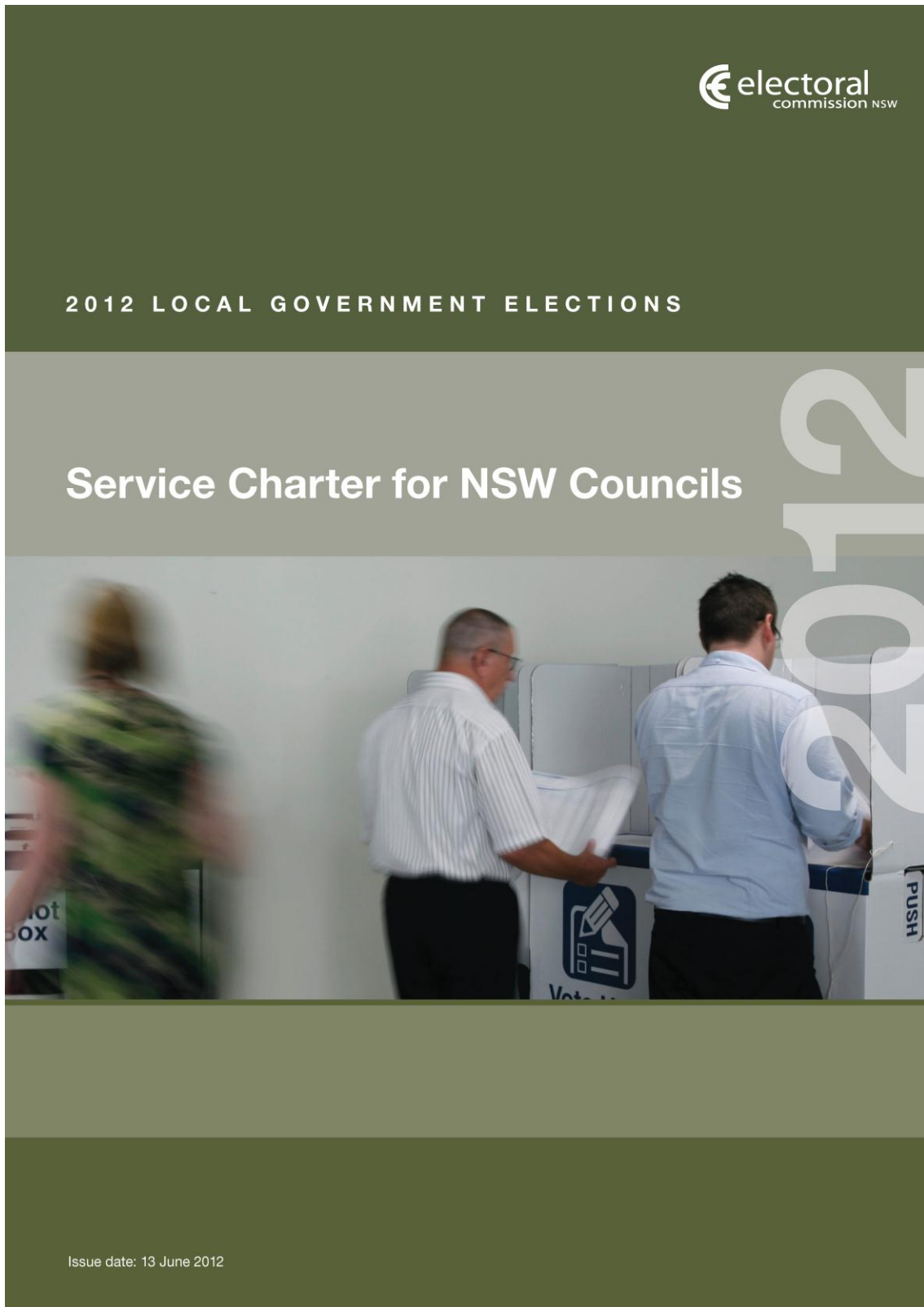
Councillor Candidates	Party Affiliation
BROWN, Nonette	-
COOPER, Ben	-
DOLL, Hank	-
FAULKNER, Roz	-
FREUDENSTEIN, Sandy	-
FREUDENSTEIN, Stuart	-
HEWLETT, Fran	-
INGRAM, Brian	-
McGREGOR, John	-
MILLER, Allan	-
MULLANY, Brian	-
PREST, Debbie	-
SCHILLER, Lenore	-
STOKELL, Colin	-
WALKER, John	-
WALKER, Paul	-
WALLACE, Tony	-
WILLMOTT-POTTS, Trevor	-

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Appendix A: 2012 Local Government Elections Councils utilising the NSW Electoral Commission to provide their Elections

Armidale Dumaresq Council	Greater Taree City Council	Richmond Valley Council
Ashfield Council	Griffith City Council	Rockdale City Council
Auburn City Council	Gundagai Shire Council	Ryde City Council
Ballina Shire Council	Guyra Shire Council	Singleton Council
Balranald Shire Council	Gwydir Shire Council	Snowy River Shire Council
Bankstown City Council	Harden Shire Council	Strathfield Municipal Council
Bathurst Regional Council	Hawkesbury City Council	Council of the City of Sydney
Bega Valley Shire Council	Hay Shire Council	Tamworth Regional Council
Bellingen Shire Council	Holroyd City Council	Temora Shire Council
Berrigan Shire Council	The Council of the Shire of Hornsby	Tenterfield Shire Council
Blacktown City Council	The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill	The Hills Shire Council
Bland Shire Council	Hurstville City Council	Tumbarumba Shire Council
Blayney Shire Council	Inverell Shire Council	Tumut Shire Council
Blue Mountains City Council	Jerilderie Shire Council	Tweed Shire Council
Bogan Shire Council	Junee Shire Council	Upper Hunter Shire Council
Bombala Council	The Council of the Municipality of Kiama	Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Boorowa Council	Kogarah City Council	Uralla Shire Council
Bourke Shire Council	Ku-ring-gai Council	Urana Shire Council
Brewarrina Shire Council	Kyogle Council	Wagga Wagga City Council
Broken Hill City Council	Lachlan Shire Council	The Council of the Shire of Wakool
Burwood Council	Leeton Shire Council	Walcha Council
Byron Shire Council	Leichhardt Municipal Council	Walgett Shire Council
Cabonne Shire Council	Lismore City Council	Warren Shire Council
Camden Council	City of Lithgow Council	Warrindah Council
Campbelltown City Council	Liverpool City Council	Warrumbungle Shire Council
City of Canada Bay Council	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Waverley Council
Canterbury City Council	Lockhart Shire Council	Weddin Shire Council
Carrathool Shire Council	Manly Council	Wellington Council
Central Darling Shire Council	Marrickville Council	Wentworth Shire Council
Clarence Valley Council	Mid-Western Regional Council	Willoughby City Council
Cobar Shire Council	Moree Plains Shire Council	Wingecarribee Shire Council
Conargo Shire Council	Mosman Municipal Council	Wollondilly Shire Council
Coolamon Shire Council	Murray Shire Council	Woollahra Municipal Council
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	Murrumbidgee Shire Council	Wyong Shire Council
Coonamble Shire Council	Muswellbrook Shire Council	Yass Valley Council
Cootamundra Shire Council	Nambucca Shire Council	Young Shire Council
Corowa Shire Council	Narrabri Shire Council	
Cowra Shire Council	Narrandera Shire Council	
Deniliquin Council	Narromine Shire Council	
Dubbo City Council	North Sydney Council	
Dungog Shire Council	Oberon Council	
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Orange City Council	
Forbes Shire Council	Palerang Council	
Gilgandra Shire Council	Parkes Shire Council	
Glen Innes Severn Council	Parramatta City Council	
Gloucester Shire Council	Pittwater Council	
Gosford City Council	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Queanbeyan City Council	
Great Lakes Council	Randwick City Council	
Greater Hume Shire Council		



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1. A Message from the NSW Electoral Commissioner

Impartial, well conducted elections build a stronger Local Government sector and contribute to building stronger communities. The NSW Electoral Commission aims to make the 2012 Local Government Elections, which it has been engaged by councils to conduct, the best in NSW's history.

Local government is an elected system of government directly accountable to the local community. With each council being an independent, statutory corporation responsible for administering the local government area over which it has jurisdiction, the proper election of councillors who oversee the functioning of the council, is important. Maximising the participation of local communities in Local Government elections is a goal that both councils and the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) share.

The NSWEC's objectives for the 2012 Local Government Elections which it is engaged to conduct, are to:

- Protect the institution of Local Government by conducting fair and impartial elections
- Conduct elections in accordance with the law
- Ensure community confidence in the election of local representatives to councils
- Work with councils to maximise the participation of the local community in the elections

The Service Charter:

- promotes open and timely communication and consultation between councils and the NSWEC on election services
- recognises the interests of each in the elections

- sets out the NSWEC's accountability in providing election services for councils and areas where councils' assistance is sought
- outlines the targets for efficiency, effectiveness and co-ordination of elections for which we are accountable
- promotes transparency and customer service commitment to successful elections in 2012

I undertake that the NSWEC will provide impartial and quality election services for those councils who are utilising the NSWEC's services in 2012. I understand how important proper electoral processes are to safeguarding the standing of Local Government in NSW.

For those councils that select the NSWEC to conduct their elections, the following key components will be provided:

- consultation with councils on election services and timely provision of budgets
- single point of contact Client Service Officers assigned to be the councils' dedicated contact within the NSWEC on all aspects of their elections
- Returning Officers recruited on expertise and capacity to deliver successful elections for the NSWEC and councils
- well publicised information on election services for electors, candidates, groups of candidates and registered political parties
- accurate vote counting
- results on election night from polling places as soon as they become available and timely publication of provisional and final results
- public accountability by reporting to the NSW Parliament and councils on the conduct of the elections.

The detail of election services and specific service level targets are outlined in the Charter.

In 2011 in our initial meeting with each council we discussed the Charter as part of our dialogue on the elections. Following on from these discussions, I am re-issuing this Election Services Charter as part of our commitment to provide impartial, high quality and efficient election services to those councils who have resolved to use the NSWEC to provide their elections in September 2012.



Colin Barry

NSW Electoral Commissioner

2. Service Standards for the 2012 Local Government Elections



The NSWEC has established service standards against which its performance can be measured for the Local Government Elections in 2012. Service standards also applied to the NSWEC for the 2011 NSW State General Election.

The Service Charter covers the services to be provided and the standards to be applied in providing these services. The principles underpinning these are set out below as are the specific standards for budget delivery, election services for electors and for candidate/registered political party stakeholders.

The Legislative Context for Local Government Elections 2012

The parameters for the conduct of the Local Government elections are set down in legislation (the *Local Government Act 1993*), and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and policy decisions that have given effect to these provisions.

The election of individuals to civic office at a Local Government level is set down in Chapter 10 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. In the conduct of elections the NSW Electoral Commissioner is accountable to the Governor, Premier and Parliament by section 21AB of the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*. The Electoral Commissioner is also oversighted by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters of the NSW Parliament.

Recent legislative change has made councils responsible for the conduct of their elections. Councils can now choose to conduct their elections themselves using their own resources or by engaging the NSWEC. If the NSWEC is selected, then the Electoral Commission is responsible for the elections.

Elections whether Federal, State or Local Government must be conducted at arms length from the elected representatives. This is a key pillar on which to build public confidence in the impartiality of the election processes and the outcome. The NSWEC is well placed to ensure that councils' elections are conducted with absolute impartiality.

Service Charter Principles

Both the NSWEC and the councils in NSW have the right to:

- undertake their respective roles and responsibilities for these elections as set out in relevant legislation and administrative instruments
- receive services, facilities and information which meet their respective needs and responsibilities in a timely manner
- access relevant, current and timely information about the elections
- raise issues and have these considered courteously and confidentially.

Councils' Rights

Councils can expect:

- their elections to be conducted impartially, effectively, efficiently and according to law
- consultation on key aspects of the elections including their budget, polling places, timetable for the counts and results
- access to information on the planning, progress and timetable for the elections
- regular and timely updates of progress on the preparation for the elections

- dedicated Client Service Officers for all councils who will consider councils' requests and advice seriously and courteously
- Returning Officers equipped to undertake the complex responsibility of conducting Local Government elections
- enquiries and correspondence answered within a reasonable timeframe and interim responses where a delay is anticipated
- information on how to prepare the non-residents' rolls¹
- electors and those seeking election, informed of arrangements for the elections, the electoral services being provided and how to utilise these
- options for electors with particular needs on how they participate in the elections
- results of surveys seeking feedback on the conduct of the elections included in the NSWEC's report provided to the NSW Parliament, Minister for Local Government and councils.

The assistance of councils is sought for:

- advising the NSWEC in a timely manner of any ward boundary changes
- providing information on accessible, available and cost effective office accommodation and suitable polling place venues
- commenting on proposed pre-poll and polling place locations
- placing advertisements in local newspapers about the elections
- in certain locations, accepting candidates' nominations and deposits

- responding to requests for information by the NSWEC accurately, thoroughly and in a timely manner
- abiding by any legal requirements and other obligations regarding payment for electoral services
- treating NSWEC election staff courteously.

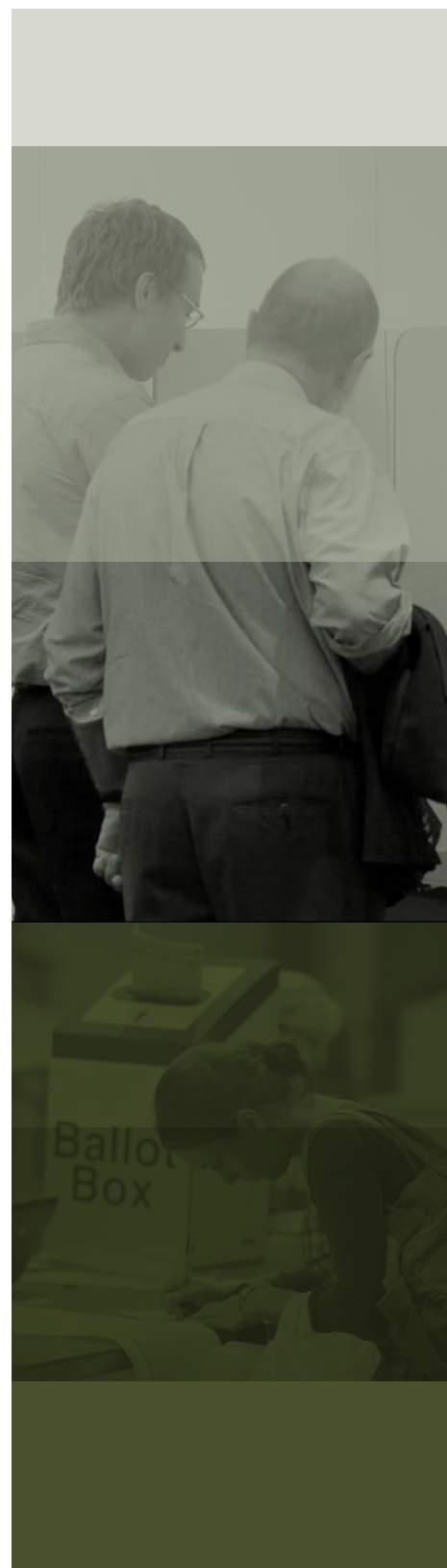
Communication with Councils

From mid to late 2011 the NSWEC met with councils participating in the 2012 Local Government Elections.²

The purpose of these meetings was to:

- discuss the timetable for councils to select the NSWEC to conduct their elections
- assist councils make an informed decision whether to conduct their own elections or to contract the NSWEC
- outline the election services the NSWEC can provide and the expertise and experience held by the NSWEC.

Since the conclusion of these discussions 136 councils resolved to utilise the NSWEC to provide their 2012 Local Government Election services. These councils and those who have resolved to provide their own elections are listed at the back of this Charter.



1. The NSW Electoral Commission's responsibilities are different for the Council of the City of Sydney. For this council the NSW Electoral Commission prepares the non-residents' rolls.
 2. Both Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils will not be holding elections in 2012.

3. NSWEC Proposed Service Standards for Council Elections



The NSWEC undertakes to provide:

- capable, informed and competent Returning Officers and election officials
- useful, accessible and timely information on electoral services and the electoral system applying to Local Government elections
- efficient voting services provided by trained and courteous election staff
- a range of voting options that, within legislative parameters, allows choice and greater convenience to electors
- appropriate assistance with council, elector and candidate enquiries
- adequate numbers of well located, accessible and advertised polling places
- services for electors from communities with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- services for electors from Aboriginal and remote communities
- services for electors with disabilities
- accurate enrolment details for electors
- roll and ballot paper production services
- election day voting options
- clear advice on how to vote formally
- easy to understand information on vote counting
- accessible, accurate and timely election results
- non-voter processing services.

Service Standards specifically for Results are:

Counting of votes on election night to equal or better the percentage completion figures shown below:

Election Night Counting	Mayoral Elections	Councillor Elections	Referenda
By 9pm	75%	56%	54%
By 10pm	91%	83%	73%
By midnight	100%	100%	97%

Note:

The NSWEC aims to provide 100% of Mayoral and Councillor election night results on the NSWEC website by midnight but in some remote areas of NSW, some polling places may have difficulties phoning their results through to the Returning Officer on election night.

Service Standards specifically for Budget delivery for councils are:

- final budget and payment schedule to councils by date agreed with councils or by the 31 May 2012
- final invoice to councils by 31 January 2013

Service targets are:

- General Managers who state that Local Government Elections of 2012 were conducted impartially, fairly and in accordance with the law equal or exceed the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 87.0%
- General Managers' satisfaction with the quality of services provided by and professionalism of Returning Officers equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figures of 83.8% and 82.0%
- General Managers' satisfaction with accuracy of the electoral roll for their council equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 63.1%
- General Managers' satisfaction with the location and number of pre-poll and polling places equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figures of pre-poll places 81.1% (location) and 83.2% (number), and polling places 84.2% (location) and 81.0% (number)
- General Managers' satisfaction with the efficiency of the 2012 Local Government Elections significantly exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 25.2%

- General Managers' satisfaction with time taken to announce the results on the NSWEC website significantly exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 38.2%.



4. Service Standards for Electors are:



Electors expect high quality election services. The NSWEC commits to the following service standards for electors in the elections it conducts:

- 80% enrolment of eligible citizens aged 17 – 25 years
- 94% enrolment amongst eligible citizens aged 26 years or over
- voter turnout equalling or exceeding the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 83.4%
- formality rate equalling or exceeding the rate for 2008 Local Government Elections of 92.9%
- timely provision of results on election night as per 'Service Standards for Results'.

Service targets are:

- electors satisfied with election services equal or exceed the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 72.2%
- electors' confidence in the NSWEC's impartial and fair conduct of the elections equals or exceeds that for the NSW State Election 2011 of 81%³
- the proportion of electors reporting that their enrolment details are correct equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 96.5%
- electors' satisfaction with information provided by the NSWEC's Call Centre

improves upon the 2008 Local Government Elections figure to approach that of the NSW State Election 2011 (60%)

- electors' satisfaction with the NSWEC's website equals or exceeds that for the NSW State Election 2011 (56%)⁴
- electors' satisfaction with the length of time it took to vote at pre-poll and election day equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figures of 62% and 72.2%
- electors' satisfaction with the accessibility of pre-poll and polling places equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figures of 61.9% and 82.5%
- electors' satisfaction with the postal vote application process equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 68.8%
- electors' satisfaction with the manner of NSWEC election officials equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 80.7%
- electors' satisfaction with the speed of results provision on election night equals or exceeds that for the NSW State Election 2011 (77.0%)⁵.

3. No comparable figure exists for the 2008 Local Government Elections

4. No comparable figure exists for the 2008 Local Government Elections

5. No comparable figure exists for the 2008 Local Government Elections

5. Service Standards for Candidates and Registered Political Parties are:

The NSWEC commits to the following election service standards for candidates, groups of candidates and registered political parties in the elections it conducts:

- useful, accessible and timely information on election services and the electoral system applying to Local Government elections
- timely, clear instructions on the rules of the elections such as how to register electoral material
- efficient electoral services provided by trained and courteous election staff
- appropriate assistance with enquiries
- efficient nominations process
- refunding of candidates' nomination deposits within 14 days of the declaration of the poll
- advice as to how to appoint scrutineers and receive information specific to the role of scrutineers
- easy to grasp information on timetable and processes for vote counting
- timely response to complaints including allegations of breaches of electoral requirements
- timely information of status of counts, any recount and declaration of polls
- accessible, accurate and timely election results with provision of results on election night as per 'Service Standards for Results'.

Service targets are:

- candidates' satisfaction with electoral services provided equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 76.7%
- candidates who believe the 2012 Local Government Elections were conducted impartially, fairly and in accordance with the law equal or exceed the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 91.4%
- candidates' satisfaction with information provided regarding election funding and disclosure requirements equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 84.7%
- candidates' satisfaction with information provided by the Candidates' Enquiry and Help Desk equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 80.6%
- candidates' satisfaction with local result counts equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 87.5%
- candidates' satisfaction with the NSWEC's website equals or exceeds the 2008 Local Government Elections figure of 72.2%
- ability to confirm candidate details on the NSWEC website
- candidate information sheets placed on the NSWEC website
- registration of electoral material occurs within a short time frame (usually 24 hours) and reasons are provided for any refusal to register electoral material

- 100% of Local Government areas complete the distribution of preferences for Mayoral elections by the Thursday 6pm following the election and for all councillor counts by Monday 6pm of the following week
- for any vote recount, the difference between the count and the recount for any candidate is less than ten votes.

These standards also apply for registered political parties with the additional standard that the registration and re-registration services conducted 12 months before the 2012 Local Government Elections are well communicated and conducted in a timely manner.

6. Council enquiries, feedback and complaints



The NSWEC welcomes feedback, whether this is in the form of complaints, compliments or suggestions.

The NSWEC has established an on-line complaint facility located on the website www.elections.nsw.gov.au under 'About Us'. The NSW Election Funding Authority's (EFA) enquiry email is enquiries@efa.nsw.gov.au

If correspondence is preferred, the postal address for the NSWEC is GPO Box 832, Sydney 2001. Correspondence should be marked to the Attention: Ms Helen Robinson, NSW Electoral Commission.

Councils can request a review of a decision and lodge a complaint with the NSWEC via its formal complaint process.

The NSWEC records data on complaints, compliments and suggestions and this is used to help improve services.

The NSWEC will also be undertaking post elections surveys to obtain feedback from councils that will assist the planning of future elections.

Councils for whom the NSWEC will provide electoral services, 2012 Local Government Elections

Albury	Cooma-Monaro	Ku-ring-gai	Ryde
Armidale Dumaresq	Coonamble	Kyogle	Singleton
Ashfield	Cootamundra	Lachlan	Snowy River
Auburn	Corowa	Leeton	Strathfield
Ballina	Cowra	Leichhardt	Sydney
Balranald	Deniliquin	Lismore	Tamworth Regional
Bankstown	Dubbo	Lithgow	Temora
Bathurst Regional	Dungog	Liverpool	Tenterfield
Bega Valley	Eurobodalla	Liverpool Plains	The Hills
Bellingen	Forbes	Lockhart	Tumbarumba
Berrigan	Gilgandra	Manly	Tumut
Blacktown	Glen Innes Severn	Marrickville	Tweed
Bland	Gloucester	Mid-Western Regional	Upper Hunter
Blayney	Gosford	Moree Plains	Upper Lachlan
Blue Mountains	Goulburn-Mulwaree	Mosman	Uralla
Bogan	Great Lakes	Murray	Urana
Bombala	Greater Hume	Murrumbidgee	Wagga Wagga
Boorowa	Greater Taree	Muswellbrook	Wakool
Bourke	Griffith	Nambucca	Walcha
Brewarrina	Gundagai	Narrabri	Walgett
Broken Hill	Guyra	Narrandera	Warren
Burwood	Gwydir	Narromine	Warringah
Byron	Harden	North Sydney	Warrumbungle
Cabonne	Hawkesbury	Oberon	Waverley
Camden	Hay	Orange	Weddin
Campbelltown	Holroyd	Palerang	Wellington
Canada Bay	Hornsby	Parkes	Wentworth
Canterbury	Hunters Hill	Parramatta	Willoughby
Carrathool	Hurstville	Pittwater	Wingecarribee
Central Darling	Inverell	Port Macquarie Hastings	Wollondilly
Clarence Valley	Jerilderie	Queanbeyan	Woollahra
Cobar	Junee	Randwick	Wyang
Conargo	Kiama	Richmond Valley	Yass Valley
Coolamon	Kogarah	Rockdale	Young

Councils providing their own electoral services, 2012 Local Government Elections

Botany Bay	Gunnedah	Maitland	Shoalhaven
Cessnock	Kempsey	Newcastle	Sutherland
Coffs Harbour	Lake Macquarie	Penrith	
Fairfield	Lane Cove	Port Stephens	

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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Further copies of the NSW Electoral Commission's 2012 Local Government Elections Service Charter for NSW Councils can be obtained from the website www.elections.nsw.gov.au

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Appendix C: 2012 Local Government Elections Elector Enquiry Centre and Enrolment Enquiries

Council	Elector Enquiry Centre Total	Enrolment	Grand Total
Albury	253	74	327
Armidale Dumaresq	222	60	282
Ashfield	455	158	613
Auburn	604	180	784
Ballina	599	159	758
Balranald	18	7	25
Bankstown	1,578	417	1,995
Bathurst	129	55	184
Bega Valley	342	73	415
Bellingen	107	25	132
Berrigan	79	36	115
Blacktown	3,306	1,079	4,385
Bland	84	18	102
Blayney Shire	60	16	76
Blue Mountains	824	191	1,015
Bogan	30	8	38
Bombala	26	9	35
Boorowa	24	8	32
Botany Bay	365	186	551
Bourke	17	3	20
Brewarrina	9	3	12
Broken Hill	63	35	98
Burwood	505	133	638
Byron	247	81	328
Cabonne	202	44	246
Camden	438	112	550
Campbelltown	995	198	1,193
Canada Bay	803	251	1,054
Canterbury	1,057	320	1,377
Carrathool	18	4	22
Central Darling	17	9	26
Cessnock	149	48	197
Clarence Valley	361	104	465
Cobar	5		5
Coffs Harbour	129	35	164
Conargo	3		3
Coolamon	46	14	60
Cooma-Monaro	98	29	127
Coonamble	19	6	25
Cootamundra	44	13	57
Corowa	5	2	7

Council	Elector Enquiry Centre Total	Enrolment	Grand Total
Cowra	86	28	114
Deniliquin	7	2	9
Dubbo	265	63	328
Dungog	148	22	170
Eurobodalla	435	132	567
Fairfield	744	238	982
Forbes	51	13	64
Gilgandra	33	17	50
Glen Innes	43	12	55
Gloucester	50	16	66
Gosford	2,148	356	2,504
Goulburn Mulwaree	204	41	245
Great Lakes	338	75	413
Greater Hume	46	10	56
Greater Taree	307	51	358
Griffith	143	38	181
Gundagai	35	14	49
Gunnedah	31	10	41
Guyra	41	9	50
Gwydir	55	21	76
Harden	22	11	33
Hawkesbury	555	158	713
Hay	11	13	24
Holroyd	937	266	1,203
Hornsby	2,015	540	2,555
Hunters Hill	149	35	184
Hurstville	950	194	1,144
Inverell	108	27	135
Jerilderie	6	6	12
Junee	45	19	64
Kempsey	43	19	62
Kiama	138	37	175
Kogarah	758	192	950
Ku-ring-gai	1,638	360	1,998
Kyogle	63	26	89
Lachlan	101	50	151
Lake Macquarie	473	167	640
Lane Cove	144	65	209
Leeton	8	1	9
Leichhardt	765	307	1,072
Lismore	345	106	451
Lithgow	158	46	204
Liverpool	1,365	395	1,760
Liverpool Plains	35	12	47

Council	Elector Enquiry Centre Total	Enrolment	Grand Total
Lockhart	26	11	37
Maitland	118	53	171
Manly	428	108	536
Marrickville	764	277	1,041
Mid-Western Regional	141	33	174
Moree Plains	95	29	124
Mosman	313	106	419
Murray	30	10	40
Murrumbidgee	7		7
Muswellbrook	101	43	144
Nambucca	95	24	119
Narrabri	130	20	150(a)
Narrandera	9	3	12
Narromine	36	17	53
Newcastle	355	201	556
North Sydney	627	266	893
Oberon	12	7	19
Orange	187	41	228
Palerang	165	30	195
Parkes	140	37	177
Parramatta	1,954	495	2,449
Penrith	678	198	876
Pittwater	642	160	802
Port Macquarie-Hastings	697	142	839
Port Stephens	134	51	185
Queanbeyan	183	41	224
Randwick	1,274	466	1,740
Richmond Valley	154	42	196
Rockdale	907	217	1,124
Ryde	1,241	369	1,610
Shellharbour	60	18	78
Shoalhaven	251	66	317
Singleton	246	53	299
Snowy River	40	9	49
Strathfield	414	95	509
Sutherland	865	263	1,128
Sydney	2,598	1,107	3,705
Tamworth	445	119	564
Temora	24	6	30
Tenterfield	44	14	58
The Hills	1,767	427	2,194
Tumbarumba	38	17	55
Tumut	96	27	123
Tweed	872	233	1,105

Council	Elector Enquiry Centre Total	Enrolment	Grand Total
Unincorporated	7	3	10
Upper Hunter	102	26	128
Upper Lachlan	66	9	75
Uralla	60	19	79
Urana	8	7	15
Wagga Wagga	426	101	527
Wakool	32	12	44
Walcha	22	8	30
Walgett	70	13	83
Warren	3	1	4
Warringah	1,452	363	1,815
Warrumbungle	98	26	124
Waverley	717	277	994
Weddin	28	8	36
Wellington	51	24	75
Wentworth	26	4	30
Willoughby	760	170	930
Wingecarribee	270	106	376
Wollondilly	357	79	436
Wollongong	272	73	345
Woollahra	655	217	872
Wyong	1,586	361	1,947
Yass	118	27	145
Young	44	16	60
Total	57,010	16,324	73,334

Note:

(a) Narrabri commenced the administration of their elections until June 2012 when NSWEC took over the conduct of their election at the Council's request.

Appendix D: 2012 Local Government Elections Councils Administering their Elections and Participation in the Sydney Town Hall Initiative.

Participating	Not Participating
Coffs Harbour City Council	Botany Bay City Council
Fairfield City Council	Cessnock City Council
Lake Macquarie City Council	Gunnedah Shire Council
Lane Cove Municipal Council	Kempsey Shire Council
Newcastle City Council	Maitland City Council
Penrith City Council	Port Stephens Council
	Shoalhaven City Council
	Sutherland Shire Council
Total = 6	Total = 8

Appendix E: 2012 Local Government Elections - Elections per Council

Council	Councillor	Mayor	Referenda	Polls	Total
Albury City Council	1	0	0	0	1
Armidale Dumaresq Council	1	0	0	0	1
Ashfield Council	4	0	0	0	4
Auburn City Council	2	0	0	0	2
Ballina Shire Council	3	1	0	0	4
Balranald Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Bankstown City Council	4	0	0	0	4
Bathurst Regional Council	1	0	0	0	1
Bega Valley Shire Council	1	0	0	1	2
Bellingen Shire Council	1	1	0	0	2
Berrigan Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Blacktown City Council	5	0	0	0	5
Bland Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Blayney Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Blue Mountains City Council	4	0	0	0	4
Bogan Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Bombala Council	1	0	0	0	1
Boorowa Council	1	0	0	0	1
Bourke Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Brewarrina Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Broken Hill City Council	1	1	0	0	2
Burwood Council	1	1	0	1	3
Byron Shire Council	1	1	0	0	2
Cabonne Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Camden Council	3	0	0	0	3
Campbelltown City Council	1	0	0	0	1
City of Canada Bay Council	1	1	0	0	2
Canterbury City Council	3	1	0	0	4
Central Darling Shire Council	3	0	0	0	3
Clarence Valley Council	1	0	0	0	1
Coolamon Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Coonamble Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Cootamundra Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Cowra Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Dubbo City Council	1	0	0	0	1
Dungog Shire Council	2	0	0	0	2
Eurobodalla Shire Council	1	1	0	0	2
Forbes Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1

Council	Councillor	Mayor	Referenda	Polls	Total
Gilgandra Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Glen Innes Severn Council	1	0	0	0	1
Gloucester Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Gosford City Council	1	0	0	0	1
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	1	0	0	0	1
Great Lakes Council	1	0	0	0	1
Greater Hume Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Greater Taree City Council	1	1	0	0	2
Griffith City Council	1	1	0	0	2
Gundagai Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Guyra Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Gwydir Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Harden Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Hawkesbury City Council	1	0	0	0	1
Hay Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Holroyd City Council	4	0	0	0	4
The Council of the Shire of Hornsby	3	1	0	0	4
The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill	2	1	0	0	3
Hurstville City Council	3	0	0	0	3
Inverell Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Jerilderie Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Junee Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
The Council of the Municipality of Kiama	1	0	0	0	1
Kogarah City Council	4	0	0	0	4
Ku-ring-gai Council	5	0	0	0	5
Kyogle Council	3	0	0	0	3
Lachlan Shire Council	5	0	0	0	5
Leichhardt Municipal Council	4	0	0	0	4
Lismore City Council	1	1	0	1	3
City of Lithgow Council	1	0	0	0	1
Liverpool City Council	2	1	0	0	3
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Lockhart Shire Council	2	0	0	0	2
Manly Council	1	1	0	0	2
Marrickville Council	4	0	0	0	4
Mid-Western Regional Council	1	0	0	0	1
Moree Plains Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Mosman Municipal Council	1	1	0	1	3
Murray Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1

Council	Councillor	Mayor	Referenda	Polls	Total
Murrumbidgee Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Muswellbrook Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Nambucca Shire Council	1	1	0	0	2
Narrabri Shire Council	1	0	1	0	2
Narromine Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
North Sydney Council	4	1	1	0	6
Orange City Council	1	0	1	0	2
Palerang Council	1	0	0	0	1
Parkes Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Parramatta City Council	5	0	0	0	5
Pittwater Council	3	0	0	0	3
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	1	1	0	0	2
Queanbeyan City Council	1	1	0	0	2
Randwick City Council	5	0	0	0	5
Richmond Valley Council	1	1	0	0	2
Rockdale City Council	5	0	0	0	5
Ryde City Council	3	0	0	0	3
Singleton Council	1	1	0	0	2
Snowy River Shire Council	1	1	0	0	2
Strathfield Municipal Council	1	0	0	1	2
Council of the City of Sydney	1	1	0	0	2
Tamworth Regional Council	1	0	0	0	1
Temora Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Tenterfield Shire Council	5	0	0	0	5
The Hills Shire Council	4	0	1	0	5
Tumbarumba Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Tumut Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Tweed Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Upper Hunter Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Uralla Shire Council	3	0	1	0	4
Urana Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Wagga Wagga City Council	1	0	1	0	2
The Council of the Shire of Wakool	1	0	0	0	1
Walcha Council	3	0	1	0	4
Walgett Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Warringham Council	3	1	0	0	4
Warrumbungle Shire	1	0	0	1	2

Council	Councillor	Mayor	Referenda	Polls	Total
Council					
Waverley Council	4	0	0	0	4
Weddin Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Wellington Council	1	0	0	0	1
Wentworth Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Willoughby City Council	4	1	0	0	5
Wingecarribee Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
Wollondilly Shire Council	3	0	0	0	3
Woollahra Municipal Council	5	0	0	0	5
Wyong Shire Council	2	0	1	0	3
Yass Valley Council	1	0	0	0	1
Young Shire Council	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	224	26	8	6	264

Appendix F: 2012 Local Government Elections - Councils with Mayoral Elections

Ballina Shire Council
Bellingen Shire Council
Broken Hill City Council
Burwood Council
Byron Shire Council
City of Canada Bay Council
Canterbury City Council
Eurobodalla Shire Council
Greater Taree City Council
Griffith City Council
The Council of the Shire of Hornsby
The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill
Lismore City Council
Liverpool City Council
Manly Council
Mosman Municipal Council
Nambucca Shire Council
North Sydney Council
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
Queanbeyan City Council
Richmond Valley Council
Singleton Council
Snowy River Shire Council
Council of the City of Sydney
Warringah Council
Willoughby City Council

Appendix G: 2012 Local Government Elections Referenda and Polls

	Council	Number of Voters	Referendum Question
1	The Hills	114,300	<i>Do you favour the election of the Mayor by electors for a four year term which necessarily increases the number of Councillors by 1?</i>
2	Narrabri	8,800	<i>Do you favour the number of Narrabri Shire councillors being reduced from twelve (12) to nine (9)?</i>
3	North Sydney	40,600	<p>Currently North Sydney Council has four wards and 12 councillors (three per ward), plus the popularly elected mayor, elected for a four year term.</p> <p><i>Do you favour a reduction in the number of wards from four to three and the number of councillors from 13 to 10, inclusive of the popularly elected mayor?</i></p> <p>If there is majority support for the proposal, the changes will take effect from the 2016 election.</p>
4	Orange	25,100	<p>The Mayor of Orange is currently elected each year by the 12 Councillors.</p> <p>Do you approve of the direct election of the Mayor by the voters of Orange, for a four year term?</p>
5	Uralla	4,200	<p>The Mayor of the Uralla Shire Council is currently elected by the Councillors.</p> <p><i>Do you favour the election of the Mayor by the electors for a four year term, reducing the number of wards from three to two (one Urban and one Rural) and maintaining nine Councillors (including</i></p>

	Council	Number of Voters	Referendum Question
			<i>the mayor) to enable the election of four Councillors from the two wards?</i>
6	Wagga Wagga	39,400	<i>Do you support a reduction in the number of Councillors for the City of Wagga Wagga from 11 to 9?</i>
7	Walcha	2,300	<p>Currently, Walcha council is divided into 4 Wards. 2 Councillors are elected from each Ward by the electors enrolled in that Ward. Candidates must be enrolled in the council area but not necessarily in the Ward they are nominating as a candidate. Elections are only held if more than 2 nominations are received in each Ward.</p> <p><i>Do you favour Walcha Council abolishing Wards so that all electors vote for all Eight (8) Councillors?</i></p>
8	Wyong	53,900	<p>The Mayor of Wyong Shire Council is currently elected annually by the Councillors.</p> <p><i>Do you favour the election of the Mayor by electors for a four year term and an increase of the number of Councillors from ten to eleven (including the Mayor) to enable the election of 5 councillors from the two wards?</i></p>

	Council	Number of Voters	Poll Question
1	Bega Valley	23,300	<i>Do you support the retention of the Pambula District Hospital funded at current total operational budget levels by NSW State Government for a period of 5 years, at approximately \$7.5 million pa, from the completion and official opening of the proposed new regional hospital, so as to provide the essential services needed to supplement the new hospital during this period?</i>
2	Burwood	19,100	<i>Are you in favour of Burwood Local Government Area being proclaimed a City to be known as Burwood City?</i>
3	Lismore	29,800	<i>Do you support coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and production in the Lismore City Council area?</i>
4	Mosman	18,800	<i>Do you favour the amalgamation of Mosman Council with any other Council(s) to create a larger Local Government Authority?</i>
5	Strathfield	14,600	<i>Do you support Strathfield Municipal Council changing its name to Strathfield City Council?</i>

	Council	Number of Voters	Poll Question
6	Warrumbungle	7,100	<p>The idea of changing the name of the Warrumbungle Shire Council to that of Warrumbungle Regional Council has been discussed on numerous occasions since the amalgamation of the Coolah Shire Council with the Coonabarabran Shire Council .This subject was again raised at the Community Strategic Planning meetings held in various locations around the Shire in 2011.</p> <p><i>Are you in favour of changing the name of Warrumbungle Shire Council to Warrumbungle Regional Council?</i></p>

Appendix H: 2012 Local Government Elections Non-resident Enrolment numbers by Council

Albury	4	Glen Innes	3	Orange	10
Armidale Dumaresq	2	Gloucester	7	Palerang	8
Ashfield	10	Gosford	3	Parramatta	13
Auburn	5	Great Lakes	13	Penrith	7
Ballina	1	Greater Hume	2	Pittwater	3
Bankstown	7	Greater Taree	5	Port Macquarie-Hastings	1
Bathurst	10	Gunnedah	1	Port Stephens	2
Bega Valley	7	Gwydir	1	Queanbeyan	7
Bellingen	4	Harden	1	Randwick	9
Berrigan	1	Hawkesbury	29	Richmond Valley	7
Blacktown	2	Hay	5	Rockdale	7
Bland	1	Holroyd	5	Ryde	11
Blayney Shire	1	Hornsby	4	Shoalhaven	32
Blue Mountains	8	Hunters Hill	1	Singleton	5
Bogan	2	Hurstville	12	Snowy River	3
Bombala	2	Inverell	1	Strathfield	5
Boorowa	13	Junee	2	Sutherland	4
Botany Bay	2	Kempsey	5	Sydney	1709
Broken Hill	6	Kogarah	3	Temora	7
Burwood	47	Ku-ring-gai	3	Tenterfield	2
Byron	59	Kyogle	3	The Hills	1
Cabonne	5	Lake Macquarie	4	Tumbarumba	19
Camden	5	Lane Cove	4	Tumut	1
Campbelltown	10	Leichhardt	88	Tweed	8
Canada Bay	3	Lismore	7	Upper Hunter	2
Canterbury	1	Lithgow	24	Upper Lachlan	10
Central Darling	42	Liverpool	28	Uralla	1
Cessnock	5	Liverpool Plains	2	Wagga Wagga	3
Clarence Valley	3	Lockhart	1	Warringah	3
Cobar	1	Maitland	3	Waverley	22
Coffs Harbour	4	Manly	9	Wellington	2
Conargo	1	Marrickville	150	Wentworth	6
Cooma-Monaro	10	Mid-Western Regional	6	Willoughby	16
Cootamundra	1	Moree Plains	1	Wingecarribee	8
Corowa	1	Mosman	4	Wollondilly	2
Cowra	1	Murray	3	Woollahra	5
Deniliquin	1	Murrumbidgee	3	Wyong	5
Eurobodalla	376	Newcastle	8	Yass	1
Fairfield	6	North Sydney	87		

Appendix I: 2012 Local Government Elections Regions, Stand Alone Elections and Location of Returning Officers

Local Government Elections Region Name	Councils in Region	Location of Returning Officer's Office
1 Byron Region	Ballina Byron	Mullumbimby
2 Clarence Valley Region	Clarence Valley Kyogle Lismore Richmond Valley	Grafton
3 Nambucca Region	Bellingen Nambucca	Macksville
4 Port Macquarie Region	Greater Taree Port Macquarie- Hastings	Port Macquarie
5 Great Lakes Region	Dungog Gloucester Great Lakes	Forster
6 Glen Innes Region	Glen Innes Inverell Tenterfield	Glen Innes
7 Armidale Region	Armidale Dumaresq Guyra Uralla Walcha	Armidale
8 Tamworth Region	Liverpool Plains Tamworth	Tamworth
9 Moree Region	Gwydir Moree Plains Narrabri Walgett	Moree
10 Gilgandra Region	Coonamble Gilgandra Warren Warrumbungle	Gilgandra
11 Dubbo Region	Dubbo Narromine Wellington	Dubbo
12 Cobar Region	Bogan Bourke Brewarrina Cobar	Cobar
13 Broken Hill Region	Broken Hill Central Darling Wentworth	Broken Hill
14 Bathurst Region	Bathurst Blayney Shire Oberon	Bathurst
15 Blue Mountains Region	Blue Mountains Lithgow	Katoomba

Region Name	Councils in Region	Location of Returning Officer's Office
16 Orange Region	Cabonne Orange	Orange
17 Forbes Region	Bland Forbes Lachlan Parkes	Forbes
18 Young Region	Boorowa Cowra Weddin Young	Young
19 Cootamundra Region	Coolamon Cootamundra Harden Junee Temora	Cootamundra
20 Wagga Wagga Region	Gundagai Lockhart Tumut Urana Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga
21 Singleton Region	Muswellbrook Singleton Upper Hunter	Singleton
22 Camden Region	Camden Wollondilly	Camden
23 Goulburn Region	Goulburn Mulwaree Upper Lachlan Yass	Goulburn
24 Queanbeyan Region	Palerang Queanbeyan	Queanbeyan
25 Cooma Region	Bombala Cooma-Monaro Snowy River	Cooma
26 Bega Region	Bega Valley Eurobodalla	Bega
27 Albury Region	Albury Corowa Greater Hume Tumbarumba	Albury

Stand Alone Councils	Location of Returning Officer's Office
35 Auburn	Auburn
36 Bankstown	Bankstown
37 Blacktown	Seven Hills
38 Campbelltown	Campbelltown
39 Canterbury	Canterbury

Stand Alone Councils	Location of Returning Officer's Office
40 Gosford	Gosford
41 Hawkesbury	Windsor
42 The Hills	Castle Hill
43 Holroyd	Merrylands
44 Hornsby	Hornsby
45 Hurstville	Hurstville
46 Kiama	Kiama
47 Kogarah	Kogarah
48 Ku-ring-gai	Gordon
49 Liverpool	Liverpool
50 Mid-Western	Mudgee
51 North Sydney	North Sydney
52 Parramatta	Parramatta
53 Pittwater	Newport
54 Randwick	Randwick
55 Rockdale	Brighton-Le-Sands
56 Ryde	Ryde
57 Sydney	Sydney CBD
58 Tweed	Tweed Heads
59 Warringah	Brookvale
60 Waverley	Bondi Junction
61 Willoughby	Chatswood
62 Wingecarribee	Moss Vale
63 Woollahra	Double Bay
64 Wyong	Wyong

Appendix J: 2012 Local Government Elections Political Parties Registered and Participating

State Registered Parties

Party Name	Abbreviated Party Name
Australian Democrats (NSW Division)	Australian Democrats
Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)	Labor
Building Australia Party	Building Australia
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	Christian Democratic Party
Country Labor Party	Country Labor
Family First NSW Inc	Family First
Liberal Party of Australia (New South Wales Division)	Liberal
National Party of Australia-NSW	Nationals
No Parking Meters Party	
Outdoor Recreation Party	ORP
Save Our State	SOS
Shooters and Fishers Party	Shooters and Fishers
Socialist Alliance	
The Fishing Party	
The Greens	
Unity Party	

Local Government Registered Parties

Party Name	Abbreviated Party Name
Albury Citizens And Ratepayers Movement	
Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Councils)	Australia First Party
Australian Protectionist Party	
Australian Sex Party NSW	Sex Party
Bob Thompson's Independent Team	
Burwood Community Voice	BCV
Clover Moore Independent Team	Clover Moore Independents
Community Service "Environment" Save Campbelltown Koalas	
Community First Team	Community First
Democratic Labor Party	DLP
Eurobodalla First	
Eurobodalla Ratepayers Action	ERA
Holroyd Independents	
Keep Coogee a Village	
Kogarah Residents' Association	
Liberal Democratic Party	Liberal Democrats
Liverpool Community Independents Team	
Lorraine Wearne Independents	

Party Name	Abbreviated Party Name
Manly Independents - Putting Residents First	Manly Independents
Our Sustainable Future	OSF
Parramatta Better Local Government Party	
Residents Action Group For Auburn Area	RAGAA
Residents First Woollahra	Residents First
Residents For Mosman	RFM
Save Tuggerah Lakes	STL
Serving Mosman	
Shire Watch Independents	SWI
Shire Wide Action Group	SWAG
Shoalhaven Independents Group	Shoal Independents
The Living Sydney Team	Living Sydney
The Parramatta Independents	
Totally Locally Committed Party	TLC
Woodville Independents	WIP
Your Warringah	Your Warringah

Appendix K: 2012 Local Government Elections Attendance at Candidate Seminars

Locality	Date	Attendees
Burwood	2-May-12	36
Randwick	5-May-12	17
Dubbo	7-May-12	30
Cobar	7-May-12	1
Orange	8-May-12	16
Broken Hill	8-May-12	7
Forbes	9-May-12	19
Balranald	9-May-12	8
Hornsby	9-May-12	23
Bathurst	10-May-12	40
Dee Why	12-May-12	42
Deniliquin	14-May-12	25
Mullumbimby	14-May-12	30
Hurstville	14-May-12	31
Albury	15-May-12	22
Grafton	15-May-12	7
Wagga Wagga	16-May-12	29
Armidale	16-May-12	36
Cootamundra	17-May-12	15
Tamworth	17-May-12	9
Blacktown	17-May-12	39
Griffith	18-May-12	11
Inverell	21-May-12	8
Chatswood	21-May-12	36
Moree	22-May-12	3
Walgett	23-May-12	0
Coonamble	24-May-12	7
Campbelltown	26-May-12	25
Bega	28-May-12	6
Katoomba	28-May-12	18
Scone	28-May-12	12
Queanbeyan	29-May-12	18
Singleton	29-May-12	20
Goulburn	30-May-12	19
The Entrance	30-May-12	20
Sydney	30-May-12	8
Sydney	30-May-12	40
Kiama	31-May-12	19
Taree	31-May-12	23
Narrabri	20-Jun-12	8
Young	2-Jul-12	32
Moruya	2-Jul-12	32
Moss Vale	3-Jul-12	19
Cowra	3-Jul-12	14
Sydney	4-Jul-12	24
Parkes	4-Jul-12	10
Liverpool	5-Jul-12	16

Locality	Date	Attendees
Condobolin	5-Jul-12	9
Mosman	7-Jul-12	19
Ballina	9-Jul-12	22
Gosford	9-Jul-12	23
Wellington	9-Jul-12	18
Casino	10-Jul-12	36
Port Macquarie	10-Jul-12	18
Lithgow	10-Jul-12	19
Glen Innes	11-Jul-12	7
Mudgee	11-Jul-12	7
Tenterfield	12-Jul-12	12
Castle Hill	12-Jul-12	19
Hay	16-Jul-12	6
Berridale	16-Jul-12	11
Narrandera	17-Jul-12	11
Albury	17-Jul-12	18
Yass	18-Jul-12	20
Gordon	19-Jul-12	31
Bankstown	21-Jul-12	30
TOTAL		1,266

Appendix L: 2012 Local Government Elections Languages spoken by Election Officials

Language	Number Election Officials Speaking this Language
Afrikaans	15
Amharic	1
Arabic	261
Armenian	16
Assyrian	21
Assyrian/Chaldean	1
Auslan Sign Language	13
Bahasa	1
Bahasa Malaysia	2
Bahasa Melayu	1
Bangla	11
Bengali	33
Bengali/ Bangla	1
Bosnian	21
Bulgarian	2
Burmese	2
Cambodian	10
Chaldean	4
Chaldean / Assyrian	1
Chew Chao	1
Chinese - Hakka	3
Chinese - Hokkien	1
Chinese - other	1
Chinese - Teo Chew	2
Chinese Cantonese	439
Chinese Mandarin	351
Chinese -Shanghainese	2
Creole	1
Croatian	45
Czech	7
Danish	3
Dari	5
Dari/Hazaragi	1
Dinka	1
Dutch	13
Edo	1
Estonian	1
Farsi (Persian)	1
Farsi Iran Persia	18
Fijian	5
Filipino	1
French	136
Fukien (Taiwanese)	1
German	59
Ghanaian	1
Greek	129
Guajarati	19
Gujarati - Indian	1

Language	Number Election Officials Speaking this Language
Hakka	2
Hazaragi	1
Hazaragi/Dari	1
Hebrew	9
Hebrew and French	1
Hi chi	1
Hindi	158
Hindi, Telugu	1
Hindi, Bengali	1
Hindi, Gujarati	2
Hindi, Punjabi	6
Hindi/Indian	1
Hindi/Urdu	5
Hindustani	1
Hokkien	2
Hokkien/Taiwanese	1
Hungarian	12
Hungarian, French	1
Ilocano	1
Indian	4
Indian (Hindi)	2
Indian (Tamil)	1
Indonesian	69
Italian	189
Japanese	31
Kannada	4
Karen	1
Kiswahili	2
Konkani	3
Korean	22
Krio	2
Krio/Creole	1
Kurdish	3
Lao	5
Latin	1
Latvian	1
Lebanese	1
Lithuanian	1
Macedonian	29
Malay	4
Malayalam	5
Maltese	34
Mandaean	1
Mandarin & Cantonese	1
Marathi	6
Melanasian Pidgin	1
Nepalese	1
Nepali	2
Niue an	1
Pashto	3

Language	Number Election Officials Speaking this Language
Persian	1
Pidgin English	1
PNG Tok Pisin	2
Polish	38
Portuguese	9
Punjabi	33
Romanian	7
Russian	26
Samoan	3
Serbian	43
Shanghainese	4
Shona	3
Singhala	8
Singhalese	23
Slovak	4
Solomon Islands Pijin	1
Spanish	101
Sri Lankan	1
Sudanese	5
Susu	1
Swahili	4
Swatow dialect	1
Swedish	2
Swiss German	1
Tagalog Philippines	106
Taiwanese	6
Tamil	61
Taochew	1
Telugu	8
Temne	2
Teochew	9
Tetum	1
Thai	13
Toa Thi	1
Tongan	7
Turkish	12
Ukrainian	6
Urdu	30
Urdu (Pakistan)	1
Urdu, Punjabi	1
Vietnamese	164
Zulu	2
Total Languages	3057

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background and objectives

instinct and reason was appointed by the New South Wales Electoral Commission (NSWEC) to conduct research looking at elector satisfaction with the administration of the 2012 Local Government Elections, held on Saturday 8 September 2012.

The New South Wales Electoral Commission (NSWEC) is responsible for the conduct of elections for the State of NSW, local government and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. It is committed not just to ensuring that elections are conducted in accordance with the law, but also to the delivery of high quality election services. This includes ensuring that elections meet required service standards in the provision of information services, pre-poll and polling day services, and voter assistance services.

The NSWEC issued a 'NSW Local Government Elections 2012 Service Commitment Charter' containing targets and indicators for measuring its effectiveness in providing election services. These standards were based on the results of the elector feedback surveys carried out in 2008 (NSW Local Government Elections) and 2011 (NSW State Election).

The main goal of this latest research was to provide the NSWEC with information on electors' perceptions of and satisfaction with the NSWEC's election services, with a view to assist the NSWEC in evaluating its performance against its service standards, to identify areas for service improvement, and to help the NSWEC to establish service benchmarks for future elections.

To meet these overall objectives, instinct and reason conducted a survey of electors to measure satisfaction with:

- Voting services (pre-poll and polling day services)
- Quality of assistance provided by NSW election officials
- Services to electors (telephone enquiry service and website)
- Services to key voter groups (including voters of CALD backgrounds, Indigenous voters, and visually impaired voters)

In addition, the survey looked at the appeal of various service development initiatives and potential information sources for future elections.

Survey methodology

In the week following the 2012 Local Government Elections, instinct and reason carried out a survey by telephone with a representative sample of electors, including a boosted sample of key voter groups. In 2008, a survey had been carried out via directing voters to a questionnaire on the NSWEC website. The 2008 survey provided some indicators of performance for the NSWEC which helped to establish initial baseline standards. The 2012 survey provides more reliable measures of voter satisfaction from a fully representative cross-section of electors in areas where the NSWEC administered elections, and a comparator sample from areas where the NSWEC did not administer the elections.

Voter behaviour

96% of the general population sample claimed to have voted during the 2012 Local Government Elections. 81% said they voted on polling day itself, 12% in person before polling day, and 2% by postal vote (note that rounding means that $81\%+12\%+2\%=96\%$). 4% of electors surveyed said they didn't vote. Those saying they did not vote were asked why and the most common responses were: 'I was not in my council area on the day, I was elsewhere within the State/interstate/overseas' (30%), 'I didn't know the election was on' (20%) and 'I was ill or in hospital' (10%). Most knew there is a \$55 penalty but one in four (23%) said they were not aware of the penalty for not voting.

Those not voting are more likely to be male, aged under 45, living in remote areas, and Indigenous. One in eight Indigenous voters (12%) said they did not vote. Three in ten electors with visual impairments (27%) said they voted before election day.

Performance against standards set

The NSWEC set service standards and performance indicators in its 'NSW Local Government Elections 2012 Service Commitment Charter' based on results from online surveys carried out after the 2008 Local Government Elections and the 2011 State Election. The table below contains the standards set in 2012, the questions and filtered bases for measuring against the performance indicators set, and the results obtained in the 2012 survey. The results from the 2012 survey show that these standards were met or exceeded in almost every case. In most cases, voter satisfaction levels were considerably higher than the target set.

The NSWEC can be confident it is performing well and can review its service standards in light of the data from a representative cross-section of electors in the 2012 survey.

Service standard	Standard	2012 result
<p>Satisfaction with election services</p> <p>QE1 overall process of voting – very satisfactory, satisfactory Base: all who voted (1649)</p>	72.2%*	86%
<p>Enrolment details correct</p> <p>QA12 To the best of your knowledge, when you voted, were your details on the electoral roll correct? – Yes Base: all who voted (1649)</p>	96.5%*	97%
<p>Satisfaction with the service provided by NSWEC's telephone enquiry service</p> <p>G3 - rating the service provided by the telephone enquiry service – very satisfactory, satisfactory Base: contacted the telephone enquiry service (50)</p>	60.0%**	76%
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<p>Satisfaction with length of time it took to vote on election day</p> <p>QE3-C length of time spent at the polling place – very satisfactory, satisfactory Base: voted on election day (1398)</p>	72.2%*	92%
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<p>Satisfaction with accessibility of polling place on election day</p> <p>QE3-E satisfaction with ease of entering and exiting polling place – very satisfactory, satisfactory Base: voted on election day (1398)</p>	82.5%*	93%

Satisfaction with postal vote application process QC4-B The length of time between applying and getting the papers – very satisfactory, satisfactory Base: postal voters (38). Note small base.	68.8%*	79%
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Satisfaction with the overall voting process

One of the measures from the survey is overall satisfaction with voting services – asked as 'satisfaction with the overall process of voting'. The standard set was for 72.2% of electors to be satisfied. The result achieved in 2012 was 86%.

Overall satisfaction levels were equally high among all key voter groups – 87% of CALD voters, 89% of Indigenous voters, 83% of vision impaired voters. There was no significant difference between electors in council areas where the election was administered by the NSWEC (86%) and those where it was administered by the council (82%). There is no significant difference in overall satisfaction by *when* voted – on polling day or pre-poll.

Satisfaction with information and information sources

Of course, making sure electors are aware of the elections and how to vote is a crucial part of the process. The NSWEC needs to continuously evaluate the most effective means of getting information to electors. Most electors still favour hard copy sources of information like newspapers and mail although, as expected, younger electors are much more positive about online and mobile phone sources.

One in eight electors (13%) said they referred to the NSWEC website at some point before or during the elections. These electors were particularly likely to be younger voters, and also more likely to vote in person at a pre-poll centre. Four in five (79%) were satisfied with the website which is much higher than the standard set of 56%.

A relatively small number of electors said they contacted the telephone enquiry service, just 3% (50 electors in our survey sample). However, the value of this service is demonstrated by the survey data as this 3% are more likely than the norm to be new voters or just turned 18, to not have their electoral roll details correct, and to be voting before election day.

Three in four callers (76%) were satisfied with the service, which again is much higher than the standard set of 60%. One in four callers (26%) said they got straight through and a further half (46%) got through within 5 minutes. Satisfaction levels are very high for staff being courteous and polite, professional, informative; for their overall manner; and for resolving the issue or answering the question. Telephone operators score higher than staff at polling places for being informative and resolving issues.

There are lower levels of satisfaction with regard to information about pre-poll voting (54% positive and 23% negative among those voting pre-poll in person); information available to locate the polling place (67% positive, 12% negative among those voting on election day), and information about postal voting (55% of postal voters positive and 16% negative). Information provision is therefore a potential area for improvement, although it should be noted that it did not feature in the Charter standards for the 2012 elections.

Satisfaction with pre-poll services

There are high levels of satisfaction with the location of pre-poll voting centres (82% rating satisfactory or very satisfactory), accessibility to pre-poll voting centres (84%), time taken to cast a pre-poll vote (94%), and the helpfulness of election officials (88%).

Time taken to cast a vote pre-poll was another key service standard with a target for 2012 set at 62% so this was well exceeded with the 94% result.

Although it was not one of the service targets in the Charter, 54% were satisfied with the information provided about pre-poll voting among those who voted in person and 23% were critical of performance; 19% neutral and 4% not sure.

Satisfaction with polling place voting

There are very high levels of satisfaction with the convenience of the polling place (92% rating satisfactory or very satisfactory), ease of entering and exiting the polling place (92%), simplicity of the polling place layout (94%), ease of the voting process (91%), clarity and simplicity of ballot paper instructions (83%) and length of time spent at the polling place (91%). Electors want the process to be quick and easy, and this appears to be the case with three in four giving ratings of very satisfactory on all four dimensions.

A standard was set for satisfaction with 'accessibility of polling place' of 82.5% and the survey shows that satisfaction with 'ease of entering and exiting the polling place' was 92% amongst those who voted on or before the day, and 93% amongst those who voted on election day.

Length of time spent at the polling place was another key standard with a target set for 2012 of 72.2%. This was comfortably exceeded with the result of 91% amongst those who voted on the day or before the day and 92% amongst those who voted on election day.

Those who voted on election day are generally more positive about their experience with the polling place. The exception is 'assistance provided by election officials' but this is probably because those voting on election day were less likely to have queries or need assistance so fewer make a comment, ie more neutral or 'not sure' responses.

Satisfaction with election officials

Four in five electors (79%) were satisfied with 'assistance provided by election officials' at polling places, with only 3% critical of staff. One in eight (13%) were 'not sure', in part because they had minimal interaction with staff.

Another question was asked about satisfaction with election officials overall, and these results are positive – nine in ten satisfied, including those who voted on election day (89%) and those who voted before election day (88%). NSWEC council voters were more likely to be satisfied with the overall experience of election officials than non-NSWEC council voters (89% versus 84%).

On this particular question, CALD voters were less positive – 58% giving a top rating of very satisfactory, compared with 67% of the total sample – although still generally satisfied.

Electors who voted on or before election day were asked to rate the 'manner' of election officials. A standard for this service dimension was set by the NSWEC for 2012, at 80.7% satisfied. The result in the 2012 survey was 93% satisfied. In the 2008 survey, just 45% gave a rating of very satisfactory for the manner of election officials. In the 2012 survey, this figure is 74%. This difference is in part due to the different methodology used of course but it suggests that there has probably been an improvement in performance since 2008.

As well as 'overall manner' being highly rated, nine in ten voters were satisfied with staff being 'courteous and polite' (92%) and 'professional' (89%). Whilst still high, satisfaction ratings are relatively low for 'being informative' (70%) and 'answering your question or resolving your issue' (60%).

Satisfaction with postal voting

The survey only had 38 respondents who had voted by post so the results need to be treated with caution. The proportion of postal voters satisfied with information about postal voting is relatively low, although still a majority satisfied (55% satisfied, 16% negative, 24% neutral, 8% not sure). Results are more positive for 'the length of time between applying and getting papers' (79% satisfied) and 'instructions on how to complete the ballot papers and declaration envelope' (87%).

Alternative methods of voting

Almost half the electors surveyed (45%) said they would find online voting most appealing, including a majority (57%) of electors aged under 35 and many of those aged 35 or over (40%). One in eight younger electors (13% of those aged under 35) find voting via their mobile devices most appealing. Whilst only 3% of all electors find voting over the telephone most appealing, this is 10% among those who say they did not vote this time.

Particularly likely to want to vote in person are Indigenous electors (56% find this most appealing and only 29% for online) and vision impaired electors (61% and 25% respectively). Some vision impaired voters also find postal voting appealing (18%).

Those who do not want to vote online raise concerns around privacy (40% said this), not being computer literate or having access to a computer/internet connection (40%), potential for manipulation (25%), and potential for hacking (24%).

Of course, there is generational change taking place and the NSWEC needs to keep moving at the pace of new established means of communication, both for informing electors and for voting.

Conclusions and recommendations

The results from the 2012 survey demonstrate that when a fully representative sample of electors is surveyed, the NSWEC is clearly performing to very high standards of service delivery and – in most cases – much higher than the standards set prior to the 2012 Local Government Elections.

On the key service standards, around 80-90% of electors are positive about the performance of the NSWEC in administering the elections.

With these 2012 results now available, the NSWEC needs to review its service standards and set appropriate targets for future elections, agreeing where to try and maintain these high standards and where to aim even higher.

The main area where there is room for improvement is in information provision and communication. Lower ratings were obtained on several aspects of information provision, including CALD electors being less positively disposed to election officials. Also the main reasons given for not voting are 'not in council area due to travelling' and 'didn't know there was an election'. The NSWEC needs to continuously improve its use of all available media and communications channels to inform electors about when to vote, where to vote, and how to vote. Whenever a new channel is established, including social media, it should be embraced by the NSWEC as well as improving existing channels. Technological developments will provide new opportunities but it also needs a human touch, especially for the key voter groups.

Methods of voting should also change with the times, including the availability of secure online voting (which almost half of electors now favour), voting via mobile devices (growing demand from younger voters), and perhaps automated telephone voting.

2. BACKGROUND AND RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

2.1 BACKGROUND

The key responsibilities of the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) are to:

1. conduct elections and by-elections for the Parliament of New South Wales;
2. conduct elections for local government councils;
3. conduct elections for registered clubs, statutory boards and State registered industrial organisations;
4. prepare the New South Wales electoral roll in conjunction with the Australian Electoral Commission;
5. provide administrative support to the Election Funding Authority;
6. provide advice to the Premier on issues affecting the conduct of parliamentary elections, including:
 - administrative issues requiring legislative remedy;
 - public understanding and awareness of elections and electoral matters; and
 - reporting to the NSW Parliament on the NSWEC's activities.

Local government elections are held every four years. The latest local government elections were held on Saturday 8 September 2012. Councils had the option of administering their own election or using the NSWEC to conduct the election. Previously, all councils were required to use the NSWEC. 150 of the 152 NSW councils participated in the 2012 Elections. 136 councils chose to use the NSWEC and 14 councils provided their own electoral services. This report compares voter perceptions of the performance of the NSWEC and council provided services where appropriate.

The purpose of the NSWEC is to provide information services and voter assistance services.

Information services include:

- Advertising
- Telephone enquiry service
- Website
- Information to the news media
- Material for certain communities such as culturally or linguistically diverse electors

Voting services

Voting before election day (pre-poll)

Voters can vote either in person, by post or by Braille if they meet certain criteria.

- Early voters are able to vote at pre-poll centres in the two weeks leading up to election day. Recent elections have seen a growth in the use of pre-poll or early voting.
- Postal voters can obtain a postal vote application from NSWEC, and then have ballot papers sent to them for completion and return.

Voting on election day (poll day)

There are two types of election day voters:

- voters who vote in their electorate on election day. Ordinary voting on election day is the most common form of voting;
- voters who cannot be found on the roll when they come to vote. For the first time unenrolled electors were able to enrol and vote on polling day itself (with the appropriate proof of identity).

Services to key voter groups

Assistance in polling places

The NSWEC makes every effort to ensure that as many voting centres as possible have wheelchair access, and that these are clearly publicised to voters. Voting centres are equipped with maxi-pencils (for voters who have difficulty grasping ordinary pencils) and magnifying sheets.

Voters from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds

The NSWEC makes every effort to ensure that people from CALD backgrounds have the information they require to be able to vote. It offers telephone and online translation services as well as voting instructions in a wide number of languages.

2012 Initiatives

In 2012, the elections included a number of important new initiatives including:

- a 'self-service check in' facility at Sydney Town Hall
- 'on day' enrolment and voting;
- on-line submission of postal vote applications; and
- polling place accessibility rating system.

Technologically assisted voting (iVote) was introduced for the 2011 NSW State Election and the 2011 Clarence By-election held in November 2011. iVote is currently not provided in local government elections but this survey provided an opportunity to gauge demand.

NSW Local Government Elections 2012 Service Commitment Charter

The NSWEC issued a 'NSW Local Government Elections 2012 Service Commitment Charter' containing targets and indicators for measuring its effectiveness in providing election services. These include standard indicators such as voter participation and informal voting rates as well as indicators specific to the above initiatives.

This report details:

- Elector satisfaction compared to targets in the NSWEC's 2012 Service Commitment Charter
- Claimed voter participation
- Elector satisfaction with the NSWEC election services and officials
- Elector satisfaction with services provided to key voter groups
- Elector satisfaction with the telephone enquiry service and web site
- Assessment of 2012 initiatives where possible (note that we only had 15 voting at Sydney Town Hall so cannot evaluate the initiatives there)
- Interest and acceptability of technologically assisted voting (iVote)

2.2 RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The overall objectives of the research were to provide a robust and reliable measurement of the delivery of voter services across the community, including key voter groups, and the NSWEC performance against its Service Charter.

This report addresses each of the following objectives:

- To provide reliable information about:
 - Electors' perceptions of and satisfaction with the NSWEC's election services covering pre-poll and polling day services, including telephone enquiry services.
 - Voters' perceptions of and satisfaction with the quality of assistance received from election officials.
- To provide reliable information about voters from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds; Indigenous voters and visually impaired voters in terms of their perceptions of and satisfaction with assistance the NSWEC provided.
- To provide reliable results that can be used by the NSWEC to establish service benchmarks for future elections.
- To assist the NSWEC to identify areas for service improvement and, where appropriate, for which groups of electors.

3. METHODOLOGY

The research methodology for the 2012 survey was as follows:

instinct and reason and the NSWEC met on 22nd May to share existing knowledge about the satisfaction study and past research, as well as past and current strategies and initiatives. The final methodology and sampling was agreed upon.

A **CATI (telephone) survey** was used for the following reasons:

- Telephone interviewing allowed for a high level of quality control (including 10% validation of all interviews)
- It allowed for random sampling of households (within each council area), with quotas for each Regional Organisation of Councils (ROC) to ensure representative numbers by ROC. See appendix for definition of ROCs and which councils in each ROC.
- Telephone contact details were provided via the electronic white pages, random number generation based on geographic area, and 15% mobile phone numbers. This helped to ensure a representative sample.
- Quotas were also set for age and gender to be representative of the NSW population.

The survey took 10 minutes to complete. The average questionnaire length as measured by our field agency (Action Market Research) was 9 minutes and 47 seconds.

Sample composition

- All respondents were screened to ensure their eligibility; all had to be Australian citizens, aged 18+, and currently living in NSW.
- The achieved sample was not weighted as it was representative of the NSW population in terms of age, gender and location.
- Booster interviews were conducted to ensure a robust sample of visually impaired voters, Indigenous voters and people from a CALD background.

Sample structure

- Our sampling approach took into account the whole of State and covered every Local Government Area (LGA). We randomly collected a population sample at the electoral boundary level and undertook analysis at the Regional Organising Council (ROC) level.

Sample profile

- From calling households at random, we obtained a 'general sample' of 1544. We then boosted the interviews with key voter groups in order to have minimum numbers. So we had a total of 1720 interviews in areas where the NSWEC administered the elections.
- We surveyed a separate sample of 283 electors from areas where the NSWEC did not administer the election to be able to compare with the NSWEC results.

	General sample (NSWEC areas)	Booster sample (NSWEC areas)	Total sample achieved (NSWEC areas)	Comparison (Non-NSWEC areas)
Number interviewed	1544	176	1720	283
Key voter groups:				
Indigenous background	0	41	41	9
CALD background	203	101	304	39
Vision impairment	1	50	51	9

Table 1 – Achieved Sample

A detailed breakdown of the sample by key demographics and by ROC can be found in Appendix B.

Fieldwork Summary

Timing:

- The survey was conducted as close to the election date as possible. Interviewing started the day after the elections to maximise the 'recency' effect and achieve the most accurate read possible on the performance of and satisfaction with the electoral services experienced.
- The interviews were conducted between Sunday 9th September and Sunday 16th September 2012.

Response rates

- The response rate for this study was 1 completed interview for every 4.8 calls made – these calls included non-connections (Answering Machines, No Answer, Engaged) and connections (Interviews, Call backs, Not suitable, Refusals). One outright refusal occurred in every 7.4 connections.
- The willingness to participate was high given the top-of-mind awareness of the survey topic. It was further improved by the mention that the survey was being conducted on behalf of the NSW Electoral Commission.

Methodology used in the 2008 study

The methodology used in 2008 and the methodology used in 2012 were different and so the results are not directly comparable.

In 2008, leaflets were distributed to voters at polling places on election day, directing them to the survey on the NSWEC website which could then be completed online. The online survey was open to these and other voters, accessible to any individual, from Saturday 13th September to Tuesday 7th October 2008.

In 2012, rigorous steps were taken to ensure a fully representative sample of electors was surveyed. A random sample of households was contacted, along with a targeted sample of key voter groups, and interviews took place by telephone. The survey took place over just one week immediately following polling day.

Analysis notes

Reliability

- All survey estimates have a sampling error attached to them and can be calculated from the variability of the observations in the sample. From this, a margin of error (confidence interval) is derived.
- A small margin of error will result in a narrow interval, and hence a more precise estimate of where the true value lies.
- The technical calculation of sampling errors (and thus confidence intervals) is based on an assumption of a simple random sampling method. This survey did not use a simple random sample, however it is common practice in such surveys to use the formulae applicable to simple random samples to estimate confidence intervals.

- The table below indicates the level of reliability for each key voting group at a 95% degree of confidence.

	Margin of error (95% confidence interval)		
	For result of 50%	For result of 30% or 70%	For result of 10% or 90%
Total Sample n=1720	+/- 2.4	+/- 2.2	+/- 2.2
Indigenous background n=41	+/- 15.3	+/- 14.0	+/- 9.2
CALD background n=304	+/- 5.6	+/- 5.2	+/- 3.4
Vision impairment n=51	+/- 13.7	+/- 12.6	+/- 8.2

Table 2 – Margins of error

- For example, results for the sample as a whole are reliable in representing the voter population view to within 2.3 percentage points at the 95% degree of confidence. If we replicated the survey 100 times, in 95 out of those 100 surveys, we would expect to obtain the same result plus or minus the stated margin of error.

Scale questions

- On a five point scale, top and bottom 2 boxes are used to summarise results.
- For all the rating scale questions, 'don't know/ not applicable' responses are excluded when calculating mean scores.

Rounding of data

- Please note that throughout this report, all survey results have been rounded to the nearest whole percentage figure, including nett results after summing the separate proportions rather than simply summing two rounded figures (e.g. '% total satisfied'). For this reason, anomalies of 1% sometimes occur between nett results and rounded results shown in charts. For example, a proportion of 33.3% 'satisfied' rounds to 33%, and a proportion of 4.4% 'very satisfied' rounds to 4%. However, when combined to derive the 'total satisfied + very satisfied', 33.3% plus 4.4% equals 37.8%, which would be rounded to 38%. In this case, the results would be shown in a chart as 33% satisfied and 4% very satisfied, but the proportion reported as 'total satisfied' would be 38%.

4. RESULTS ON SERVICE CHARTER STANDARDS

The NSWEC set service standards and performance indicators in its 'NSW Local Government Elections 2012 Service Commitment Charter'. The results of the 2012 survey show that these standards were met or exceeded in almost every case.

4.1 PERFORMANCE AGAINST SERVICE TARGETS

Electors expect high quality election services. NSWEC committed itself to a number of service standards. These standards included voter enrolment, turnout, percentage of formal votes and the timely provision of results. Standards were also set for elector satisfaction and perception of the performance of electoral officials. Table 2 below lists the results of elector satisfaction and perceptions for the 2012 Election against the agreed standards.

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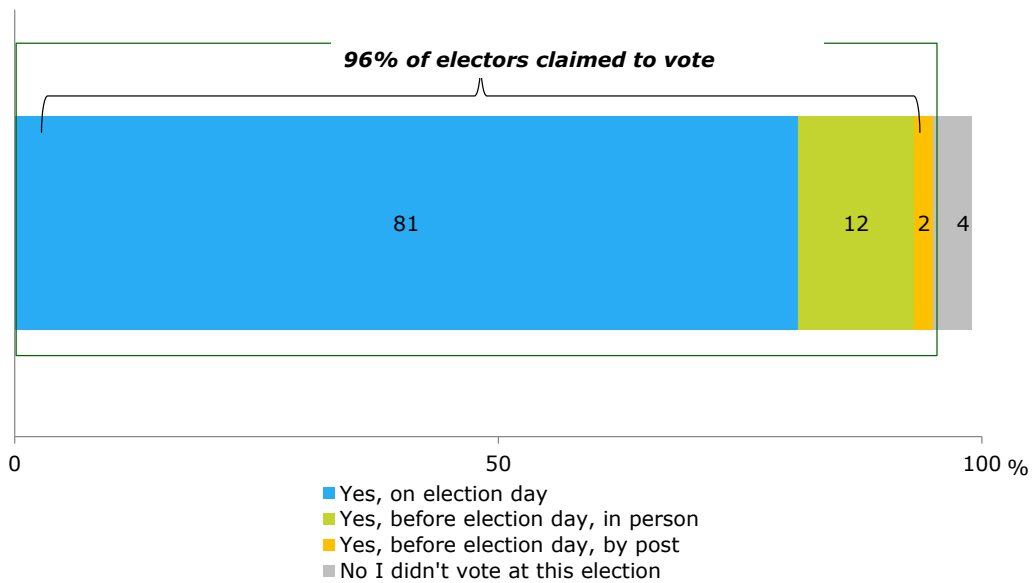
In almost every case, the 2012 result is considerably higher than the standards set due to the 2012 survey results being considerably higher than either the 2008 survey results or the 2011 State Election survey results. NSWEC can now review its standards in light of having results from a fully representative sample, and monitor on this basis in future.

5. MAIN FINDINGS

5.1 VOTING BEHAVIOUR

Survey respondents were asked whether they voted and when they voted. 96% of electors claimed to have voted. 81% said they voted on election day.

Figure 1 – How many people voted on election day, 8th September 2012?



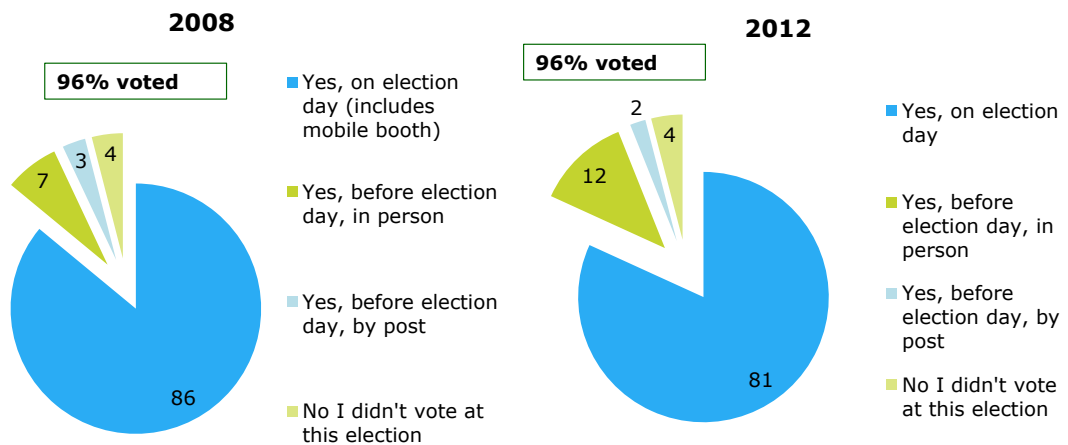
QA9: Thinking now about the local government elections held on Saturday 8 September, did you vote in this election, either by voting on election day or earlier? Base: Total sample (1720)*

*Where 'Base: Total sample (1720)' is shown, this means all electors surveyed in areas where the NSWEC administered the elections. This does not include the comparator sample of 283 electors surveyed in areas where the NSWEC did not administer the election in 2012.

Results from 2012 survey and 2008 survey

In the 2008 survey, there was the same proportion saying they had voted (96%). In the 2012 survey, more said they had voted at a pre-poll centre before election day.

Figure 2 – Voting behaviour, 2008 survey results and 2012 survey results

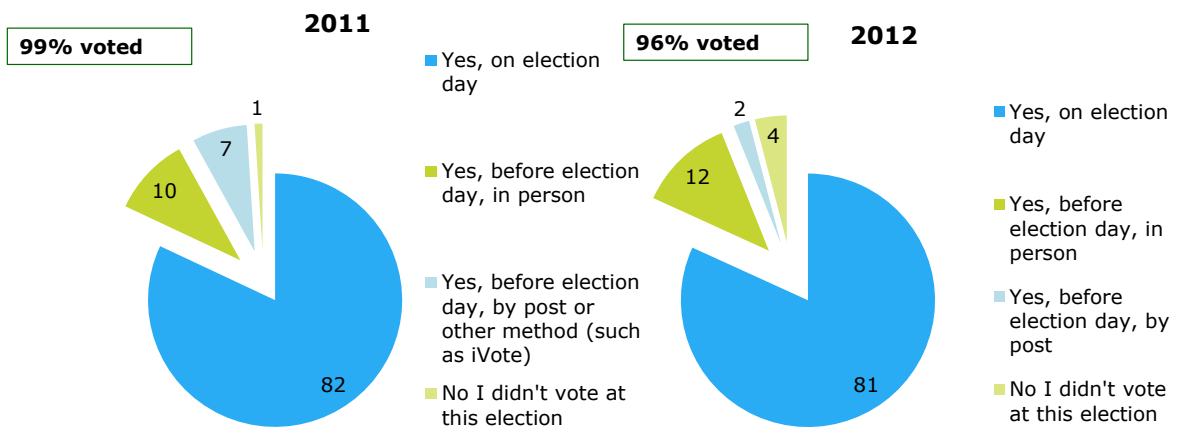


QA9: Thinking now about the local government elections held on Saturday 8 September, did you vote in this election, either by voting on election day or earlier? Base: 2012 Total sample (1720), 2008 Total sample from online survey (2044)

Results from 2012 survey and 2011 survey

An online survey of voters was conducted after the 2011 NSW State Election and 99% of electors surveyed claimed to have voted. In the survey following the 2012 Local Government Elections, 96% of electors claimed to have voted.

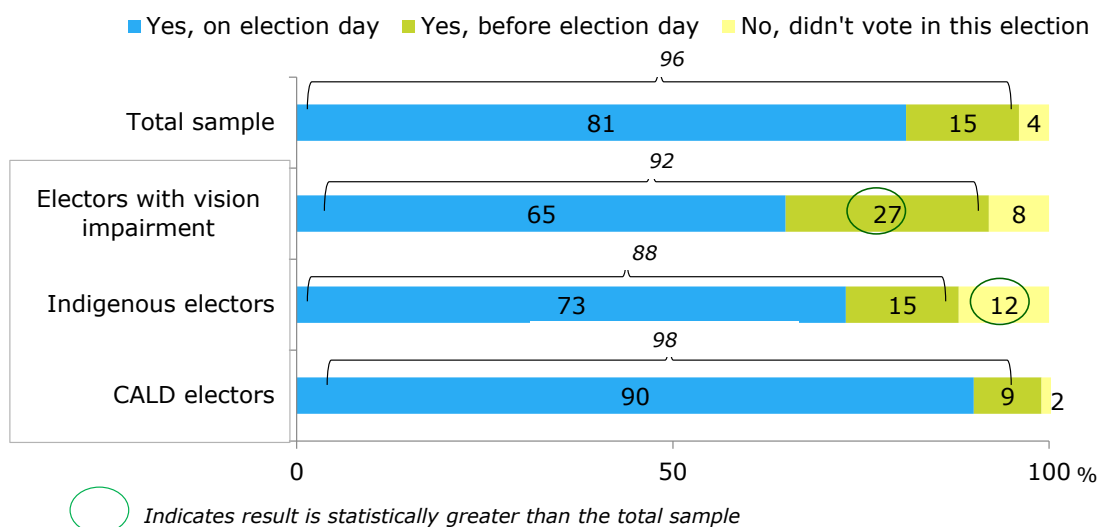
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QA9: Thinking now about the local government elections held on Saturday 8 September, did you vote in this election, either by voting on election day or earlier? Base: 2012 Total sample (1720), 2011 Total sample from online survey (1001)

51 vision impaired electors, 41 Indigenous electors and 304 CALD electors (in areas where the NSWEC administered the elections) participated in the survey. Indigenous electors were significantly less likely to claim to vote in this election than the total sample. Electors with vision impairment were more likely to claim to vote before election day.

Figure 4 - When did various key voter groups vote?



QA9: Thinking now about the local government elections held on Saturday 8 September, did you vote in this election, either by voting on election day or earlier? Base: 2012 Total sample (1720), Electors with vision impairment or blindness (51), Indigenous electors (41), CALD electors (304)

There were no significant differences in claimed voting behaviours between the NSWEC council electors and non-NSWEC council electors across the State as a whole. Within the Hunter ROC specifically – where there were a number of councils administering the election themselves – there was one significant difference in claimed voting behaviour. In areas where the NSWEC administered the elections, 30% of those surveyed said they voted *before* election day, compared with just 8% of those from areas where the councils administered their elections.

Electors who voted before election day

There were 251 electors in our survey who voted before election day, around 15% of all electors. Electors who voted before election day were asked in which way they voted and their reasons for opting to vote before election day.

Of the 251 electors who voted before election day, 15% said they voted by post, 77% said they voted at a pre-poll centre within NSW, 2% said they voted at Sydney Town Hall, and 5% said they voted via another method (e.g. through an aged care facility).

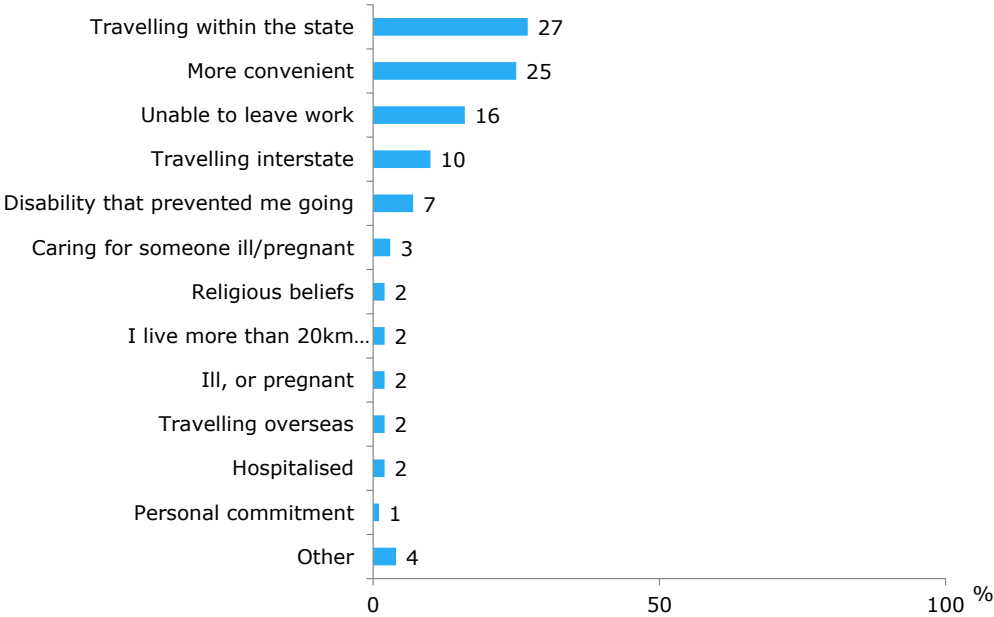
Those who voted before election day were more likely to:

- have previously voted in a NSW local government election prior to 2012 (96% versus 92% of the total sample)
- speak English as a main language at home (95% versus 90% of the total sample)

But less likely to:

- be from the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) (14% versus 23% of the total sample). See appendices for councils in WSROC.

Figure 5 – Reasons for voting before election day



QC2: What are the reasons you decided to opt to vote pre-poll this election? Base: Those who voted before election day (251)

The main reasons given as to why electors voted before election day were travelling (within the state or interstate), because it was just more convenient, or because they were unable to leave work.

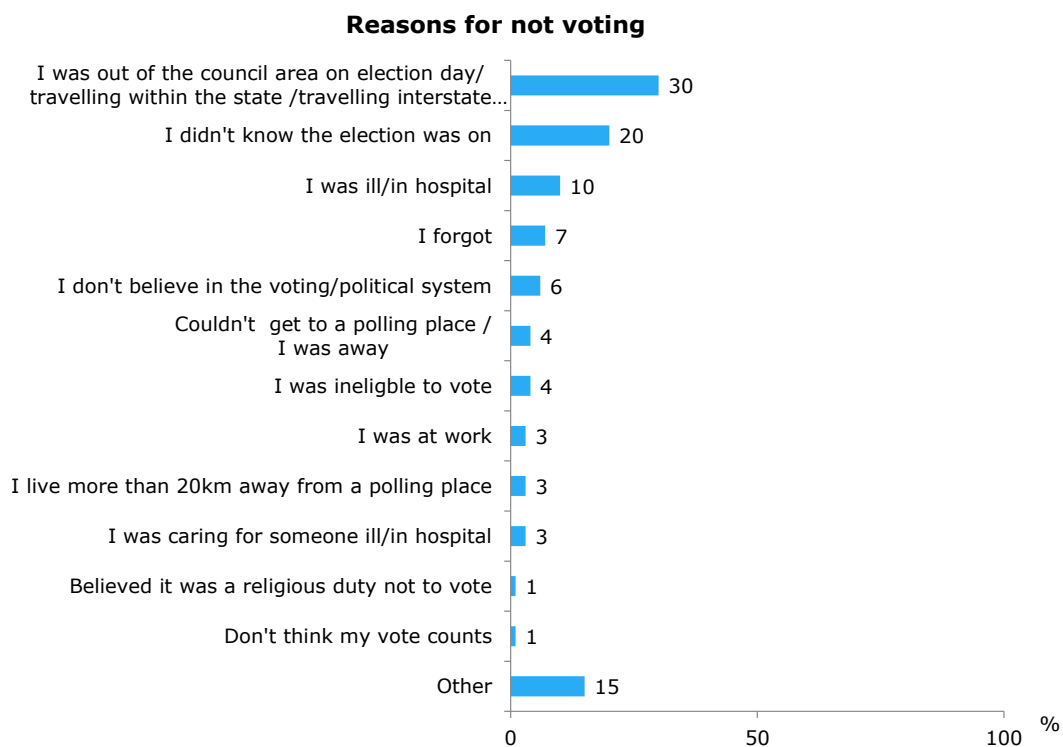
Electors who did not vote

4% of all electors surveyed said that they did not vote. These 71 electors who did not vote were asked to give their reasons for not voting and to indicate whether or not they were aware of the \$55 penalty for failure to vote.

Those who did not vote were more likely to:

- be under the age of 44 (66% versus 45% of the total)
- be male (61% versus 49% of the total)
- be from the Southern ROC (21% versus 8% of the total)
- live more than 20km from a polling place/remote area (7% versus 1% of the total)
- be Indigenous (7% versus 2% of the total)

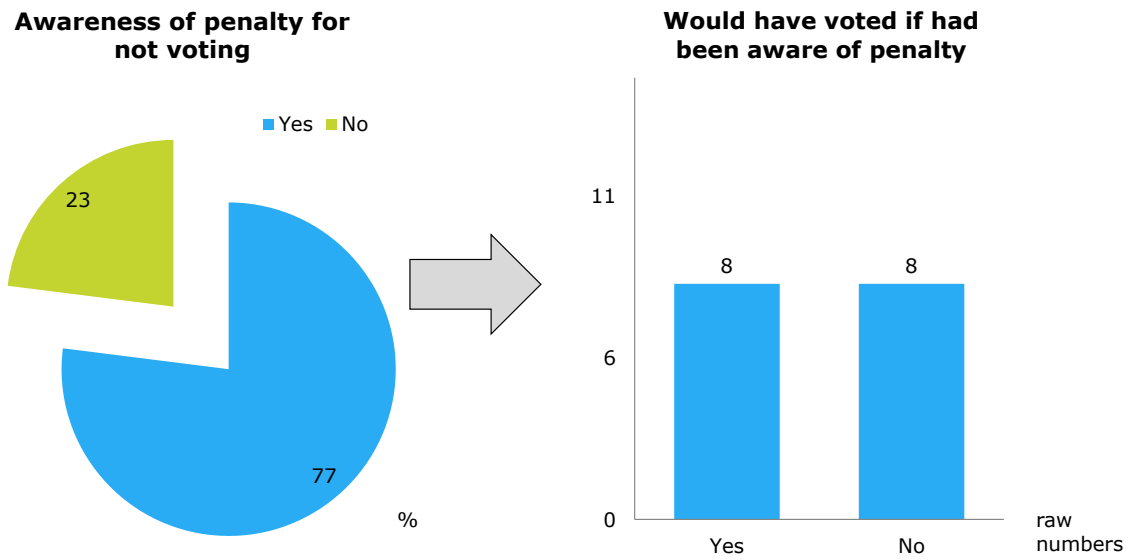
Figure 6 – Reasons for not voting



B1b. What prevented you from voting at the election? Base: Electors that didn't vote (71)

The main reasons given for not voting were 'being out of council area, travelling within state, interstate or overseas' claimed by three in ten who didn't vote and 'not knowing the election was on', claimed by two in ten who didn't vote.

Figure 7 – Awareness of penalty for failure to vote and potential impact if aware



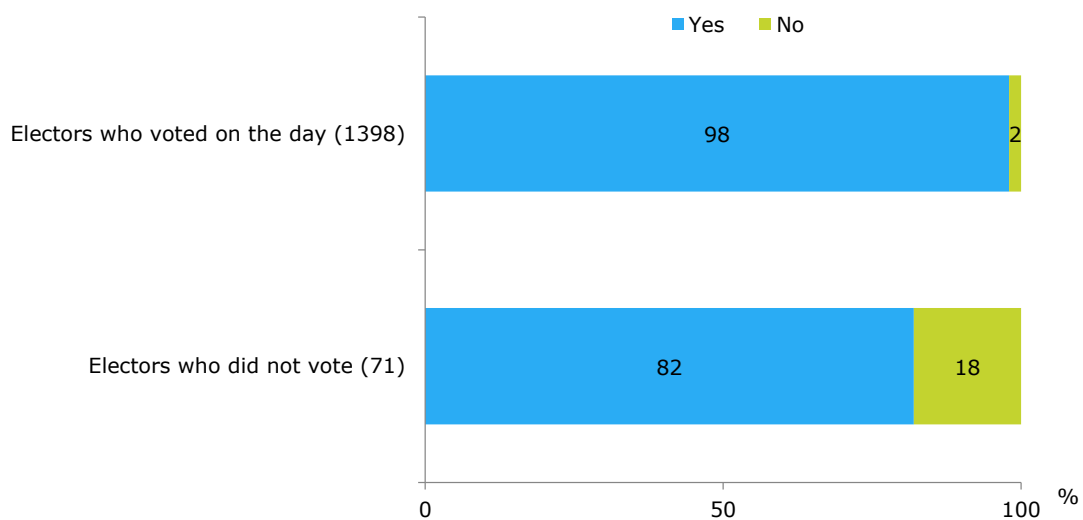
QB3: Were you aware that a \$55 penalty applies for not voting? Base: Those who didn't vote (71), Those who didn't vote and were not aware of the penalty (16)

A quarter of electors who did not vote were not aware of the \$55 penalty for not voting. Of the sixteen voters who did not vote and were not aware of the penalty, eight of them claim they would have voted had they known about the penalty.

5.2 ENROLMENT

In 2012, for the first time in local government elections, it was possible to enrol to vote on election day. Electors were asked whether or not they were previously enrolled to vote. Electors who voted on the day were also asked whether the information on the electoral roll was correct. Electors who did not vote were also asked whether they knew that it was possible to enrol to vote on the day.

Figure 8 – Whether previously enrolled to vote or not



A11. Were you already enrolled to vote before election day, or did you enrol on election day? B1a. Were you enrolled to vote? Base: Those who voted on election day (1398) Those who didn't vote (71)

98% of those who voted on election day were previously enrolled to vote.

82% of electors who did not vote were previously enrolled to vote, and 18% of them were not enrolled (13 electors). Of these thirteen electors, seven were aware that they could enrol to vote on the day and six were not aware.

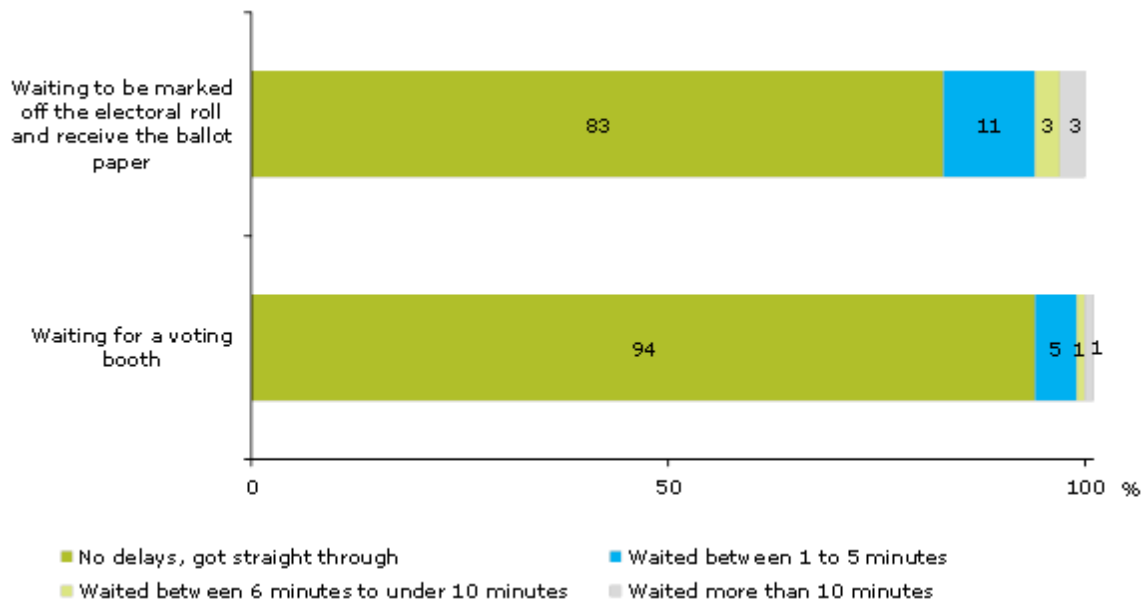
97% of voters who voted in person (either on the day or before election day) claim that, to the best of their knowledge, the details on the electoral roll were correct. This result is the same as the 2011 State Election survey, where 97% also claimed that their electoral roll details were correct.

Within the Hunter ROC, there was a significant difference in the proportion saying their details on the electoral roll were correct among voters in areas where the NSWEC administered the elections (92%) and the areas where councils administered the elections (98%).

5.3 TIMING/DELAYS

Voters who voted on or before election day were asked whether they experienced any delays. The chart below relates to the experience of delays when waiting to be marked off the electoral roll and when waiting for a voting booth.

Figure 9 – Experience of delays



QA13: Did you experience any delays when...? Base: Electors who voted in person on or before election day (1611)

The vast majority of voters did not experience any delays, and most delays experienced were under 5 minutes.

Voters were more likely to claim to experience a delay waiting to be marked off the electoral roll and receive the ballot paper (17%) than waiting for a voting booth (6%).

In 2012, only 1 per cent of electors waited more than 10 minutes at a voting booth.

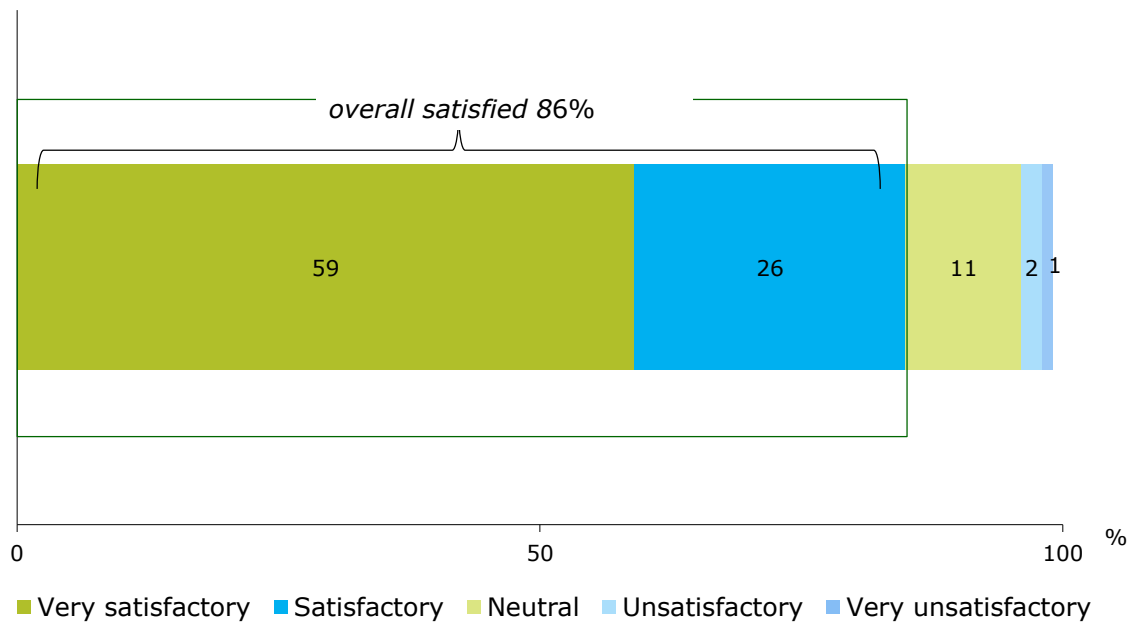
There was no significant difference in experience of delays between those who voted on the day and those who voted before the day. There was no significant difference either in terms of delays experience for NSWEC council voters and non-NSWEC council voters.

Those who were dissatisfied with the overall voting process were more likely to report experiencing delays (41% of them experienced delays waiting to be marked off the electoral roll and 12% waiting for a voting booth), emphasising the importance of avoiding delays.

5.4 OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH VOTING PROCESS

All voters surveyed were asked to rate the overall process of voting on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory.

Figure 10 – Satisfaction with the overall process of voting



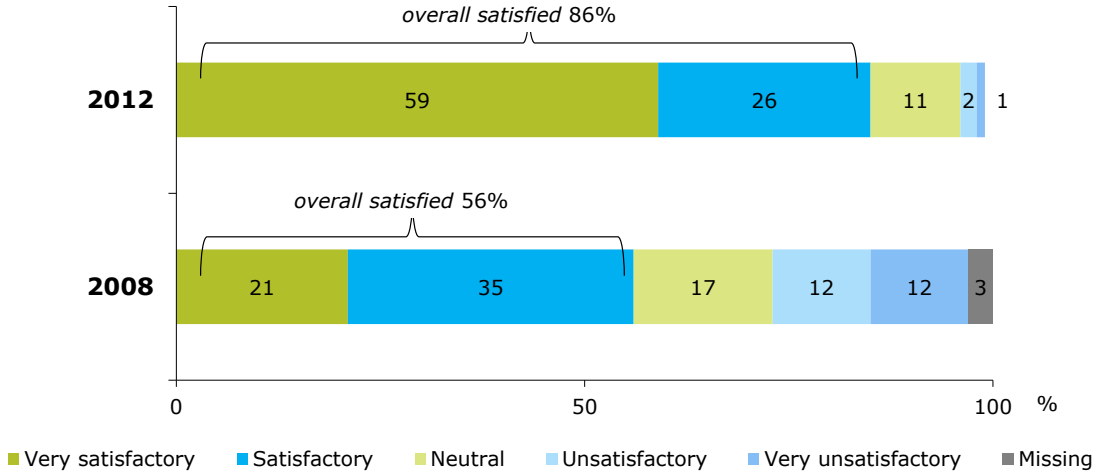
E1. Please rate the overall process of voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Those who voted (1649)

More than four in five voters were satisfied with the overall process of voting (86%), including 59% of voters who gave a rating of very satisfactory.

Satisfaction in 2012 survey and 2008 survey

The graph below shows the responses to the question about satisfaction with the overall process in the 2012 survey and in the 2008 survey.

Figure 11 – Satisfaction with process, 2012 survey and 2008 survey



E1. Please rate the overall process of voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Those who voted 2012 (1649), 2008 (1828)

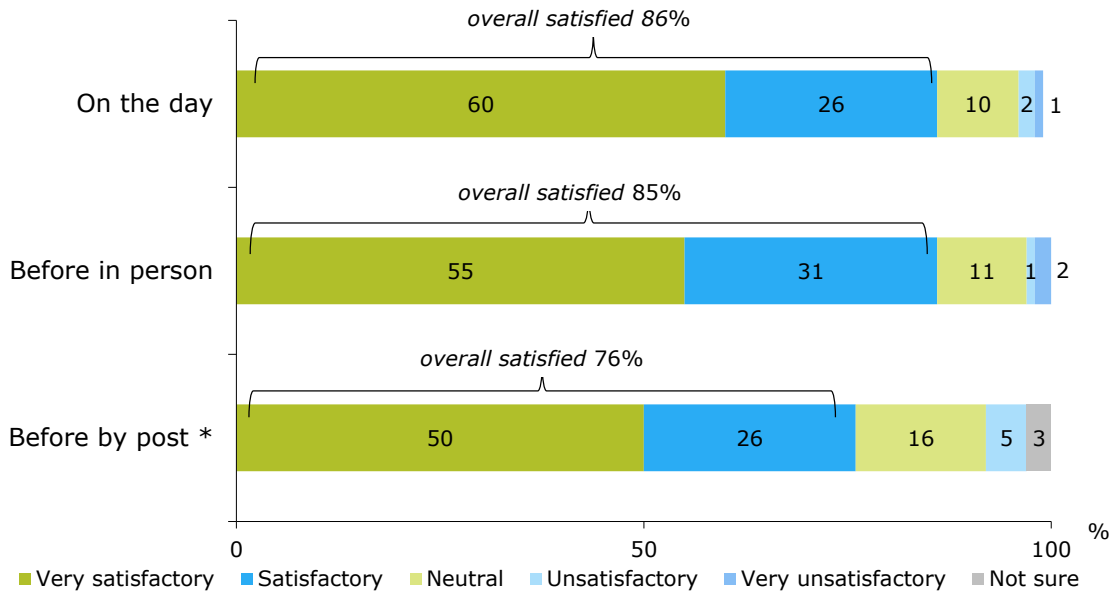
The results from the 2012 survey are much more positive than the results obtained from the online feedback survey carried out in 2008.

Since 2008, the NSWEC has taken numerous steps to improve its services, including:

- the Service Charter
- review of methodology used to calculate ballot paper requirements
- out of council voting at Sydney Town Hall
- more thorough assessment of polling places and pre-polling places
- use of social media and digital advertising

In 2012, the vast majority of voters were satisfied with the overall process of voting regardless of when they voted.

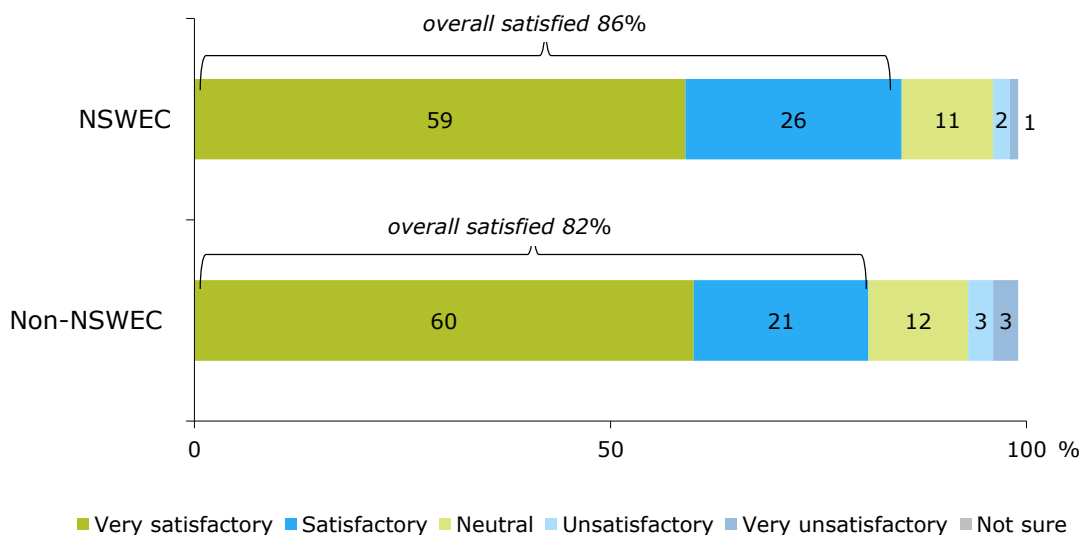
Figure 12 – Satisfaction depending on when they voted



E1. Please rate the overall process of voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Those who voted on election day (1398), before election day in person (213), before election day by mail (38) * small base interpret with caution

Voters from NSWEC council areas were equally likely to be satisfied with the overall process of voting as voters from non-NSWEC council areas from the comparison group.

Figure 13 - Satisfaction of voters from NSWEC councils versus voters from non-NSWEC councils

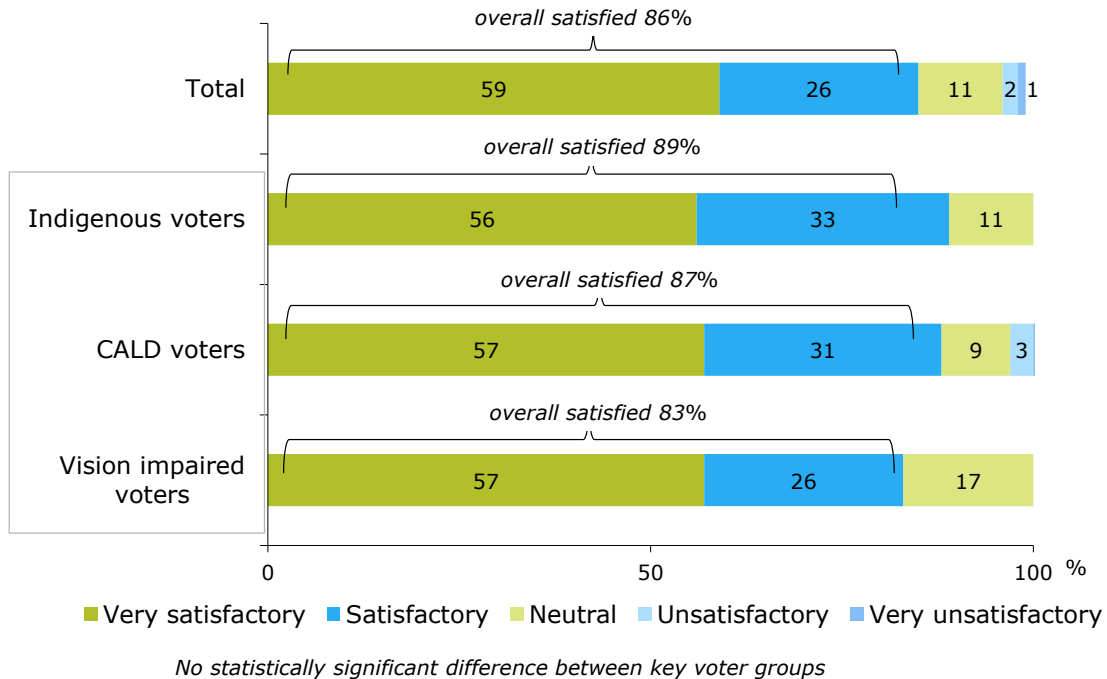


No statistically significant difference between NSWEC and non-NSWEC council voters

E1. Please rate the overall process of voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: NSWEC Voters (1649), Non-NSWEC council voters (273)

Key voter groups were asked about their satisfaction with the overall voting process. The results can be seen in Figure 14.

Figure 14 – Satisfaction amongst key voter groups



E1. Please rate the overall process of voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Vision impaired voters (47), CALD voters (299), Indigenous voters (36)

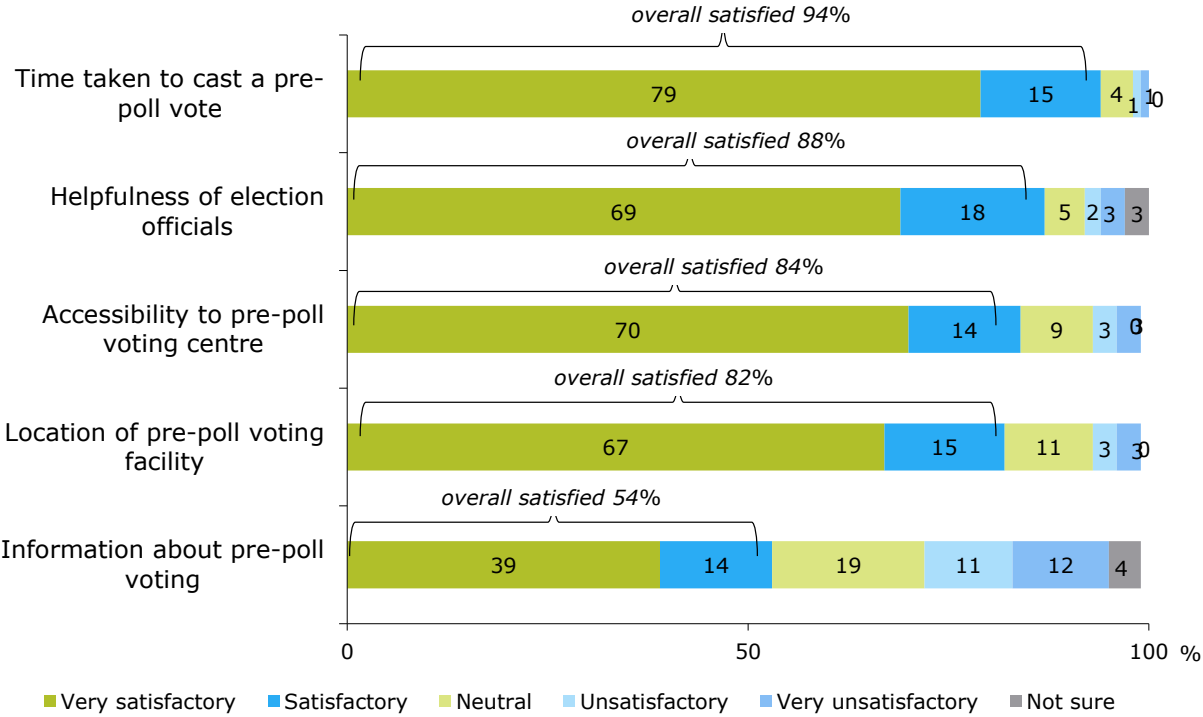
Vision impaired voters, CALD voters and Indigenous voters were equally likely to be satisfied with the overall process of voting as the total sample.

There were no Indigenous voters giving ratings of unsatisfactory or very unsatisfactory and there were no vision impaired voters giving negative ratings of the overall process.

5.5 SATISFACTION WITH PRE-POLL

There were 213 voters who claimed to vote before election day at a pre-poll centre; 13% of all voters. They were asked to rate various aspects of pre-poll voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory.

Figure 15 – Satisfaction with pre-poll voting



C3. Please rate the following, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory) Those who voted before election day and in person at a pre-poll centre (213)

Nine in ten pre-poll voters were satisfied with the time taken to cast a pre-poll vote and the helpfulness of election officials. Eight in ten pre-poll voters were satisfied with the location of the pre-poll voting facility and with the accessibility of the pre-poll voting centre. Only half of the pre-poll voters were satisfied with the information available about the pre-poll vote, with one in four giving negative ratings of unsatisfactory or very unsatisfactory.

Satisfaction with pre-poll voting, 2008 survey results, 2012 survey results

Satisfaction measures (very satisfactory + satisfactory)	2008 %	2012 %
Time taken to cast a pre-poll vote	62	94
Accessibility to pre-poll voting centre	62	84
Location of pre-poll voting facility	60	82
Information about pre-poll voting centre	37	54

Table 4 – Satisfaction with pre-poll services in the 2012 survey and in the 2008 survey

C3. Please rate the following, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory)
Those who voted before election day and in person at a pre-poll centre 2012 (213), 2008 (126)

The results from the 2012 survey are more favourable than the results from the 2008 survey.

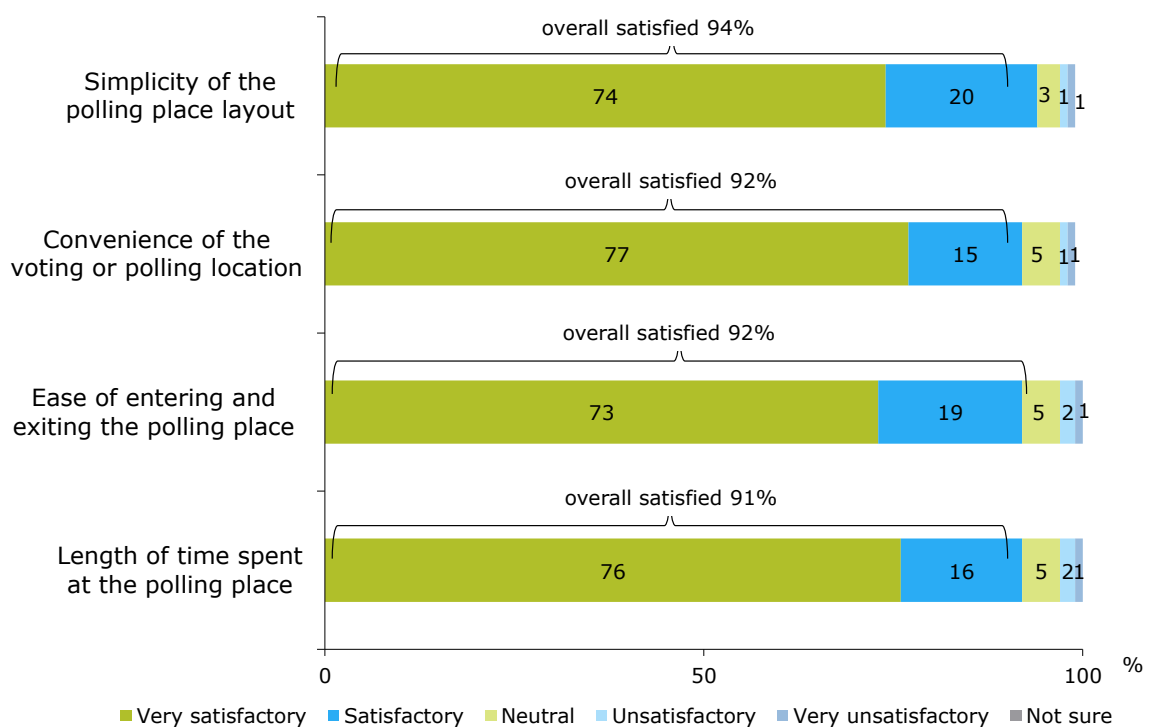
There were no significant differences between NSWEC council voters and non-NSWEC council voters at the pre-poll centres in terms of satisfaction with pre-poll voting.

5.6 SATISFACTION WITH POLLING PLACE VOTING

There were 1611 electors in the survey who voted either on or before election day at a polling place. They were asked to rate various aspects of polling place voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory.

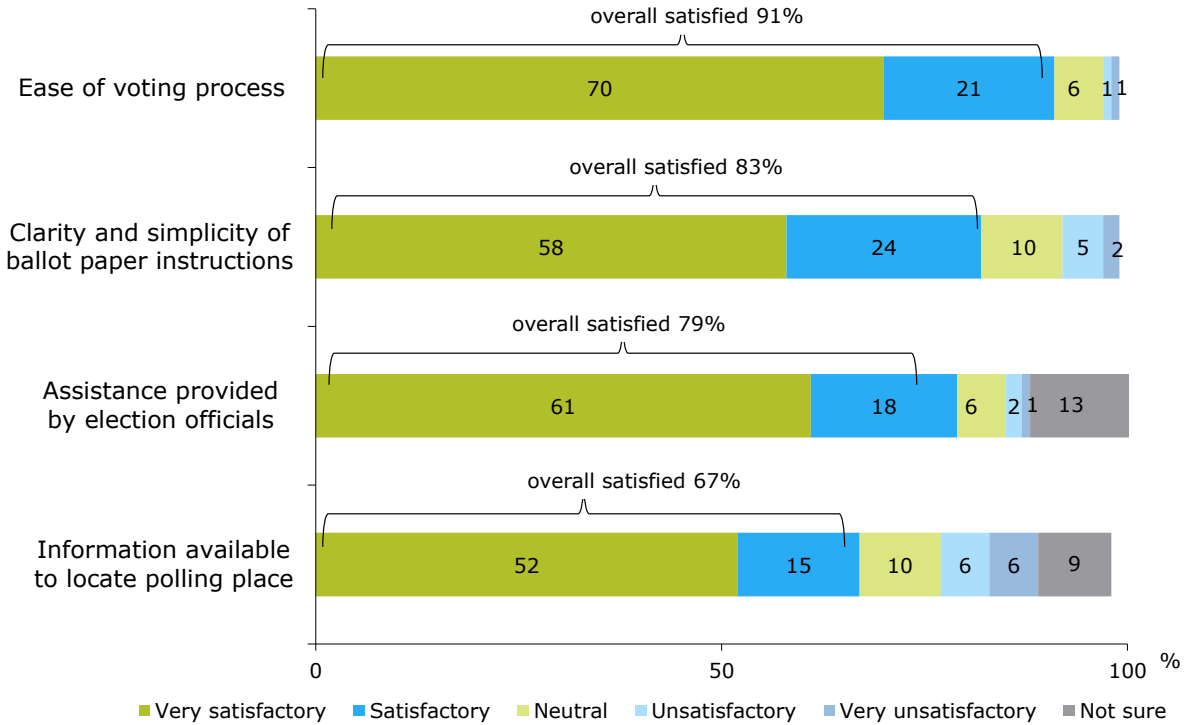
The results are positive with nine in ten voters being satisfied with the convenience of voting, with the length of time spent at the polling place, with the simplicity of the polling place layout and with the ease of entering and exiting the polling place.

Figure 16a – Satisfaction with various aspects of polling place voting



E3. Please indicate, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory), your satisfaction with each of the following. Those who voted on or before election day in person at a polling place (1611)

Figure 16b – Satisfaction with various aspects of polling place voting



E3. Please indicate, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory), how satisfied you were with each of the following. Those who voted on or before election day in person at a polling place (1611)

Nine in ten voters were also satisfied with the ease of the voting process. Eight in ten voters were satisfied with the clarity and simplicity of ballot paper instructions and with the assistance provided by election officials.

However, voters were less likely to be satisfied with the information available to locate the polling place (only 67% positive with 12% negative). This result is similar to the one reported earlier regarding satisfaction with information with regard to pre-poll voting being lower.

Regional Impact

Those living in Regional NSW were more likely to be satisfied with the information available to locate the polling place (73% versus 66% for those living in Sydney). They were also more likely to be satisfied with the assistance provided by the election officials (85% versus 77% for those living in Sydney).

Key voter groups

Voters from a CALD background were more likely to be satisfied with the information available to locate the polling place (75% compared to 67% of the total sample).

There were no other significant differences observed in terms of satisfaction with the various aspects of polling place voting.

Satisfaction with polling place voting - 2008 survey results, 2012 survey results

Table 5 below illustrates the results from the 2012 telephone survey and the 2008 online feedback survey.

Satisfaction measures (very satisfactory + satisfactory)	2008 %	2012 %
Simplicity of the polling place layout (Layout in 2008 report)	72	94
Ease of entering and exiting the polling place (Accessibility in 2008 report)	73	92
Convenience of the voting or polling location	82	92
Length of time at the polling place	72	91
Assistance provided by election officials	58	79
Information available to locate the polling place	62	67

Table 5 – Satisfaction with polling place voting over time

E3. Please indicate, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory), how satisfied you were with each of the following. Those who voted on or before election day in person at a polling place 2012 (1611) 2008 (1639)

The results from the 2012 survey are much more favourable for:

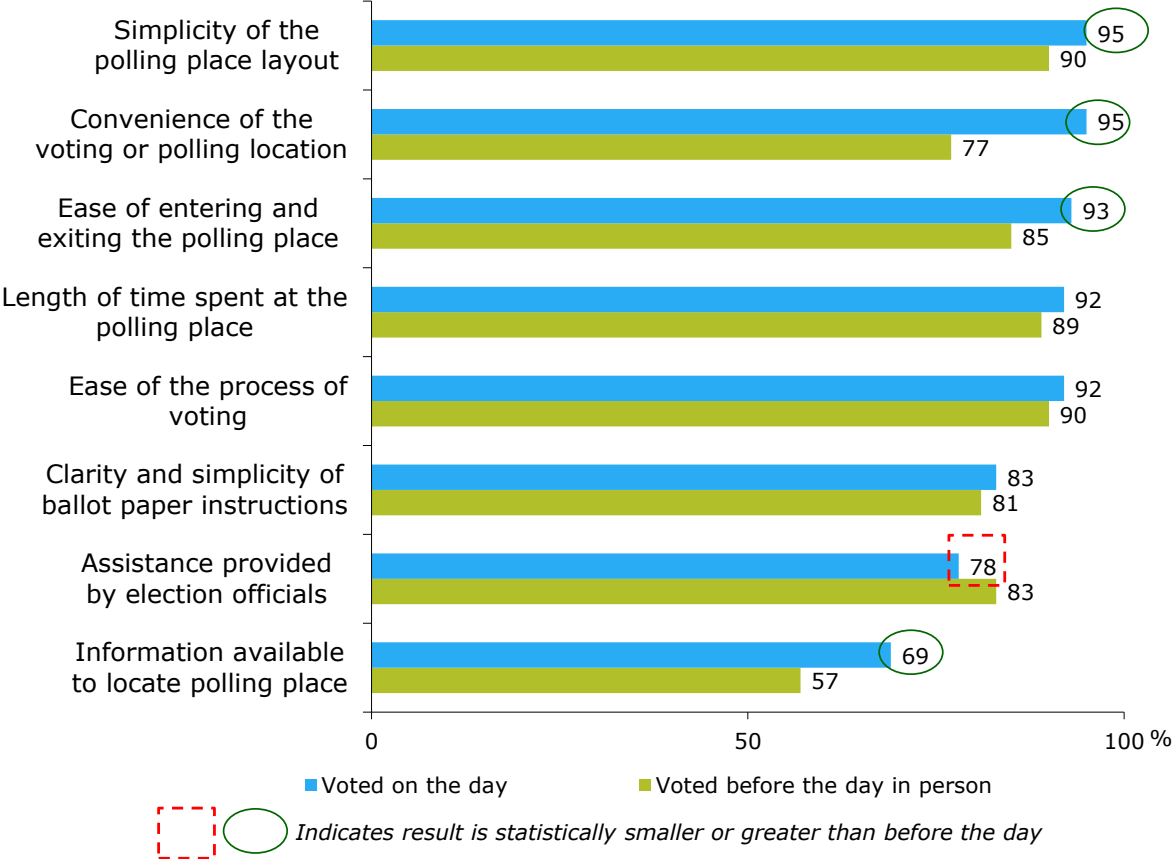
- the convenience of the voting or polling location
- the length of time at the polling place
- simplicity of the polling place layout
- the ease of entering and exiting the polling place
- the assistance provided by election officials

They are slightly more favourable for:

- the information available to locate the polling place

The chart below compares those who voted on election day to those who voted before election day.

Figure 17 – Satisfaction with voting aspects before the day compared to on the day



E3. Please indicate, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory), how satisfied you were with each of the following. Those who voted on election day (1398), those who voted before election day in person (213) – Scores for 'Very satisfactory (5) and satisfactory (4)' have been netted and shown.

Those who voted on the day were significantly more likely to be satisfied with:

- the convenience of the voting or polling location
- simplicity of the polling place layout
- the ease of entering and exiting the polling place
- the information available to locate the polling place

However, those who voted *before* the day and in person were more likely to be satisfied with:

- the assistance provided by election officials

5.7 DRIVERS OF OVERALL SATISFACTION

One of the key objectives of the study was:

- To assist the NSWEC to identify areas for service improvement and, where appropriate, for which groups of electors.

To help achieve this goal, instinct and reason ran a stepwise regression analysis of the results. This gives an indication of drivers of overall satisfaction. Satisfaction with the overall process of voting (question E1) was selected as the 'dependent variable'. The results of the regression can be seen in table 6 below. The percentage figures in the left hand column represent the relative importance of the corresponding statement in driving the score of the dependent variable (satisfaction with the overall voting process).

The two most important service dimensions in driving satisfaction with the overall process are 'length of time spent at the polling place' (drives 33% of overall satisfaction) and 'ease of the process of voting' (drives 30% of overall satisfaction).

The mean score in the right hand column is the mean score the statement achieved on a five point satisfaction question at question E3. The mean score for 'length of time spent at the polling place' is 4.7 out of a possible 5 (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory).

relative strength of variable		current performance
33%	• Length of time spent at the polling place	4.7
30%	• Ease of the process of voting	4.6
14%	• Clarity and simplicity of ballot paper instructions	4.3
9%	• Assistance provided by election officials	4.8
8%	• Convenience of the voting or polling location	4.7
7%	• Information available to locate the polling place	4.3

Table 6 – Regression analysis showing drivers of overall satisfaction

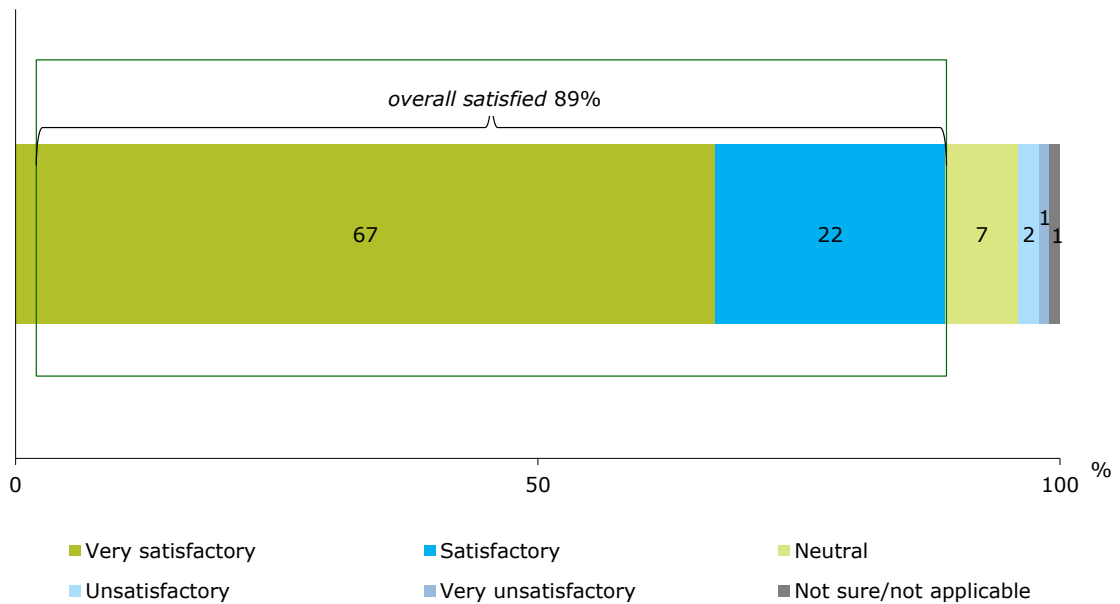
QE1: Please rate the overall process of voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory. E3. Please indicate, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory), how satisfied you were with each of the following. Note: Stepwise Regression Analysis.

5.8 SATISFACTION WITH ELECTION OFFICIALS

Satisfaction with election officials

Voters were also asked to rate their overall experience of the election officials, on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory.

Figure 18 – Satisfaction with election officials



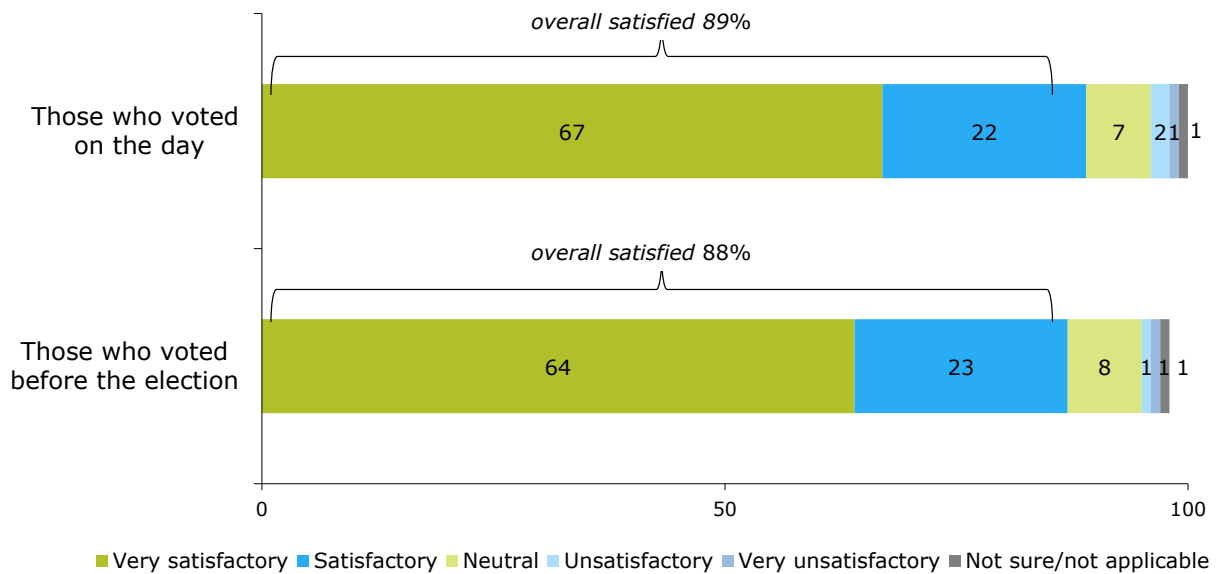
E2. Please rate the overall experience you had with the election officials, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Those who voted in person on or before election day (1611)

Nine in ten of those who voted in person on or before the day (89%) were satisfied with the experience that they had with the election officials.

Satisfaction with election officials depending on when voted

The chart below compares the satisfaction with election officials amongst those who voted on the day and amongst those who voted before election day.

Figure 19 – Satisfaction with election officials on the day compared to before the day



E2. Please rate the overall experience you had with the election officials, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Those who voted on election day in person (1398), those who voted before election day in person (213)

Those who voted on election day were equally as likely to be satisfied as those who voted before election day.

Other sub-groups

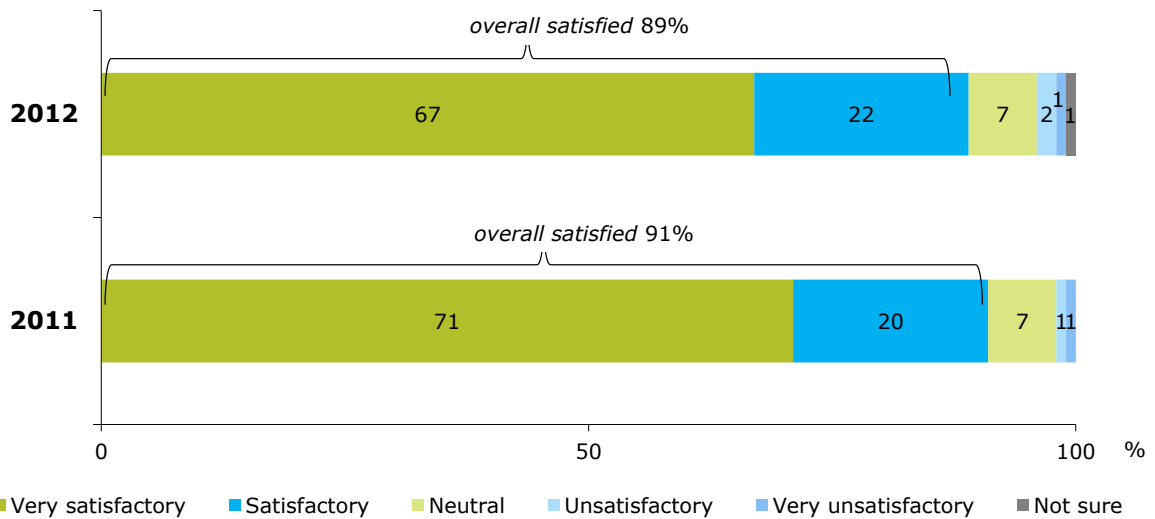
There was no significant difference in satisfaction with election officials between urban and regional areas.

However, CALD voters were less likely to be very satisfied with election officials (58% giving ratings of very satisfactory compared to 67% amongst the total sample).

Satisfaction with election officials – 2012 survey and 2011 survey

The question around 'overall satisfaction with election officials' was not asked in the 2008 survey. However, it was asked in the survey following the 2011 State Election. The chart below compares the result regarding satisfaction with staff at the last State Election to the result from the 2012 Local Government Elections on satisfaction with election officials.

Figure 20a – Satisfaction with election officials - 2012 survey and 2011 survey

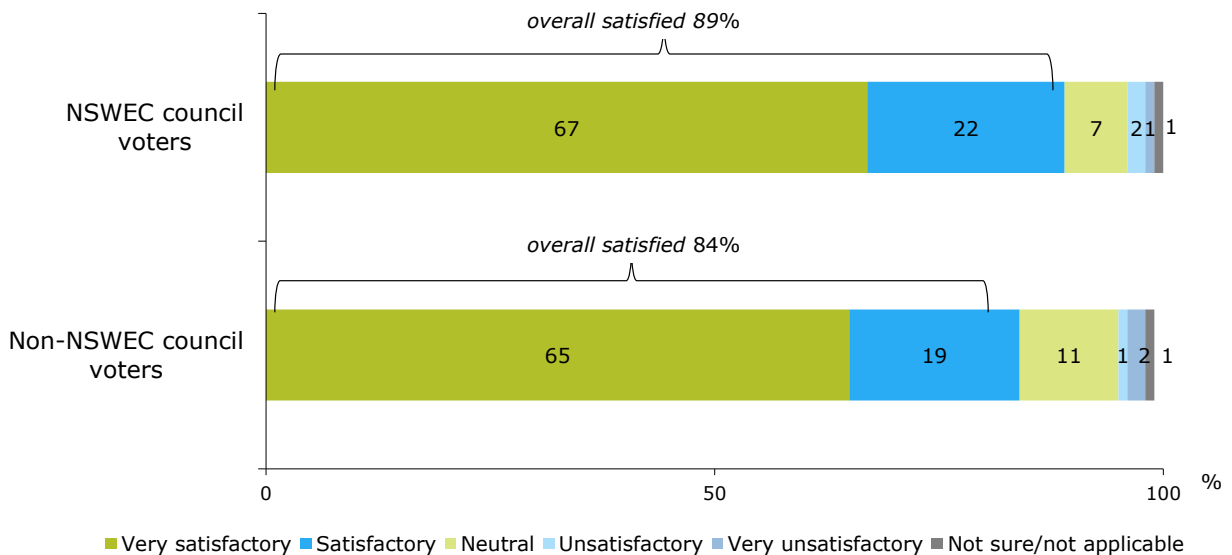


E2. Please rate the overall experience you had with the election officials, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Those who voted in person on or before election day 2012 (1611) 2011 (822)

The results from the survey following the 2012 Local Government Elections are similar to the results from the online survey following the 2011 NSW State Election.

Satisfaction with election officials NSWEC councils versus non-NSWEC councils

Figure 20b – Satisfaction with election officials – NSWEC council voters and non-NSWEC council voters



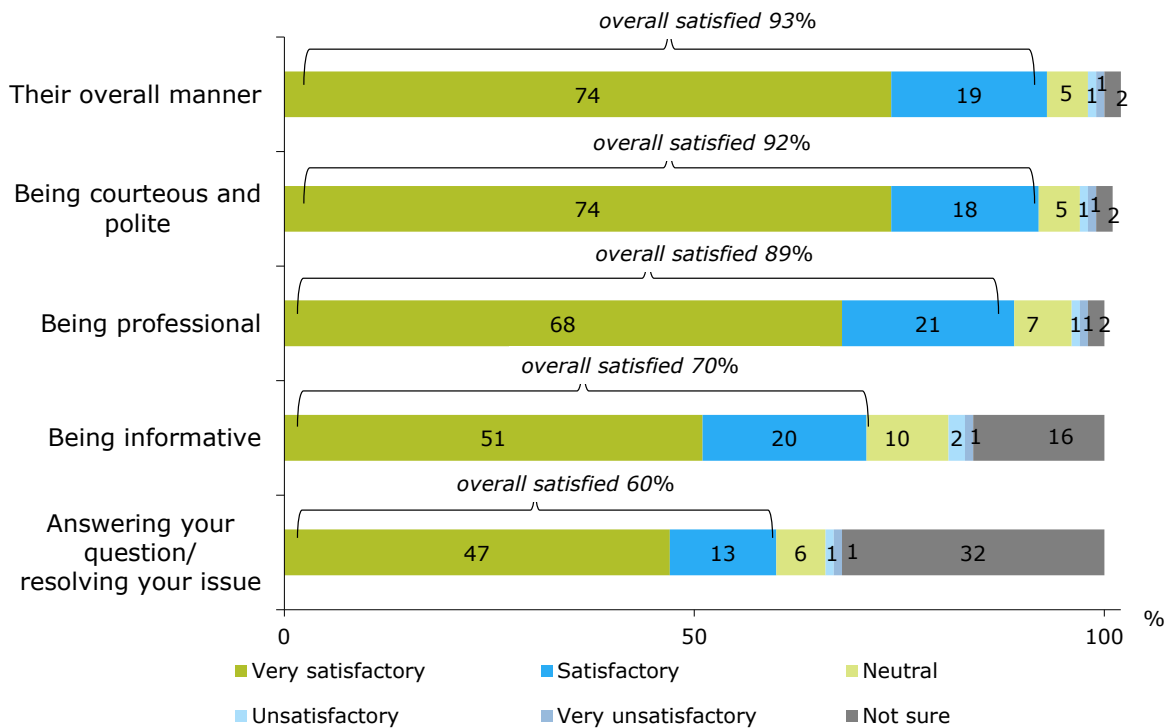
E2. Please rate the overall experience you had with the election officials, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? Base: Those who voted in person on or before election day 2012 (1611) Comparison Group of non-NSWEC council voters (268)

NSWEC council voters were more likely to be satisfied with the overall experience of election officials than non-NSWEC council voters (89% versus 84%).

Satisfaction with various aspects of election officials

Voters were asked to rate the election officials on various aspects of service on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory.

Figure 21 – Satisfaction with various aspects of election officials



E4. On a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory, and 5 is very satisfactory), how would rate your satisfaction with the election officials on each of the following? Base: Those who voted on or before election day in person 2012 (1611)

Nine in ten voters were satisfied with the overall manner of election officials (93%), with them being courteous and polite (92%) and with them being professional (89%).

Although seven out of ten voters were satisfied with how informative election officials were, only half (51%) were very satisfied with how informative they were. Similarly, only 47% of electors were very satisfied with the ability of election officials to answer their queries and resolve their issues.

Satisfaction with election officials amongst sub-groups

There were no significant differences between those who voted on the day and those who voted before the day in terms of satisfaction with various aspects of election officials. Nor between NSWEC councils and non NWSEC councils.

Satisfaction with various aspects of election officials – 2012 survey and 2008 survey

When rating the overall manner of election officials, the 2012 survey has much more favourable results than the 2008 survey (74% giving a rating of very satisfactory in 2012, just 45% in 2008).

Figure 22 – Satisfaction with the manner of staff

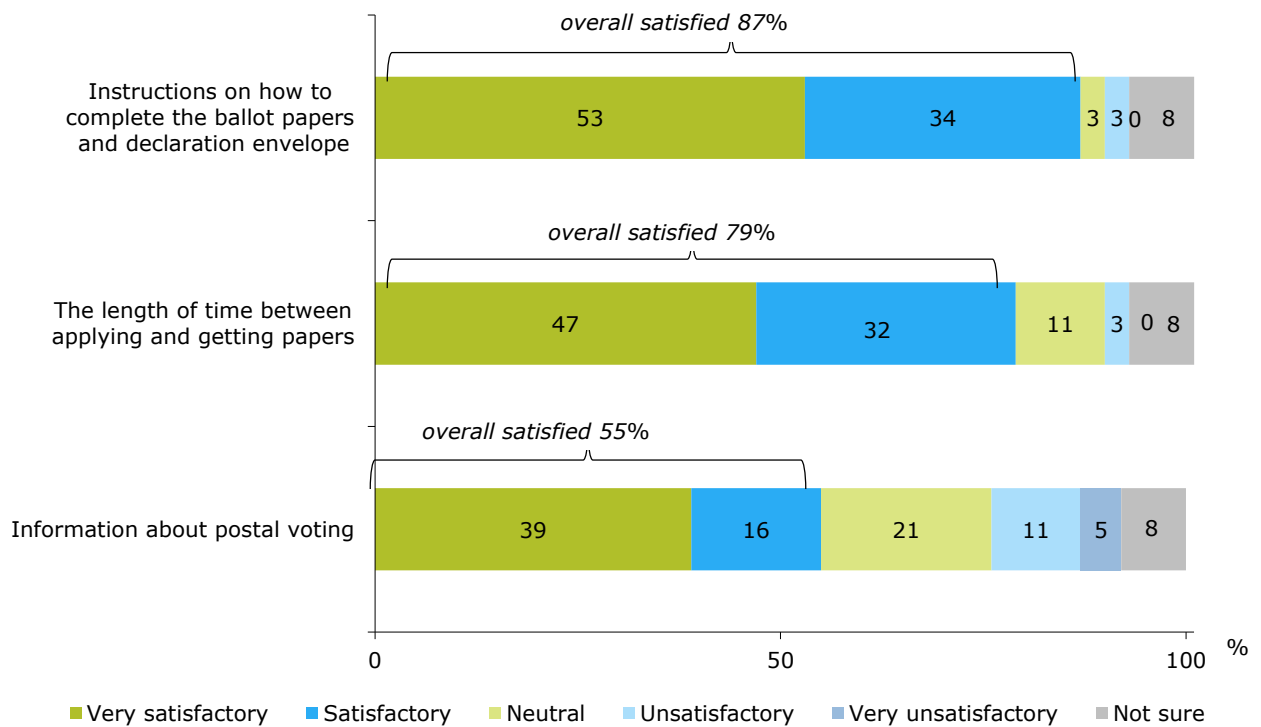


E4. On a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory, and 5 is very satisfactory), how would rate your satisfaction with the election officials on each of the following? Base: Those who voted on or before election day in person 2012 (1611) 2008 (1639)

5.8 SATISFACTION WITH POSTAL VOTING

There were 38 electors surveyed who completed a postal vote. They were asked a question around how satisfactory various aspects of the postal voting process were, on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory.

Figure 23 – Satisfaction with various aspects of postal voting



C4. Please rate the following, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory),
Base: Those who voted by mail n=38

Nine out of ten postal voters were satisfied with the instructions on how to complete the ballot papers. Four in five were satisfied with the length of time between applying and getting the ballot papers.

Only 55% of the postal voters were satisfied with the information available about postal voting, only 39% rating this information as very satisfactory. This is still a majority giving a positive rating of satisfactory or very satisfactory but it is relatively low and one in six (16%) are negative.

Satisfaction with postal voting – 2012 survey and 2008 survey

Satisfaction measures (very satisfactory + satisfactory)	2008 %	2012 %
Instructions on how to complete the ballot papers and declaration envelopes (‘Instructions’ from 2008 report)	69*	87*
The length of time between applying and getting papers (‘Timeliness’ from 2008 report)	73*	79*
Information about postal voting (‘Information’ from 2008 report)	71*	55*

Table 8 – Satisfaction with postal voting service over time

C4. Please rate the following, on a scale from 1 to 5, (where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory),
 Base: Those who voted by mail 2012 (38), 2008 (48) * caution low base sizes, interpret with caution

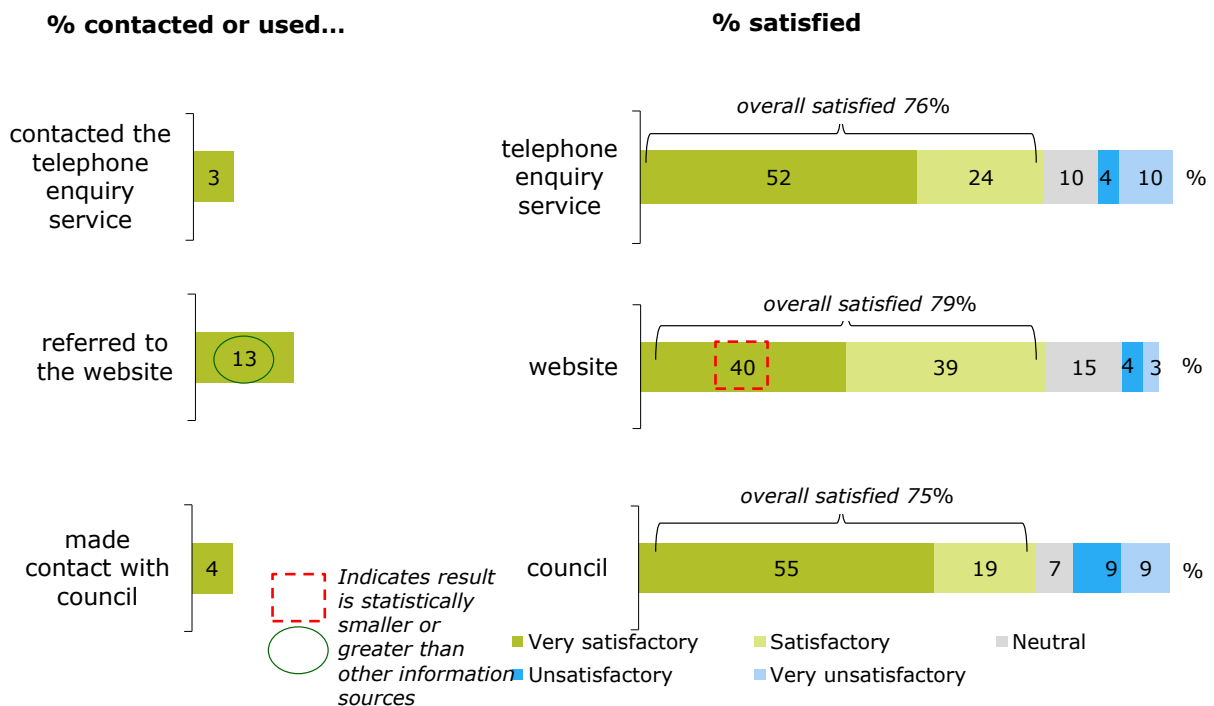
The results for the length of time between applying and getting papers are similarly high in 2008 and in 2012.

The results are higher for instructions and lower for information. For information about postal voting, 55% gave positive ratings, 16% gave negative ratings, 21% were neutral and 8% not sure.

5.9 SATISFACTION WITH ELECTORAL SERVICES

All electors were asked whether they used any of the electoral services, such as the telephone enquiry service, the website or the council contact. Those who used these services were then asked to rate the service provided with each one, on a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory.

Figure 24 – Satisfaction with electoral services



G1. Did you contact the telephone enquiry service at any point before or during the election? G6. Did you refer to the NSW Electoral Commission website for information at any point before or during the election? G14. Did you make contact with your local council regarding the election during the course of the election period? G3. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory please rate the service provided by the telephone enquiry service, G10 with the website, G16 with the council Base: Total sample (1720) Electors who contacted the telephone enquiry service (50), Those who referred to the website (226), those who contacted the council (67)

3% of electors say they contacted the NSWEC telephone enquiry service, 13% referred to the NSWEC website, and 4% contacted the council. More than seven in ten electors who used the services were satisfied with the telephone enquiry service and with the council.

Whilst 79% of visitors were satisfied with the website, they were less likely give it a rating of very satisfactory (just 40%).

Below, the report looks in further detail at each service delivery component.

Telephone enquiry service

50 electors contacted the NSWEC telephone enquiry service.

Who contacted the telephone enquiry service?

Electors who contacted the telephone enquiry service were:

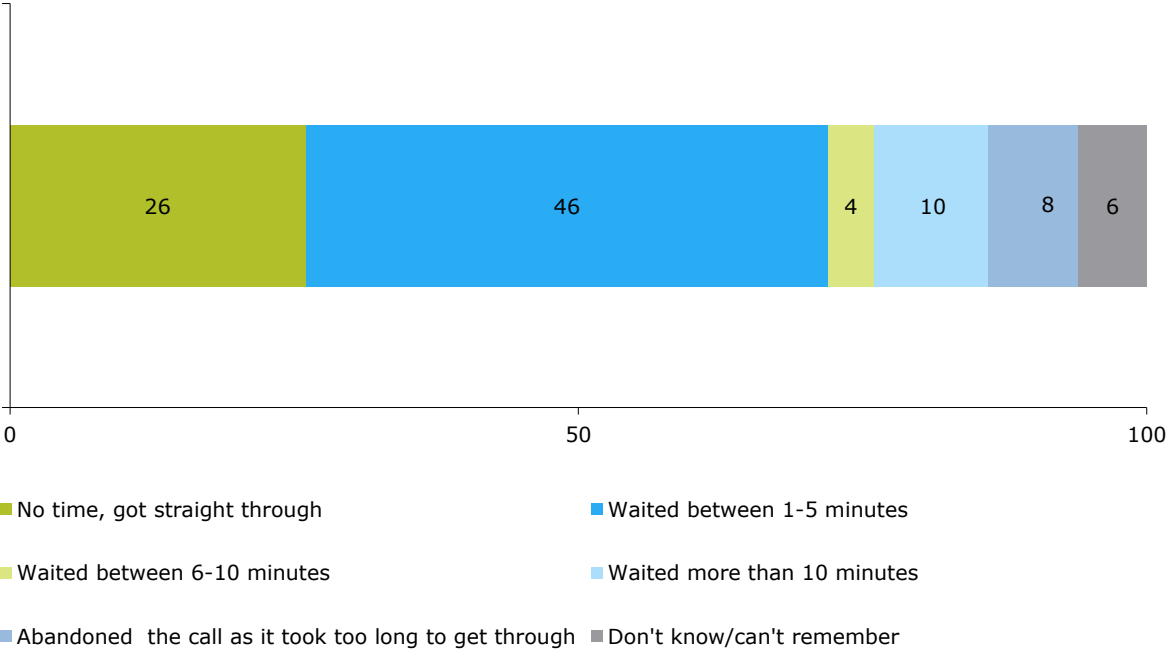
- more likely to be exactly 18 years old (6% compared to 1% of the total sample)
- more likely to vote before election day (24% compared to 15% total)
- more likely to be voting for the first time in NSW at the 2012 Local Government Elections (13% compared to 7% total)
- less likely to find the details on the electoral roll correct (91% compared to 97%)

Experience of those who contacted the telephone enquiry service

Those who contacted the telephone enquiry service were asked whether they were able to get all the information they wanted. 89% of those who contacted the telephone enquiry service said they were able to get the information they wanted.

Those who contacted the telephone enquiry service were asked how long they had to wait to speak to an operator.

Figure 25 – Claimed wait time to speak to an operator



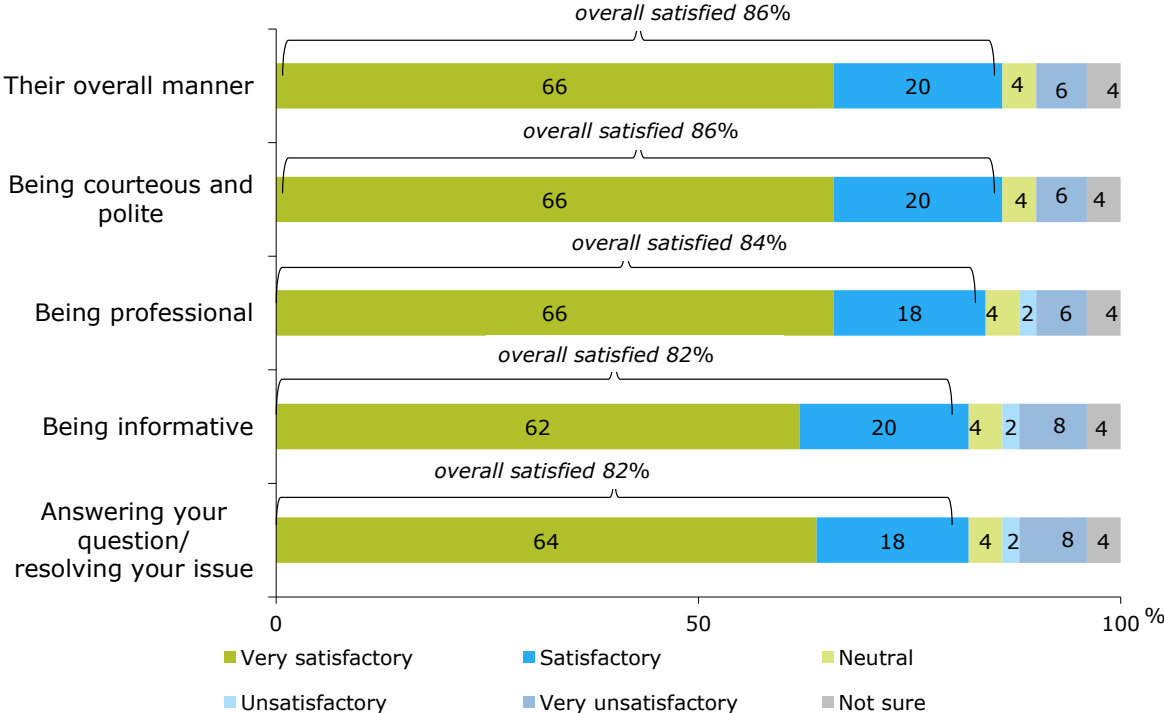
G4. How long did you have to wait on the phone to speak to an operator? Base: Electors who used telephone enquiry service (50)

A quarter of electors who contacted the telephone enquiry service say they got straight through. Three quarters experienced some kind of delay, the most common type of delay being 1 to 5 minutes (experienced by around half of all callers).

The delays experienced by those who contacted the telephone enquiry service exceed the delays experienced by those at the polling centre.

Those who called the telephone enquiry service were asked to rate the service provided from the operator they spoke to, on a variety of service dimensions, on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory.

Figure 26 – Satisfaction with telephone operators from telephone enquiry service

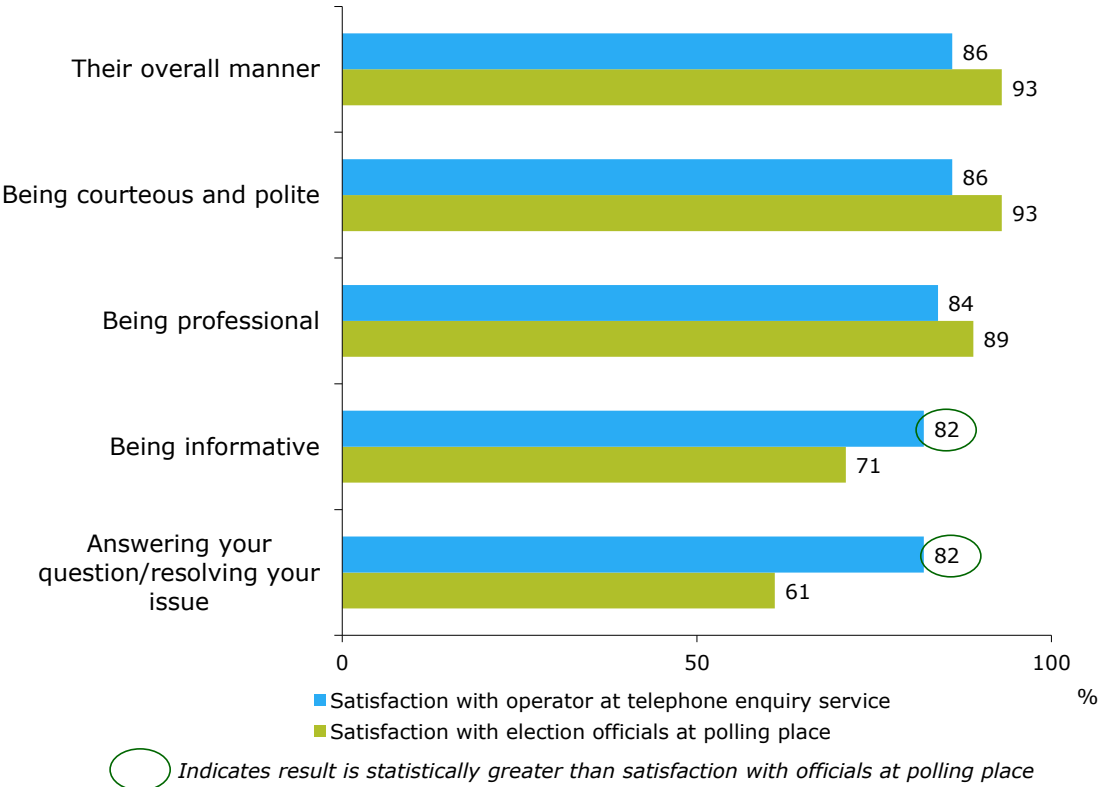


G5. Please rate the electoral official you spoke to, on each of the following attributes, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory. Base: Electors who used telephone enquiry service (50)

More than eight in ten electors were satisfied with each aspect of service from the telephone operator they spoke to. Electors were equally likely to be satisfied with each service dimension.

The chart below shows the difference between satisfaction with election officials at the polling place and satisfaction with the operator from the telephone enquiry service.

Figure 27 – Satisfaction with election officials at polling place versus telephone operators from telephone enquiry service



E2. Please rate the overall experience you had with the election officials, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory? G5. Please rate the electoral official you spoke to, on each of the following attributes, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory. Base: Electors who voted at a polling place on or before election day (1611) Electors who used telephone enquiry service (50) – Scores for 'Very satisfactory (5) and satisfactory (4)' have been summed and shown.

Electors were more likely to be satisfied with the telephone enquiry service phone operators in terms of the level of information provided and their ability to answer and resolve issues than with the election officials at the polling place.

Website

13% of electors say they accessed the website for information before or during the election.

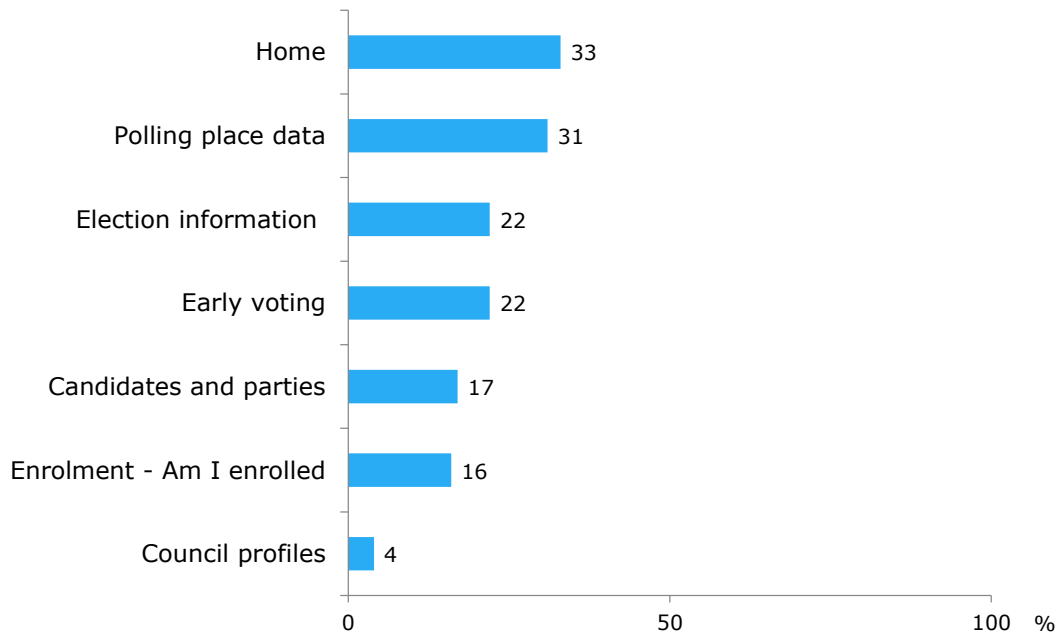
Who accessed the website?

Electors who accessed the website were:

- more likely to be under the age of 35 (41% compared to 30% of the total sample)
- more likely to consider voting online (87% compared to 67%)
- more likely to consider the iVote (63% compared to 44%)
- more likely to want to receive information via email alerts (54% compared to 36%)
- more likely to vote in person at a pre-poll centre (22% compared to 12%)

The 226 electors surveyed who say they accessed the website for information before or during the election were asked which parts of the website they accessed.

Figure 28 – Sections of website accessed

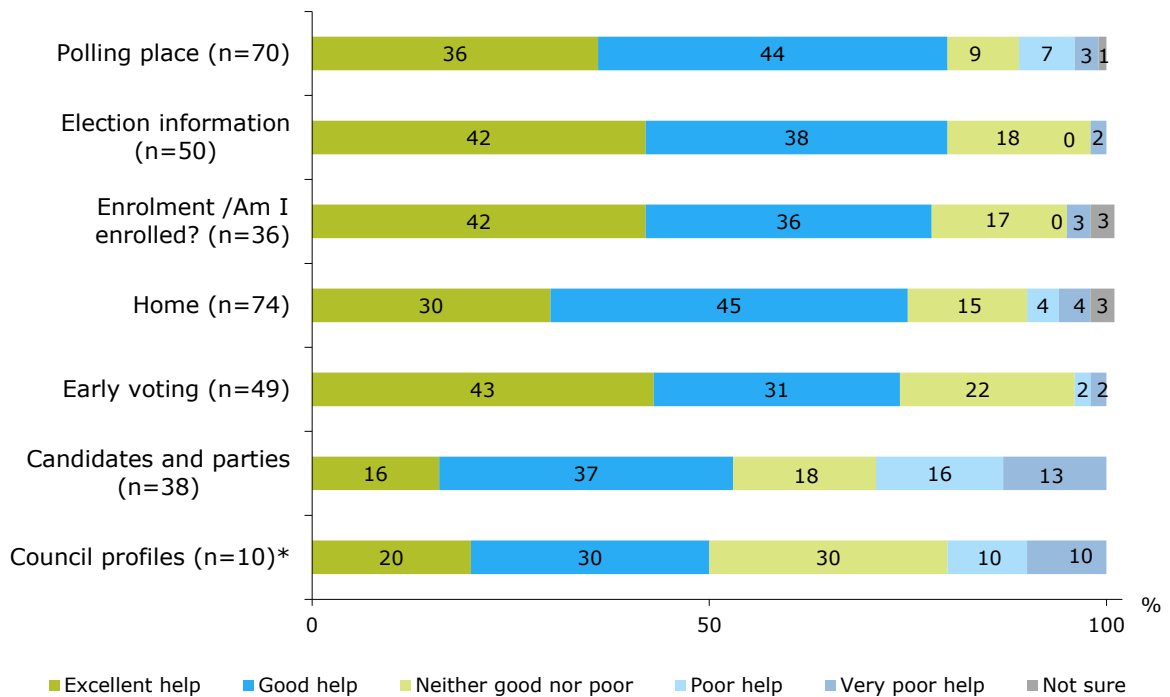


G7. Which of the following parts of the NSW Electoral Commission website did you access? Base: Electors who accessed the website (226)

Electors were most likely to access the home page, followed by the polling place data.

Electors were asked to rate the helpfulness of each webpage visited, on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being very poor help and 5 being excellent help.

Figure 29 – Helpfulness of webpage visited



G8 Was the help it provided excellent, good, neither good nor poor, poor or very poor? Base: Electors who accessed the website (226) * small base size, interpret with caution as not statistically reliable

The enrolment page, the election information page and the home page were considered helpful by more than seven in ten electors visiting those pages.

The enrolment page was most likely to be considered 'excellent help' whilst the candidates and parties page was least likely to be considered 'excellent help'.

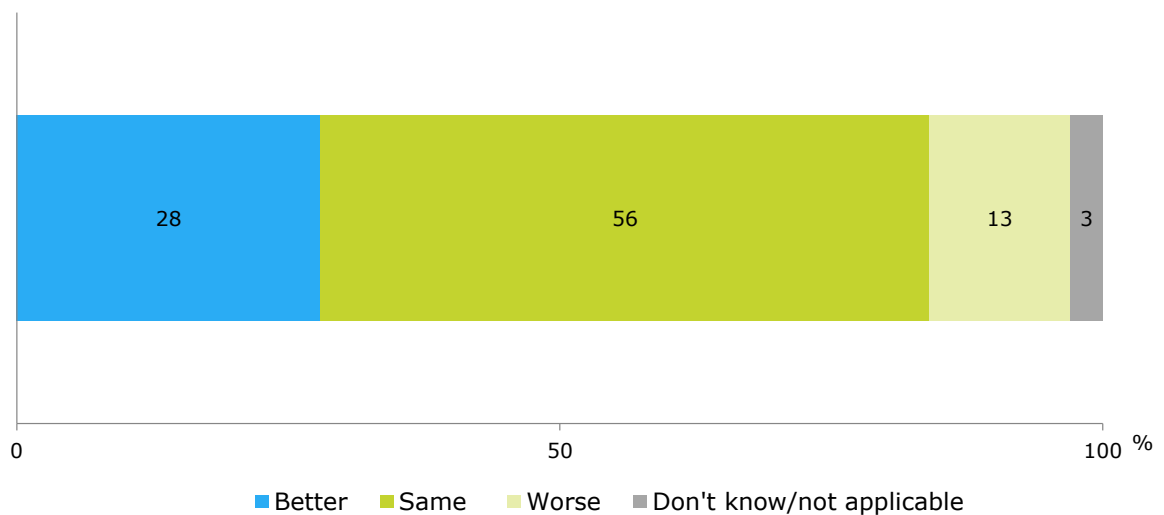
Figure 30 – Satisfaction with various aspects of the website



G9. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory please rate the website on each of the following? Base: Electors who accessed the website (226)

Website visitors were equally likely to be satisfied with the helpfulness of the website, with its ability to help them find what they were looking for, and with the website’s ease to use and get around.

Figure 31 – Website overall against expectations

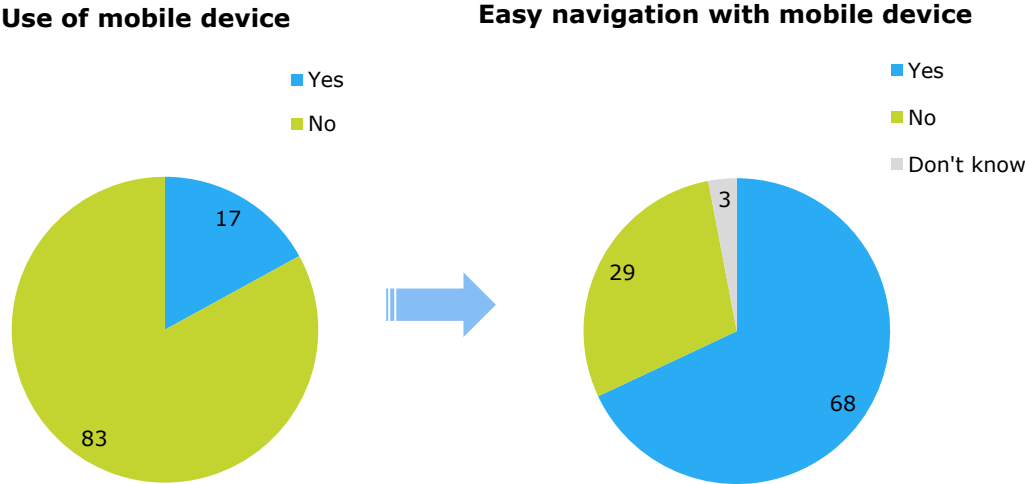


G11. Would you say your website visit was better, the same, or worse than you expected? Base: Electors who accessed the website (226)

More than a quarter of visitors say that the website was better than they expected.

Those who accessed the website were asked whether they used a mobile device to do so. There were 38 electors who said they used a mobile device to access the website.

Figure 32 – Experience with accessing website via mobile device



G12. Did you use some form of mobile device to access the website? G13. Were you able to see and navigate the website easily on the mobile device? Base: Electors who accessed the website (226), Electors who accessed the website via a mobile device (38)

68% of electors who used a mobile device to access the website indicated that they found it easy to navigate.

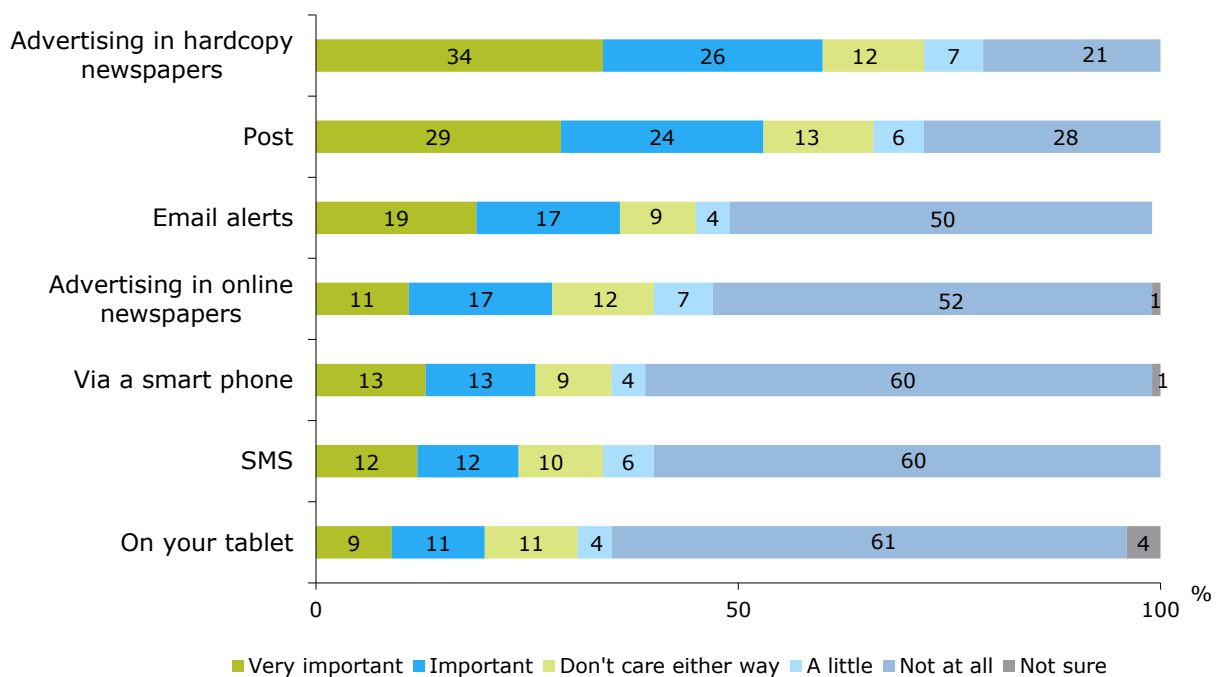
6. NSWEC INFORMATION SOURCES AND INITIATIVES

If there had been sufficient base sizes, we would have used the survey to test out new initiatives like the new 'self service check in' facility at Sydney Town Hall but there were only 15 voters in the sample who voted at Sydney Town Hall. Below are the results we can report on information and service improvement initiatives.

All electors surveyed were asked about the importance of receiving information in a variety of ways, and to rate each one on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being not at all important and 5 being very important.

Advertising in hardcopy newspapers was considered the most important source of information on elections, with 60% of electors viewing it as important.

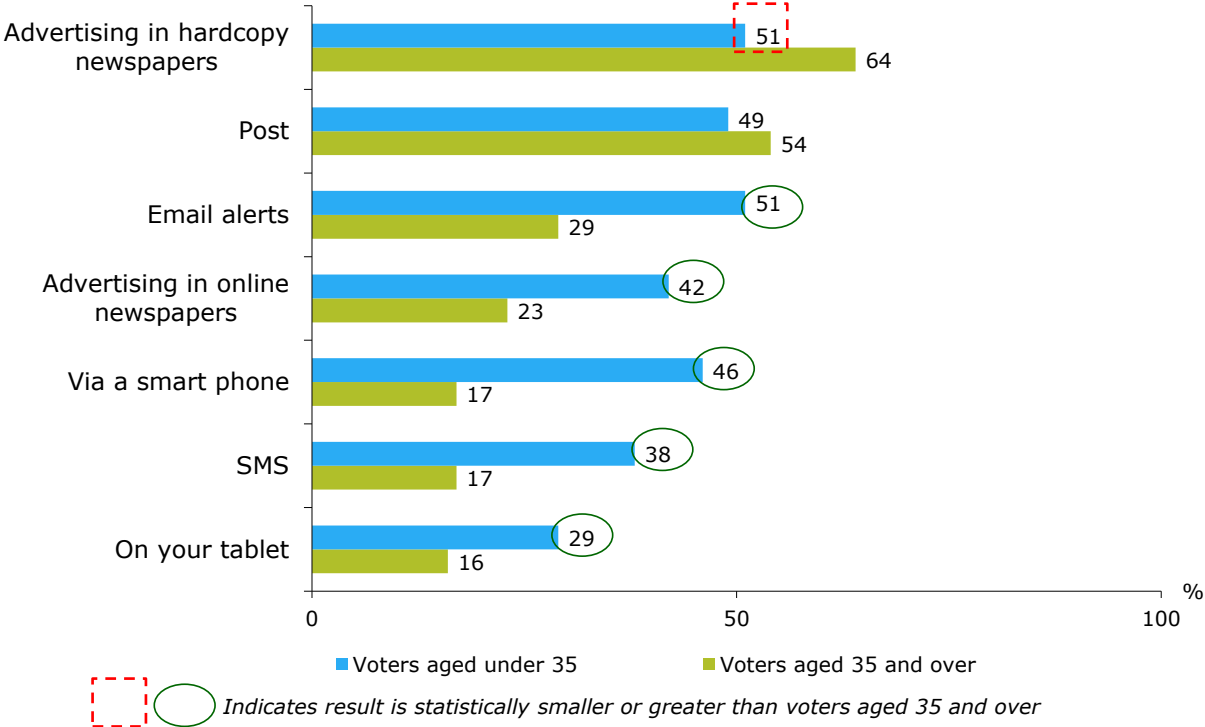
Figure 33 – Importance of information sources on elections



F1. How important would it be to you to be made aware of elections in new ways, other than traditional advertising? On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is not at all important and 5 is very important, how would you prefer to receive information about upcoming elections. Base: Total sample (1720)

Electors were less likely to consider the ability to receive information on their smart phone, via SMS, or on their tablet, to be important.

Figure 34 – Importance of information sources on elections by age group

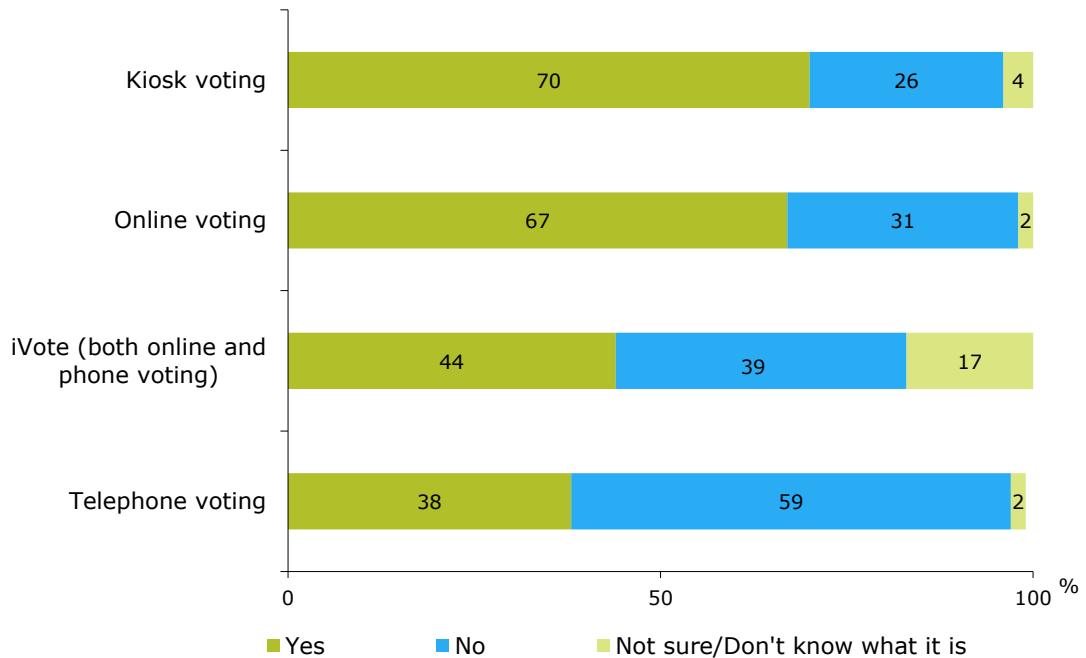


F1. How important would it be to you to be made aware of elections in new ways, other than traditional advertising? On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is not at all important and 5 is very important, how would you prefer to receive information about upcoming elections. Base: Electors aged under 35 (515), Electors aged 35 and over (1199)

Voters aged under 35 years were more likely to see it as important to receive information about upcoming elections via email alerts, online newspapers, smart phones, SMS and on their tablet than voters aged 35 and over.

Electors were asked how they might consider voting in the future. 70% of electors say they would be willing to vote at a kiosk and 67% of electors would consider voting online.

Figure 35 – Willingness to vote using certain methods



F2. Would you consider voting online? F3. Would you consider voting over the phone? F4. Would you consider voting at a kiosk at a polling place? F5. Would you consider voting using iVote i.e. both online and phone voting? Base: Total sample (1720)

Whilst 44% would consider the iVote, 17% of electors are not sure about the iVote, or do not know what it is. This clearly reflects low levels of current awareness.

Electors were least likely to consider voting on the telephone.

iVote and online consideration

2% of all electors say they had used iVote before and 44% say they would consider using it to vote in the future. Younger electors were more likely to consider voting online (84% of those aged under 35 compared to 60% of those aged 35 and over). They were also more likely to consider using the iVote (65% compared to 36% of older electors).

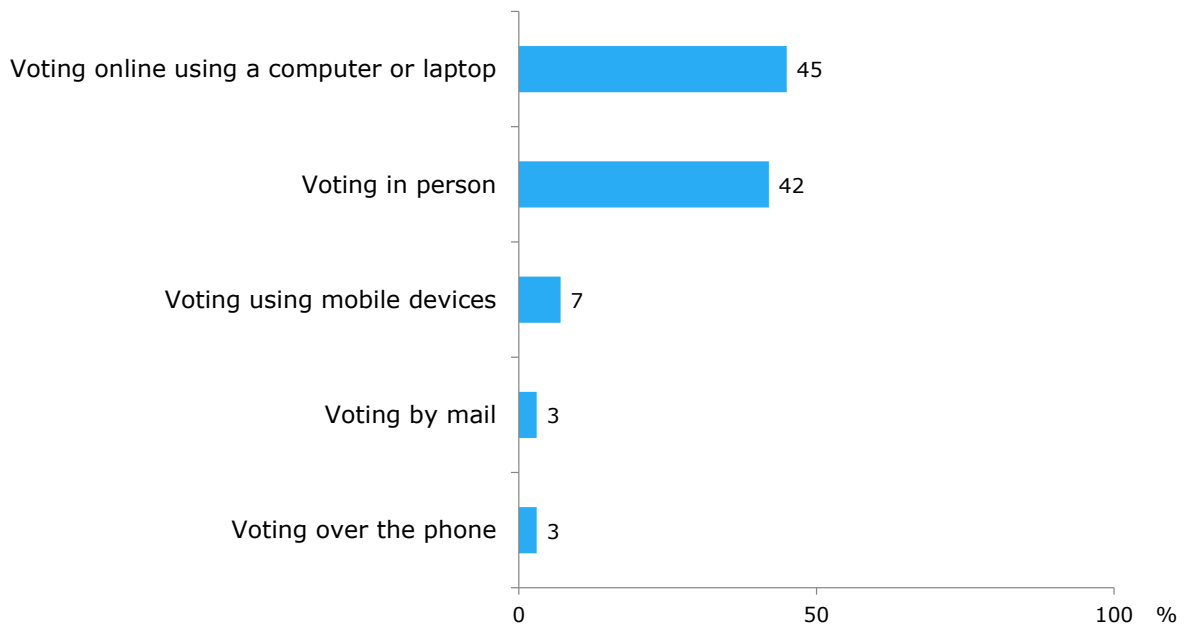
iVote considerers	iVote non-considerers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More likely to be aged under 35 (44% compared to 30% of the total sample) - More likely to prefer voting online (65% compared to 45% of the total sample) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More likely to be aged over 55 (50% compared to 34% of the total sample) - More likely to prefer voting in person (73% compared to 42% of the total sample) - Were less likely to have visited the NSWEC website (7% compared to 13% of the total sample)

Table 9 – Profiles of iVote considerers and non-considerers

F5. Would you consider voting using iVote i.e. both online and phone voting? Base: iVote considerers (763), iVote non-considerers (669)

Electors were asked which method of voting appealed to them the most.

Figure 36 – Most appealing methods of voting

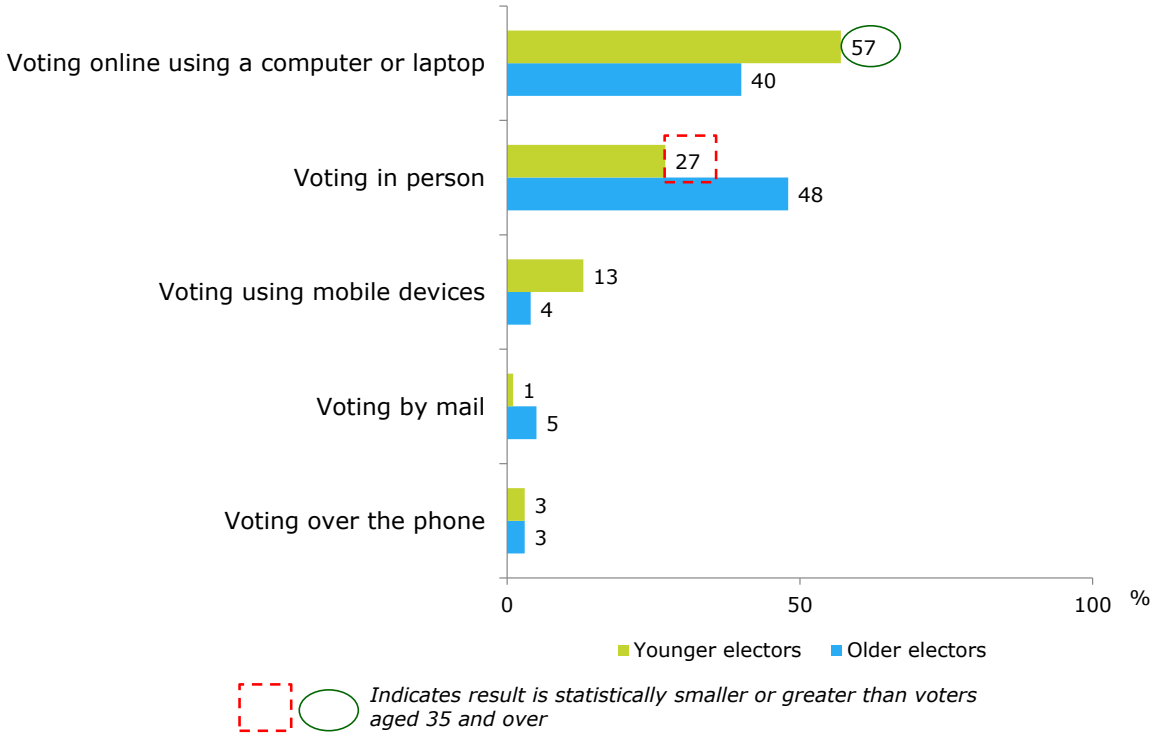


F8. Which one of the following methods of voting is most appealing to you? Base: Total sample (1720)

Almost half the electors surveyed said that voting online using a computer or laptop would be the most appealing method of voting for them.

Older electors (35 years plus) and younger electors (under 35 years)

Figure 37 – Most appealing methods of voting by age group



F8. Which one of the following methods of voting is most appealing to you? Base: Electors aged under 35 (515), Electors aged 35 and over (1199)

Younger electors were more likely to find voting online using a computer or laptop to be the most appealing method of voting.

Electors who did not vote in this election were more likely to find voting over the phone to be the most appealing method of voting (10% compared to 3%).

Appeal of various information sources and methods of voting to key voter groups

Electors with vision impairment

Electors with vision impairment were less likely to attach importance to information via email alerts (12% compared to 36% of the total sample), via smart phone (6% compared to 25%), on their tablet (6% compared to 20% of the total sample) and SMS (8% versus 23%). However, they were significantly more likely to value the post to receive information about upcoming elections (75% compared to 53%). Whilst online voting may work for broader audiences, 61% of vision impaired voters prefer voting in person, followed by mail at 18%. Only 25% of vision impaired voters would consider voting online (compared to 67% of the total sample).

Indigenous electors

Indigenous electors were also more likely to prefer voting in person (56% compared to 42% for the total sample). Indigenous electors were less likely to *consider* voting online (51% compared to 67% of the total sample) and less likely to *prefer* voting online (only 29% compared to 45% of the total sample).

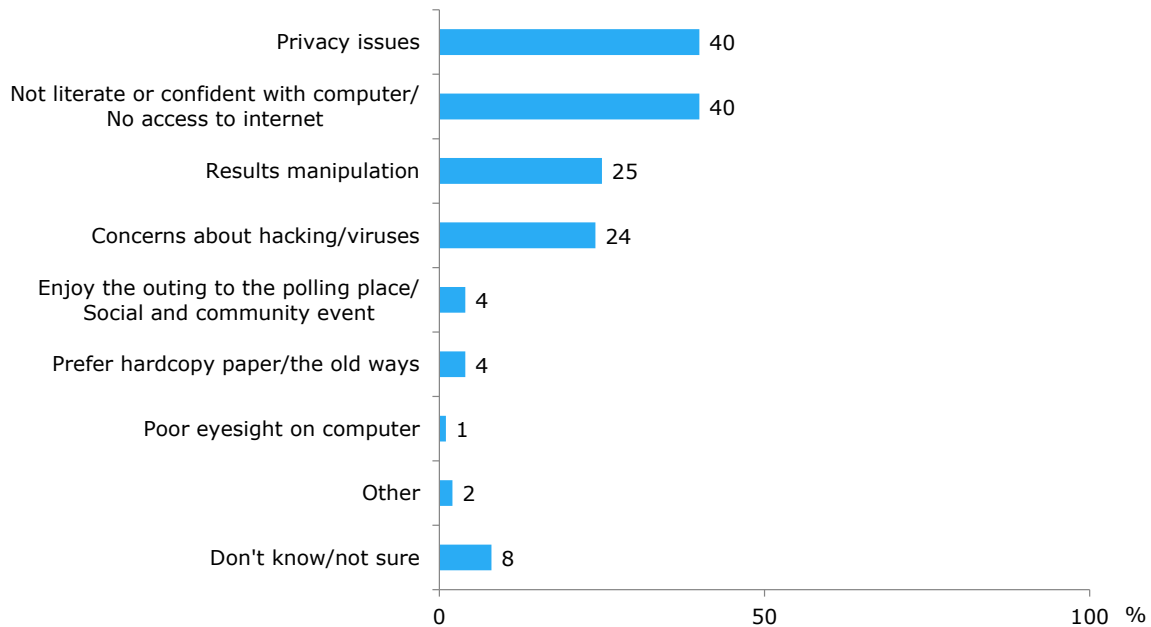
Regional electors

Electors from regional NSW were less likely to want to receive information about upcoming elections via email alerts (26% say this is important compared to 36% of the total sample). They were also less likely to consider voting online (59% compared to 67% of the total sample). Their preferred method of voting would be in person (50% compared to 42%), and they were less likely to prefer voting online using a laptop or computer (35% compared to 45%).

Reasons for not wanting to vote online

Electors who said they were not willing to vote online were asked what would hold them back from voting online.

Figure 38 – Reasons for not wanting to vote online



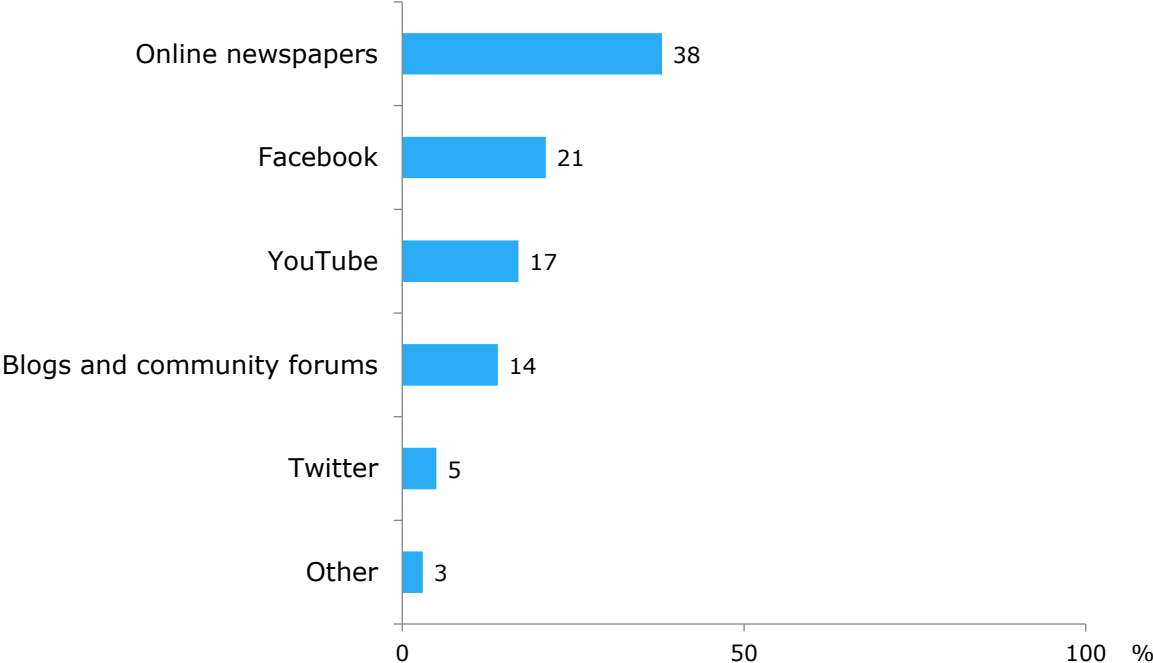
F7. What would hold you back from voting online? Base: Those who would not vote online (534)

Of the 31% of electors who would not consider online voting, the main reasons given were privacy concerns, not being computer literate or confident with a computer (for some, not having access to a computer to the internet), fear of results manipulation, and concerns about hacking and viruses.

Social media

Electors were asked whether they would personally consider using social media to access information about upcoming elections.

Figure 39 – Consideration of use of social media for information about the election



F9. Thinking about the use of social media and electronic communications; which of the following ways of getting information about elections being conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission would you personally consider using? Base: Total sample (1720)

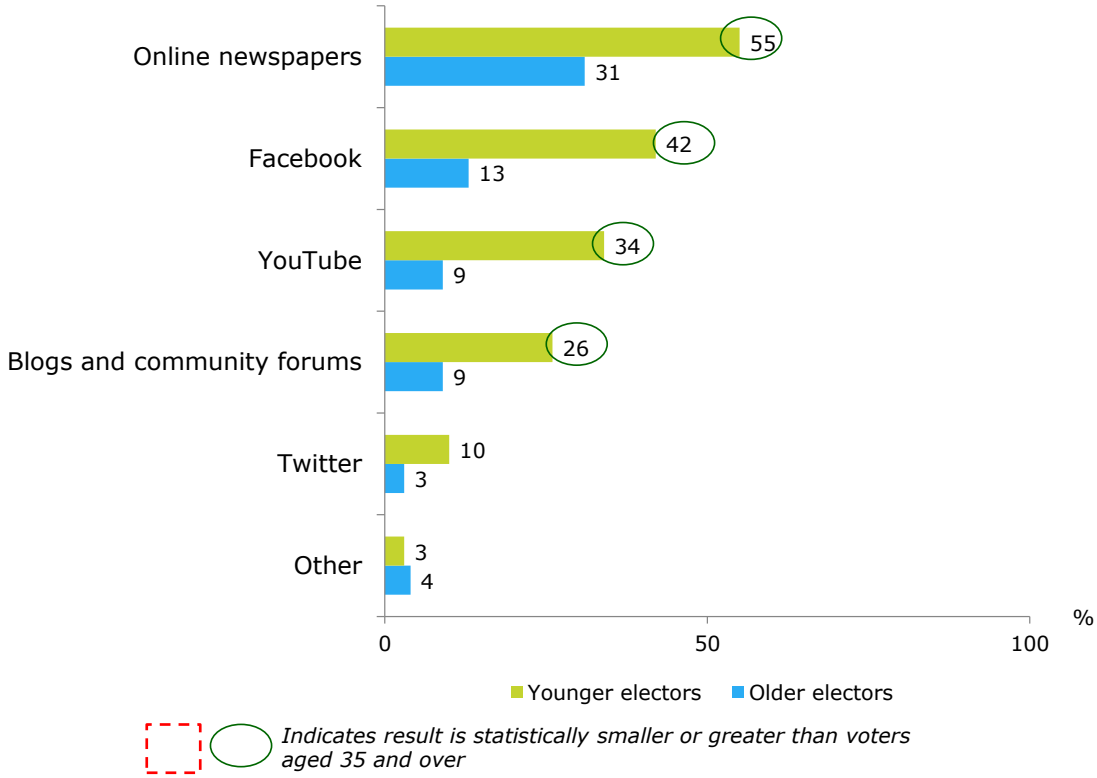
38% of electors say they would consider using online newspapers to get information about elections.

Also popular are Facebook, YouTube, and blogs and community forums.

Only one in twenty would consider using Twitter.

Appeal of social media by age

Figure 40 – Consideration of use of social media by age



F9. Thinking about the use of social media and electronic communications; which of the following ways of getting information about elections being conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission would you personally consider using? Base: Electors aged under 35 (515), Electors aged 35 and over (1199)

Younger electors (under 35 years of age) were more likely to consider online newspapers, Facebook, YouTube and blogs and community forums as ways of getting information about NSWEC administered elections.

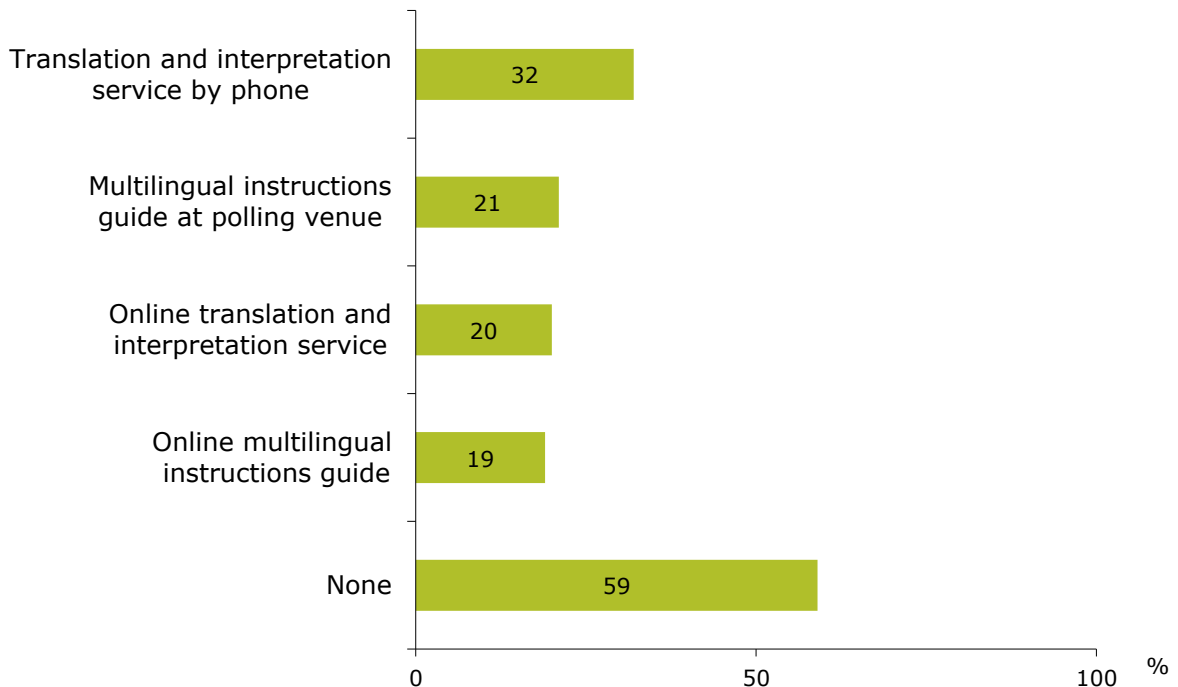
7. KEY VOTER GROUPS

CALD electors

There were 304 CALD electors surveyed in areas where the NSWEC administered the 2012 Local Government Elections. They were asked whether they took someone with them to vote. 18% say they took someone with them to the polling station or asked someone to help them with a postal vote, to understand instructions.

CALD voters were also asked which electoral assistance services they were aware of.

Figure 41 – CALD voters’ awareness of CALD electoral services available



H2. Which of the following electoral services were you aware of before today? CALD Electors in NSWEC areas (304)

Despite awareness of the services, the proportion of CALD electors that appear to have used the services was very low:

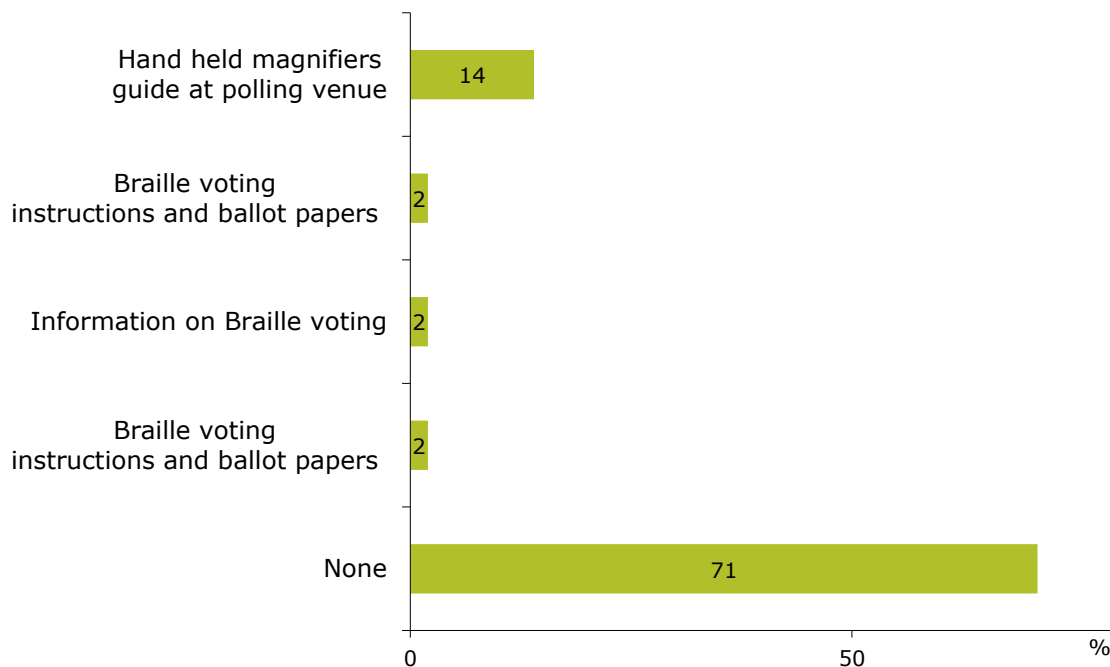
- 1% of CALD voters used the translation and interpretation service by phone
- 1% of CALD voters used the online translation and interpretation service
- 1% of CALD voters used the multilingual instructions guide at a polling venue
- 95% of CALD voters didn't use any service
- 2% can't remember

Four CALD electors say they used the translation and interpretation service by phone. Three used the online translation and interpretation service. Two used the multilingual instructions guide at a polling venue and one used the online multilingual instructions guide.

Visually impaired electors

There were 51 electors with vision impairment taking part in the survey. Electors with vision impairment were asked whether they asked for help. 45% of electors with a vision impairment say they took someone with them to help them at the polling station or with a postal vote or Braille ballot papers and voting.

Figure 42 – Vision impaired electors’ awareness of services available



H3. For this election, which of the following services did you use, if any? Vision Impaired Voters in NSWEC areas (51)

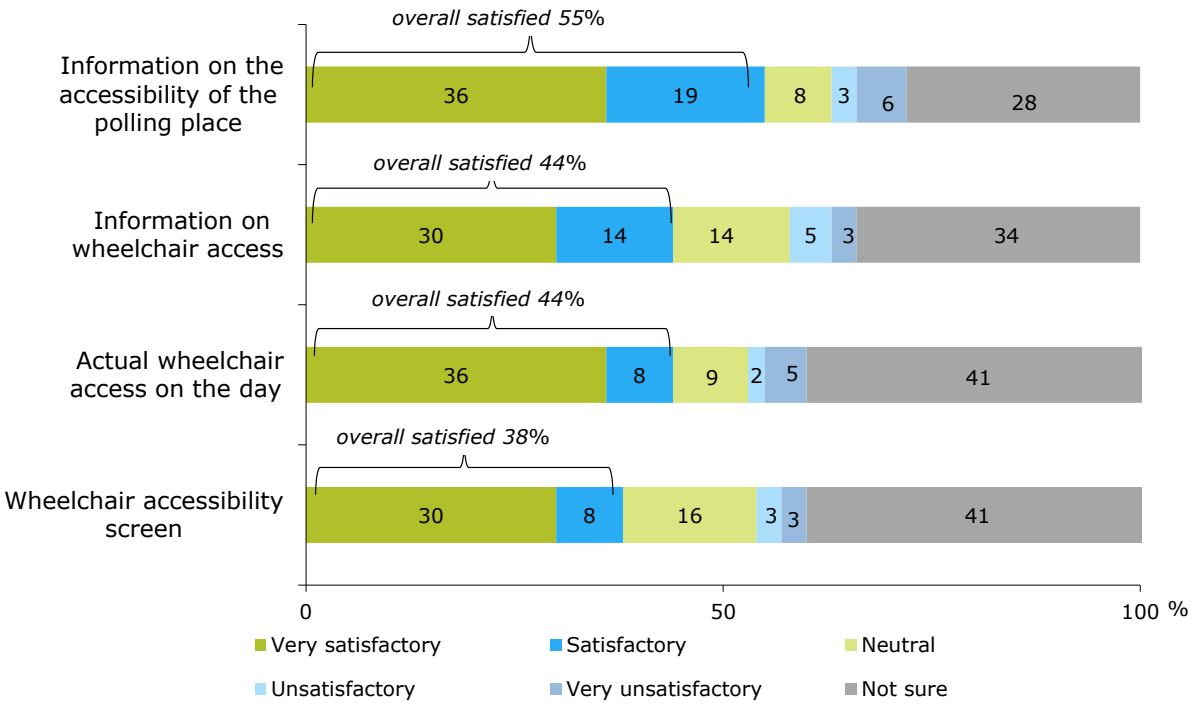
Seven of the 51 vision impaired voters used the magnifying glasses. One vision impaired voter used the Braille voting service and one vision impaired voter used a maxi pencil.

Mobility restrictions

There were 64 electors with mobility restrictions taking part in the survey. They were asked whether they took someone with them to vote or asked for help and whether they checked the accessibility of the polling place in any way.

- 25% of electors with mobility restrictions took someone with them to the polling station or asked for help
- 25% checked the accessibility of the polling place

Figure 43 – Electors with mobility restrictions’ satisfaction with services available



H10. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory, please rate how satisfied you were overall with...? Electors with mobility restrictions n=64

Over half the electors with mobility restrictions were satisfied with information on the accessibility of the polling place (55%), with 36% giving a rating of very satisfactory. 38% were satisfied with the wheelchair accessibility screen. Around a third answered 'not sure', suggesting that they may not have used these services.

NSW Electoral Commission, Satisfaction Survey

INTRODUCTION: Good evening. My name is _____ from instinct and reason research. Today we are calling on behalf of the NSW Electoral Commission to ask some questions about the recent local government elections held on September 8th 2012. We aren't selling you anything; just want to get your opinions on the voting process. Answering any of the questions is voluntary and the information you provide will only be used for research purposes concerning the provision of voting processes.

The research will be carried out in accordance with the Market and Social Research Privacy Principles.

The survey will take about 10 minutes depending on which questions are relevant to you.

Would you be interested in participating?

	S/R	
Yes	01	CONTINUE
No	02	THANK AND CLOSE

Is now a good time?

	S/R	
Yes	01	CONTINUE
No	02	ARRANGE ANOTHER TIME

QUOTA TABLE

	SOFT QUOTA
Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC)	79
Central NSW Councils (CENTROC)	49
Hunter Councils Inc	162
Macarthur Regional Organisation of Councils (MACROC)	63
Mid North Coast Group of Councils	65
Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils (NamoiROC)	23
New England Local Government Group	20
Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC)	74
Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)	142
Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)	22
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)	29
Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC)	40
Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)	68
South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC)	36
Southern Councils Group	128
Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)	155
Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc	198
Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC)	432
Other	15
Sub Total General Sample	1800
Electors with a vision impairment or blindness from any of the above council areas	50
Electors from a CALD background from any of the above council areas	100
Indigenous Electors from any of the above council areas	50
Sub Total Booster Sample	200
Total	2000

SECTION A - SCREENERS

[ASK ALL]

A1. Are you 18 years or over?

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R	
Yes	01	Go to A2
No	02	THANK & TERMINATE

[ASK ALL]

A2. Are you?

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R	
an Australian Citizen	01	Go to A3
A permanent resident	02	THANK & TERMINATE
Neither	03	THANK & TERMINATE

[ASK ALL]

A3. Do you currently live in NSW? [DO NOT READ OUT]

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R	
Yes	01	Go to A4
No	02	THANK & TERMINATE

[ASK ALL]

A4. What is the council area you live in? RECORD

Insert drop down box in CATI script with all NSW councils listed.

A4b. What area do you live in?

Insert drop down box in CATI script with all NSW postcode areas, suburbs and towns.

If cannot nominate council or postcode area then terminate.

A5. INTERVIEWER MAKE RECORD OF COUNCIL USING MATCHED LIST

[DO NOT READ OUT]	RECORD	SoftQuotas
Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC)	01	79
Central NSW Councils (CENTROC)	02	49
Hunter Councils Inc	03	162
Macarthur Regional Organisation of Councils (MACROC)	04	63
Mid North Coast Group of Councils	05	65
	07	23
Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils (NamoiROC)		
New England Local Government Group	08	20
Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC)	09	74
Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)	10	142
Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)	11	22
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)	12	29
Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC)	13	40
Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)	14	68
South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC)	15	36
Southern Councils Group	16	128
Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)	17	155
Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc	18	198
Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC)	19	432
Other	20	15
Total		1800

[ASK ALL]

A6. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R	Quota
Yes	01	n=100
No	02	n=1900

[ASK ALL]

A7. Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R	Quota
Yes	01	n=50
No	02	n=1950
Prefer not to say	03	Continue code with 'no'

[ASK ALL]

A8. Do any of the following conditions or situations apply to you?

[READ OUT]	S/R	Quota
Blindness or vision impairment	01	n=50
Hearing impairment, including deafness	02	No minimum quota restrictions, just as data falls
Mobility Restrictions	03	
I have another disability that makes it difficult to get to a polling place on election day? [Please Specify]	04	
I find it difficult to read	05	Continue

I live more than 20 kilometres from a polling place or live in a remote area	06	Continue
None of the above	07	Continue
Prefer not to say	09	Continue code with 'no'

[ASK ALL]

A9. Thinking now about the local government elections held on Saturday 8 September, did you vote in this election, either by voting on Election Day or earlier?

	[READ OUT]	S/R
	Yes, on election day	01
	Yes, before election day, in person	02
	Yes, before election day by post	03
	No I didn't vote at this election	04

INTERVIEWER NOTE: REFER TO SAMPLE TABLES TO CHECK MINIMUM QUOTAS ARE ACHIEVED

[ASK ALL] Nice to have but may be deleted

A10. Were the local government elections for 2012 the first time you voted in NSW?

	[READ OUT]	S/R
	Yes	01
	No	02
	Not sure/Can't remember	03

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QA9]

A11. Were you already enrolled to vote before Election Day, or did you enrol on Election Day?

	[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
	I was previously enrolled	01
	I enrolled on election day	02
	Not sure	99

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AND 2 AT QA9]

A12. To the best of your knowledge, when you voted, were your details on the electoral roll correct?

	[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
	Yes	01
	No	02
	Not sure/Can't remember	99

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AND 2 AT QA9]

A13. Did you experience any delays when....?

A13a. Waiting to be marked off the electoral roll and receive the ballot paper?

A13b. Waiting for a voting booth to be available?

A13a Waiting to be marked off the electoral roll	S/R	A13b. Waiting for a voting booth	S/R
No delays, got straight through	01	No delays, got straight through	01
Waited between 1 to 5 minutes	02	Waited between 1 to 5 minutes	02

Waited between 6 minutes to under 10 minutes	03	Waited between 6 minutes to 10 minutes	03
Waited more than 10 minutes	04	Waited more than 10 minutes	04
Don't know /can't remember	99	Don't know /can't remember	99

SECTION B – EXPERIENCE OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T VOTE

[ASK THOSE WHO DIDN'T VOTE, CODE 4 AT QA9]

B1a. Were you enrolled to vote?

	[READ OUT]	S/R
	Yes	01
	No	02

[ASK THOSE WHO DIDN'T VOTE, CODE 4 AT QA9]

B1b. What prevented you from voting at the election?

	[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R
I was not in/out of the council area on election day/travelling with the state /travelling interstate or overseas		01
I was ineligible to vote		02
Believed it was a religious duty not to vote		03
I live more than 20 km from a polling place		04
Couldn't get to a polling place		05
Don't think my vote counts		06
Didn't know who to vote for		07
Didn't know how to vote		08
Didn't know the election was on		09
No particular reason		10
I don't believe in the voting/political system		11
I was ill/in hospital		12
I was caring for someone ill/in hospital		13
I was at work		14
I forgot		15
I didn't care		16
I arrived at the polling place too late/the polling place had closed		17
Other (please specify; [PROMPT FOR ONE OTHER REASON])		99

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 2 AT QB1a]

B2. Were you aware that you could enrol to vote and vote on Election Day?

	[READ OUT]	S/R
	Yes	01
	No	02

[ASK ALL THOSE WHO DIDN'T VOTE, CODE 4 AT QA9]

B3. Were you aware that a \$55 penalty applies for not voting?

	[READ OUT]	S/R
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	Yes	01
	No	02

[ASK THOSE WHO WEREN'T AWARE OF THE FINE AT B3, CODE 2]

B3b. If you had been aware of the \$55 fine would you have voted?

	[READ OUT]	S/R
	Yes	01
	No	02

SECTION C – EXPERIENCE OF THOSE WHO VOTED BEFORE ELECTION DAY

[ASK THOSE WHO VOTED PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY, CODE 2 AT QA9]

C1. In which way did you vote before Election Day in person?

	[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
	At Sydney Town Hall	01
	At a pre-poll centre within NSW	02
	By post/mail	03
	Other (please specify e.g. aged care facility.....)	09
	[DO NOT READ OUT] Can't remember/don't know	09

[ASK THOSE WHO VOTED PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY, CODE 2 OR 3 AT QA9]

C2. What are the reasons you decided to opt to vote pre-poll this election?

	[ROTATE]	M/R
	Travelling within the state	01
	Travelling interstate	02
	Travelling overseas	03
	I live more than 20 km from a polling place	04
	Ill, or pregnant	05
	Caring for someone who was ill, or pregnant	06
	Hospitalised	07
	Religious beliefs	08
	Silent elector	09
	Fear for my safety	10
	Unable to leave work	11
	More convenient	12
	Disability that prevented me going	13
	Other [PROMPT ONCE FOR OTHER REASONS- Please specify _____]	98
	Can't remember/don't know	99

Pre poll

[ASK THOSE WHO VOTED PRE-POLL, CODES 2 or 3 AT QA9]

C3. Please rate the following, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory:

	ROTATE CODES A-D [READ OUT]	S/R per row					
A	Location of pre-poll voting facility	01	02	03	04	05	99
B	Time taken to cast a pre-poll vote	01	02	03	04	05	99
C	Accessibility of pre-poll voting centre	01	02	03	04	05	99
D	Information about pre-poll voting	01	02	03	04	05	99
E	Helpfulness of election officials	01	02	03	04	05	99

[ASK THOSE WHO VOTED BY POST, CODE 3 AT QC1]

C4. Please rate the following, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory:

ROTATE CODES A-C[READ OUT]		S/R per row					
A	Information about postal voting	01	02	03	04	05	99
B	The length of time between applying and getting the papers	01	02	03	04	05	99
C	Instructions on how to complete the ballot papers and declaration envelope	01	02	03	04	05	99

Section D–THOSE WHO VOTED ON ELECTION DAY

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QA9]

D1. Where did you vote on Election Day?

[READ OUT DO NOT ROTATE; STOP WHEN ANSWER GIVEN]	S/R
At a local polling place	01
At Sydney Town Hall	02
Other (please specify e.g. hospital.....)	09
Don't know	99

SECTION E–GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH VOTING PROCESS

For all that voted either before or on Election Day

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODES 1 OR 2 OR 3 AT QA9]

E1. Please rate the overall process of voting, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory?

[READ OUT CODES 01-05]	S/R
Very Satisfactory	05
Satisfactory	04
Neutral	03
Unsatisfactory	02
Very unsatisfactory	01
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODES 1 OR 2 OR 3 AT QA9]

E2. Please rate the overall experience you had with the election officials, on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory?

[READ OUT CODES 01-05]	S/R
Very Satisfactory	05
Satisfactory	04
Neutral	03
Unsatisfactory	02
Very unsatisfactory	01
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODES 1 OR 2 OR 3 AT QA9]

E3. Please indicate, on a scale from 1 to 5, (*where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory*), how satisfied you were with each of the following:

ROTATE CODES A-I	Very unsatisfactory				Very satisfactory	Not sure or applicable
A. Information available to locate the polling place	01	02	03	04	05	99
B. Convenience of the voting or polling location	01	02	03	04	05	99
C. Length of time spent at the polling place	01	02	03	04	05	99
D. Simplicity of the polling place layout	01	02	03	04	05	99
E. Ease of entering and exiting the polling place	01	02	03	04	05	99
F. Ease of the process of voting (we are not asking about the ballot paper itself but of the process you went through)	01	02	03	04	05	99
G. Assistance provided by election officials	01	02	03	04	05	99
H. Clarity and simplicity of ballot paper instructions	01	02	03	04	05	99

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODES 1 OR 2 AT QA9]

E4. On a scale from 1 to 5, (*where 1 is very unsatisfactory, and 5 is very satisfactory*), how would rate your satisfaction with the election officials on each of the following?

[ROTATE CODES A-D]	Very unsatisfactory				Very satisfactory	Not sure
a. Being informative	01	02	03	04	05	99
b. Being professional	01	02	03	04	05	99
c. Being courteous & polite	01	02	03	04	05	99
d. Their overall manner	01	02	03	04	05	99
e. Answering your question, or resolving your issue	01	02	03	04	05	99

**SECTION F:
NSW
ELECTORAL
COMMISSION
INITIATIVES**

[ASK ALL]

F1. How important would it be to you to be made aware of elections in new ways, other than traditional advertising? On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is not at all important and 5 is very important, how would you prefer to receive information about upcoming elections.

[ROTATE CODES A-E]	Not at all	A little	Don't care either way	Important	Very Important	Not sure what it is
a. on your tablet	01	02	03	04	05	99
b. via your smart phone	01	02	03	04	05	99
c. email alerts	01	02	03	04	05	99
d. post	01	02	03	04	05	99
e. sms	01	02	03	04	05	99

f. Advertising in hardcopy newspapers	01	02	03	04	05	99
g. Advertising in online newspapers	01	02	03	04	05	99

[ASK ALL]

- F2. Would you consider voting online?
 F3. Would you consider voting over the phone?
 F4. Would you consider voting at a kiosk at a polling place?
 F5. Would you consider voting using iVote i.e. both online and phone voting?

	Yes	No	Not sure/Don't know/ what it is
F2. Online voting	01	02	03
F3. Telephone voting	01	02	03
F4. Kiosk voting	01	02	03
F5. iVote i.e. both online and phone voting.	01	02	03

[ASK ALL]

- F6. Have you ever used iVote to vote?

	[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
	Yes	01
	No	02
	Not sure/Can't remember	99

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 2 AT F2 ABOVE]

- F7. IF NOT, what would hold you back from voting online? [READ OUT]

[ROTATE CODES A-C]		M/R
a.	Concerns about hacking/viruses	01
b.	Privacy Issues	02
c.	Results Manipulation	03
d.	Other please specify_____	09
e.	Don't know /not sure	99

[ASK ALL]

- F8. Which **one** of the following methods of voting is most appealing to you?

	[READ OUT AND ROTATE]	S/R
	Voting in person	01
	Voting by mail	02
	Voting over the phone	03
	Voting online using a computer/laptop	04
	Voting using mobile devices (mobile phone, smart phone, iPhone, tablet, phablet)	05
	Don't know /not sure	98
	Other PLEASE SPECIFY.....)	99

[ASK ALL]

- F9. Thinking about the use of social media and electronic communications; which of the following ways of getting information about elections being conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission would you personally consider using?

	[READ OUT AND ROTATE]	M/R
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Facebook	01	02
Twitter	01	02
Online newspapers	01	02
YouTube	01	02
Blogs and social community forums	01	02
Other (PLS Specify.....)	01	02

SECTION G – SATISFACTION WITH ELECTORAL SERVICES

TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE

[ASK ALL]

G1. Did you contact the elector enquiry call centre at any point before or during the election?

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R
Yes	01
No	02

[ASK ALL CODE 1 AT G1; OTHERS GO TO QG6]

G1a. Why did you contact the call centre? [RECORD]

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG1]

G2. Were you able to access all of the information you needed from the enquiry call centre?

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R
Yes	01
No	02

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG1]

G3. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is very unsatisfactory and 5 is very satisfactory please rate the service provided by the elector enquiry call centre:

[READ OUT CODES 01-05]	S/R
Very Satisfactory	05
Satisfactory	04
Neutral	03
Unsatisfactory	02
Very unsatisfactory	01
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG1]

G4. How long did you have to wait on the phone to speak to an operator?

Please choose one only

[READ OUT IN ORDER]	S/R
No time – got straight through	01
Waited between 1 to 5 minutes	02
Waited between 6 to 10 minutes	03

Waited more than 10 minutes	04
Abandoned the call as it took too long to get through	05
Don't know /can't remember	99

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG1]

G5. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is very dissatisfied and 5 is very satisfied please rate the electoral official you spoke to, on each of the following attributes: *Please choose one circle on each row*

[ROTATE CODES A - C]	Very unsatisfactory				Very satisfactory	Not sure
a. Being informative	01	02	03	04	05	99
b. Being professional	01	02	03	04	05	99
c. Being courteous & polite	01	02	03	04	05	99
d. Their overall manner	01	02	03	04	05	99
e. Answering your question, or resolving your issue	01	02	03	04	05	99

WEBSITE

[ASK ALL]

G6. Did you refer to the NSW Electoral Commission website for information at any point before or during the election?

[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R
Yes	01
No	02

[ASK IF CODE 1 AT QG6; OTHERS GO TO QH1]

G7. Which of the following parts of the NSW Electoral Commission website did you access?

[READ OUT]	M/R
Home	01
Enrolment - Am I enrolled	02
Candidates and parties	03
Early Voting	04
Election information	05
Council profiles	06
Polling place data	07
Other (PLS Specify.....)	08

[ASK ALL WHO ACCESSED WEB PAGE AT G7; IF NOTHING CODED IN G7 CODES 1-7; GO TO G9]

G8 How much help did the [insert relevant page - all coded in G7; 1-7] page provide you? Was the help it provided excellent, good, neither good nor poor, poor or very poor?

[ROTATE CODES A - G]	Very poor	Poor	Neither good nor poor	Good help	Excellent help	Not sure

[ROTATE CODES A – G]	01	02	03	04	05	99
a. Home	01	02	03	04	05	99
b. Enrolment /Am I enrolled	01	02	03	04	05	99
c. Candidates and parties	01	02	03	04	05	99
d. Early Voting	01	02	03	04	05	99
e. Election information	01	02	03	04	05	99
f. Council profiles	01	02	03	04	05	99
g. Polling place	01	02	03	04	05	99

[ASK ALL WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG6]

G9. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is very dissatisfied and 5 is very satisfied please rate the website on each of the following?

[ROTATE CODES A – F]	Very unsatisfactory				Very satisfactory	Not sure
a. Easy to use and get around	01	02	03	04	05	99
b. Finding what you were looking for	01	02	03	04	05	99
c. Helpful in your enquiry	01	02	03	04	05	99
ASK d ONLY OF VISION IMPAIRED	01	02	03	04	05	99
d. Accessible for the vision impaired						

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG6]

G10. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory please rate how satisfied you were overall with the service provided by the website:

[READ OUT CODES 01-05]	S/R
Very Satisfactory	05
Satisfactory	04
Neutral	03
Unsatisfactory	02
Very unsatisfactory	01
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG6]

G11. Would you say your website visit was better, the same, or worse than you expected?

[READ OUT CODES 01-05]	S/R
Better	03
Same	02
Worse	01
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG6]

G12. Did you use some form of mobile device to access the website?

[READ OUT CODES 01-05]	S/R
Yes	03
No	02
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG6]

G13. Were you able to see and navigate the website easily on the mobile device?

	S/R
Yes	01
No	02
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

COUNCIL

[ASK ALL]

G14. Did you make contact with your local council regarding the election during the course of the election period?

	S/R
Yes	01
No	02
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

[ASK ALL CODE 1 AT G14; OTHERS GO TO QH1]

G15. What did you call the council about? [RECORD]

[ASK THOSE WHO ANSWERED CODE 1 AT QG14; OTHERS GO TO H1]

G16. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory please rate how satisfied you were overall with the help provided by the Council?

[READ OUT CODES 01-05]	S/R
Very Satisfactory	05
Satisfactory	04
Neutral	03
Unsatisfactory	02
Very unsatisfactory	01
[DON'T READ] Don't know / not applicable	99

SECTION H: VOTERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

CALD

[ASK ALL WHO SAID YES, CODE 1 AT QA6; OTHERS GO TO QH5]

H1. For this election, did you take someone with you to the polling station or ask someone to help you with a postal vote, to understand instructions?

[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
Yes	01
No	02
Not sure/Can't remember	99

[ASK ALL WHO SAID YES, CODE 1 AT QA6]

H2. Which of the following electoral services were you aware of before today?

[READ OUT]

[ROTATE CODES A-D]		M/R
A.	Translation and interpretation service by phone	01
B.	Online translation and interpretation service	02
C.	Online multilingual instructions guide	03
D.	Multilingual instructions guide at the polling venue	04
E.	None	09
F.	Don't know/can't remember	99

[ASK ALL WHO SAID YES, CODE 1 AT QA6]

H3. For this election, which of the following services did you use, if any?

[READ OUT]

[ROTATE CODES A-D]		M/R
A.	Translation and interpretation service by phone	01
B.	Online translation and interpretation service	02
C.	Online multilingual instructions guide	03
D.	Multilingual instructions guide at the polling venue	04
E.	None	09
F.	Don't know/can't remember	99

[ASKFOR EACH SERVICE USED AT QH3 CODES 1-4]

H4. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory, please rate how satisfied you were overall with:

	Very unsatisfactory				Very satisfactory	VISUALLY IMPAIRED [ASK ALL WHO SAID YES]
Translation and interpretation service by phone	01	02	03	04	05	
Online translation and interpretation service	01	02	03	04	05	
Online multilingual instructions guide	01	02	03	04	05	
Multilingual instructions guide at the polling venue	01	02	03	04	05	

D YES, CODE 1 AT QA8; OTHERS GO TO QH8]

H5: Did you take someone with you to help you at the polling station or ask someone to help you with a postal vote or Braille ballot papers and voting?

[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
Yes	01
No	02
Not sure/Can't remember	09

[ASK ALL WHO SAID YES, CODE 1 AT QA8]

H6. For this election, which of the following services did you use, if any?
 [READ OUT]

[ROTATE CODES A-H]	[READ OUT]	M/R
A	Information on Braille voting	01
B	The Luminance contrast design on election furniture, such as ballot box	02
C	Hand held magnifiers	03
D	Maxi pencils	04
E	Size and readability of voting instructions	05
F	Braille voting instructions and ballot papers	06
G	None	09
H	Don't know/can't remember	99

[ASK ALL WHO SAID YES, CODE1 AT QA8]

H7. [ASKFOR EACH SERVICE USED AT QH6 CODES 1-6]

On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory, please rate:

: ROTATE CODES	[READ OUT]	S/R per row					
A	Information on Braille voting	01	02	03	04	05	99
B	The Luminance contrast design on election furniture, such as ballot box	01	02	03	04	05	99
C	Hand held magnifiers	01	02	03	04	05	99
D	Maxi pencils	01	02	03	04	05	99
E	Size and readability of voting instructions	01	02	03	04	05	99
F	Braille voting instructions and ballot papers	01	02	03	04	05	99

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

[ASK ALL WHO SAID YES, CODE 3 AT QA8;OTHERS GO TO QI1]

H8: Did you take someone with you to help you at the polling station or ask someone to help you with a postal vote to understand instructions?

[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
Yes	01
No	02
Not sure/Can't remember	09

H9. Did you check the accessibility of the polling place in any way?

[DO NOT ROTATE]	S/R
Yes	01
No	02

[ASK ALL WHO SAID YES, CODE 3 AT QA8]

H10. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very unsatisfactory and 5 being very satisfactory, please rate how satisfied you were overall with:

	[READ OUT]	S/R per row					
A	Information on the accessibility of the polling place	01	02	03	04	05	99
B	Information on wheelchair access	01	02	03	04	05	99
C	Wheelchair accessibility screen	01	02	03	04	05	99
D	Actual wheelchair access on the day	01	02	03	04	05	99

Section I - Demographics

[ASK ALL]

I1. Which of the following age brackets do you fall into? [DO NOT READ OUT]

	S/R
18	01
19-20	02
21-24	03
25-34	04
35-44	05
45-54	06
55-64	07
65-74	08
75-84	09
85-94	10
95+	11
Don't know/can't remember	98
Refused	99

I2. Record gender

	[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R
	Male	01
	Female	02

[ASK ALL]

I3. What is the main language spoken in your household?

	[DO NOT READ OUT]	S/R
	English	01
	Italian	02
	Spanish	03
	Chinese/Mandarin/Cantonese	04
	Arabic	05
	Portuguese	06

	Greek	07
	German	08
	Vietnamese	09
	Philippine /Tagalog	10
	Maltese/ Turkish	11
	Other (specify)	98
	Refused	99

Thank you very much for your time today.

Thank you very much for your time. As part of our quality control process a supervisor may need to check some of my work. 10% of all our work is checked in this way. If it is okay with you, could I please just have your first name and permission to call back in case my supervisor needs to re-contact you to check my work?

_____	RECORD NAME	01
	REFUSED TO BE VALIDATED	02

I certify that this is a true, accurate and complete interview, conducted in accordance with the ICC/ESOMAR code of ethics and the IQCA, and I will not disclose to any other person the content of this questionnaire or any other information relating to this project.

INTERVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

INTERVIEWER NO: _____

TEL NO: _____

APPENDIX B: SAMPLE PROFILE

Figure 44 - Sample Achieved

sample profile
actual sample achieved

		n= 1720	%				
Gender	Male	849	49	Age	18	24	1
	Female	871	51		19-20	88	5
Language spoken at home	English	1555	90	21-24	118	7	
	Chinese/Mandarin/Cantonese	48	3	25-34	285	17	
	Hindi	25	2	35-44	251	15	
	Arabic	15	1	45-54	361	21	
	Spanish	9	1	55-64	283	16	
	Maltese/ Turkish	6	0	65-74	170	10	
	Russian	6	0	75-84	88	5	
	Vietnamese	6	0	85-94	38	2	
	Greek	6	0	95+	1	0	
	Serbian	4	0	Don't know/can't remember	1	0	
	Macedonian	4	0	Refused	6	0	
	Philippine/Tagalog	4	0				
	Croatian	5	0				
	Other	25	2				
	Refused	4	0				

sample profile

actual sample achieved

		n= 1720	%
ROC	Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC)	84	5
	Central NSW Councils (CENTROC)	56	3
	Hunter Councils Inc	63	4
	Macarthur Regional Organisation of Councils (MACROC)	70	4
	Mid North Coast Group of Councils	56	3
	Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils (NamoiROC)	24	1
	New England Local Government Group	25	1
	Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC)	80	5
	Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)	156	9
	Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)	28	2
	Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)	35	2
	Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC)	44	3
	Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)	73	4
	South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC)	42	2
	Southern Councils Group	141	8
	Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)	165	10
	Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc	170	10
	Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC)	387	23
	Other	21	1

APPENDIX C: DEFINITION OF ROCS

New South Wales has 17 Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs) which are voluntary groupings of councils in Australia. ROCs usually involve collaborative partnerships between neighbouring councils in a particular region or area. ROCs form natural clusters of council areas for analysis purposes.

The table below shows which councils belong to which ROCs.

Regional Councils membership

Red bold underlined = Councils providing their own electoral services

Green text = Councils in more than 1 ROC

Note: Botany Bay and Sutherland are in more than 1 ROC and provided their own electoral services

Table – Councils and their respective ROCs

Regional councils						
1. Central Coast Organisation of Councils (CCROC) [2]	Regional	Gosford Wyong				
2. Central NSW Councils (CENTROC) [16]		Bathurst Blayney, Boorowa, Cabonne, Central Tbls Cnty,	Forbes, Harden, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon,	Cowra, Orange, Parkes, Weddin, Wellington,		Young
3. Hunter Councils Group [11]		<u>Cessnock</u> , Dungog, Gloucester, Great Lakes, <u>Lake Macquarie</u> ,	<u>Maitland</u> , Muswellbrook, <u>Newcastle</u> , <u>Port Stephens</u> , Singleton,	Upper Hunter		
4. Macarthur Organisation of Councils (MACROC) [3]	Regional	Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly				
5. Mid North Coast Group of Councils [9]		Bellingen, <u>Coffs Harbour</u> , Gloucester, Great Lakes, Greater Taree,	<u>Kempsey</u> , Nambucca, Port Macquarie Hastings			
6. Namoi Regional Organisation of Councils (NamoiROC) [5]		<u>Gunnedah</u> , Liverpool Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth		Walcha		
7. New England Government Group [11]	Local	Armidale Dumaresq, Glen Innes Severn,	Inverell, New England TablelandsCty, Tenterfield,	Walcha		

		Guyra,	Uralla,	
8. Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils (NOROC) [10]		Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore,	Richmond River County, Richmond Valley, Rous Water,	Tweed
9. Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) [7]		Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney,	Ryde, Willoughby	
10. Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) [11]		Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble,	Dubbo, Gilgandra, Narromine, Walgett, Warren,	Warrumbungle
11. Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) [13]		Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Goldenfields Water County, Gundagai,	Junee, Lockhart, Riverina Water County, Temora, Tumbarumba,	Tumut, Urana, Wagga Wagga
12. Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC) [16]		Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Carrathool, Conargo	Corowa, Deniliquin, Greater Hume, Griffith, Hay	Jerilderie, Leeton, Murray, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera,
13. Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC) [4]		Manly, Mosman, Pittwater, Warringah		
14. South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC) [13]		Bombala, Boorowa, Cooma-Monaro (old), Eurobodalla, Goulburn	Mulwaree, Harden, Palerang, Queanbeyan (old), Snowy River,	Upper Lachlan, Yass Valley, Young
15. Southern Councils Group [7]		Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven,	Wingecarribee, Wollongong	
16. Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) [15]		Ashfield, Botany Bay, Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury,	Hurstville, Kogarah, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Randwick,	Rockdale, Sutherland, Sydney, Waverley, Woollahra
17. Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc [15]		Botany Bay, Hornsby, Leichhardt, Manly,	North Sydney, Pittwater, Randwick, Rockdale,	Sydney, Warringah, Waverley, Willoughby,

	Mosman,	Sutherland,	Woollahra
18. Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) [11]	Auburn, Bankstown, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Fairfield,	Hawkesbury, Hills, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta,	Penrith

For the 10 duplicate councils (that belong to more than 1 ROC), we allocated them to a ROC based on which quotas were least filled. The end result was:

Council	ROC allocated
Leichhardt	Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc
Manly	Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)
Mosman	Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)
North Sydney	Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc
Pittwater	Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)
Randwick	Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)
Rockdale	Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc
Waverley	Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)
Warringah	Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc
Woollahra	Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Research Context

The NSW Electoral Commission introduced a number of electoral initiatives at the Sydney Town Hall Polling Place for the Local Government Elections, held on Saturday 8th September 2012. These initiatives relate to the administration of electoral services; electronic self mark-off, and the ability for electors to vote away from their council area. The aim of this project is to test elector satisfaction with these initiatives.

1.2 Methodology

Face-to-face interviewing was conducted at Sydney Town Hall on Local Government Election day. Interviewing was undertaken using a questionnaire designed in close consultation by Ipsos Social Research Institute and the NSWEC. It utilised trend questions from the previous study undertaken at the Sydney Town Hall, and was supplemented by new questions to address the current initiatives.

Interviewers were present throughout the polling place opening hours, from 8am-6pm. The survey instrument was executed using iPads, and a total sample of n=180 was achieved.

1.3 Key Findings

Satisfaction of electors with new innovations in administration

- There was a high satisfaction with the new voting processes introduced at Sydney Town Hall and a corresponding high degree of satisfaction with the ease of voting (both 93%). In comparison to the traditional process of marking voters off the roll, 88% thought the computerised process was better and an even higher proportion (95%) were satisfied with using the printed docket to collect their ballot papers. Overall, 89% supported using the new process in other polling places.

Why electors chose to vote at Sydney Town Hall

- This research indicates high utilisation of Sydney Town Hall Polling Place by people outside the Sydney Council area. A third (33%) of surveyed electors said they chose to vote at Sydney Town Hall because they were outside their local council area. However, the most common reason for choosing to vote at Sydney Town Hall was convenience to the elector's home, cited by 39%.

Electors overall satisfaction with the services provided

- Ratings of the NSW Electoral Commission provision of electoral services at Sydney Town Hall were high, with almost nine in ten (89%) agreeing that the NSWEC conducts the Local Government Election fairly and impartially. This result was not significantly different from that recorded at Sydney Town Hall during the 2011 State Election (93% agreeing).
- However, satisfaction with two aspects of voting at Sydney Town Hall decreased when compared to the 2011 State Election. While 86% of surveyed electors were satisfied or very satisfied with voting at Sydney Town Hall during the 2012 Local Government Election, this is a significant decrease when compared to the result for 2011 State Election (97% satisfied or very satisfied).
- Satisfaction with the time taken to vote also decreased significantly, with 79% either satisfied or very satisfied with the time taken to vote during the 2012 Local Government Election, compared to 97% during the 2011 State Election.
- These lower levels of satisfaction are consistent with the high waiting times recorded at the Local Government Election, where almost two in five (38%) electors waited for over 20 minutes to vote.

This section outlines the background to the project, and specifies our understanding of the research objectives

2. RESEARCH CONTEXT

2.1 Background

The New South Wales Electoral Commission (NSWEC) is an independent statutory authority established under the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* and is responsible for:

- Registration of political parties;
- Enrolment of electors;
- Electoral rolls; and
- Conduct of elections.

The main functions of the NSWEC are to:

- Conduct elections and by-elections for the State of NSW, local government councils and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council;
- Conduct statutory elections for registered clubs, statutory bodies and state registered industrial organisations;
- Manage the Commonwealth electoral roll with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC);
- Provide administrative support to the Election Funding Authority;
- Research electoral issues; and
- Advise the Premier, who in the current Parliament is the Minister responsible for matters relating to the administration of enrolment and elections in NSW.

The NSWEC's vision is to *'administer an impartial and fair electoral system and ensure that opportunities for the community to participate in the NSW electoral system are based on principles of equity and access'*. Its stated mission is *'to deliver high quality election services which are impartial, effective, efficient and in accordance with the law'*. The values of integrity, impartiality, transparency, respect for others, a learning culture and professionalism underpin its behaviour, decisions and standards across services and how performance is assessed.

The NSWEC serves a broad range of stakeholders including:

- The people and electors of NSW;
- The Parliament of NSW;
- Local councils;
- The NSW Aboriginal Land Council;
- Election candidates and participants;
- Registered political parties;
- Industrial organisations, registered clubs and statutory bodies;
- The Election Funding Authority; and
- The media.

In response to a number of challenges that have been identified by NSWEC, it has attempted to meet the need of stakeholders through the introduction of a number of initiatives. These include electronic mark off of voters from the electoral roll and the abilities for electors to vote 'out of area', that is, at polling places that do not fall within their local government area.

2.2 Research objectives

Overall, the aim of this project is to test elector satisfaction with the services provided at the Sydney Town Hall polling place during the recent Local Government Elections, held on Saturday the 8th September.

Specifically this research aimed to establish an understanding of:

- The Satisfaction of electors with two new innovations in administration:
 - a. Electronic self-mark off

b. Allowing electors away from their council area to vote

- Why electors chose to vote at Sydney Town Hall; and
- Electors' overall satisfaction with the services provided.

The methodology used to address these objectives is detailed in the following section.

In this section, details of the methodology of the research program

3. RESEARCH DESIGN

3.1 Conduct of research

In order to achieve the project objectives, a quantitative methodology was required.

A face-to-face methodology was used at Sydney Town Hall to gather feedback from electors on services being trialled. The initiatives being trialled were electronic roll marking, 'print on demand' ballot papers, and the ability to vote 'out of area'.

A questionnaire was designed by the Ipsos Social Research Institute in close consultation with NSWEC, trending core questions from the previous 2011 study and designing new questions to current initiatives. Ipsos SRI and NSWEC liaised with operations staff from Sydney Town Hall to discuss the entry/exit points suitable for interviewing, and reviewed the previous experience of interviewing there. These discussions informed the decision on where to locate the interviewers for this project.

Interviewing at Sydney Town Hall was undertaken consistently between 8am and 6pm on polling day, Saturday 8th September 2012. The interviewers used iPads to conduct the interviews. All interviewing and data entry was undertaken by I-View.

3.2 Sample size and composition

The aim of the face-to-face survey was to conduct as many interviews with voters as possible during the interviewing period. A total of n=180 was achieved.

As outlined below in Table 1 and Table 2, survey respondents were most commonly aged between 25 and 34 (31%), and were slightly more likely to be male than female (56% male, 44% female).

Table 1: Age

	%	n
18 – 20	10%	18
21 – 24	15%	27
25 – 34	31%	55
35 – 44	11%	20
45 - 54	13%	23
55 - 64	12%	21
65 - 74	6%	10
75+	2%	4
Prefer not to say	1%	2

Base n=180, total sample.

Table 2: Gender

	%	n
Male	56%	101
Female	44%	79

Base n=180, total sample.

Almost a quarter (23%) of survey respondents spoke a language other than English in their home as Table 3 shows, below. Of those who did speak another language at home, the top four languages spoken were Mandarin (21%), Cantonese (18%), Hindi (13%) and Spanish (11%), Table 4 overleaf.

Table 3: Whether speak a language other than English at home

	%	n
Yes	23%	41
No	77%	139

Base n=180, total sample.

Table 4: Other languages spoken

	%	n
Mandarin	21%	8
Cantonese	18%	7
Hindi	13%	5
Spanish	11%	4
French	8%	3
Indonesian	5%	2
Italian	5%	2
Thai	5%	2

Base n=41, those who spoke a language other than English in their home.

As detailed below in Table 5, almost two thirds of the survey sample lived in inner Sydney (64%), while 17% lived in outer Sydney and 18% lived elsewhere in New South Wales. Among those who lived in inner Sydney, almost a two-thirds (65%) lived in the Council of the City of Sydney area (see Table 6). Those who lived in outer Sydney were most likely to live in Parramatta City Council area (13%). While those who lived elsewhere in New South Wales and voted at Sydney Town Hall most commonly lived in the Blue Mountains City Council area (15%, see Table 8).

Table 5: Where survey participants lived

	%	n
Inner Sydney	64%	116
Outer Sydney	17%	31
Elsewhere in NSW	18%	33

Base n=180, total sample.

Table 6: Local Council of survey participants – Sydney Inner

	%	n
Council of the City of Sydney	65%	75
Leichhardt Municipal Council	5%	6

Base n=116, those who lived in Inner Sydney. Note that only responses of 5% or above have been presented.

Table 7: Local Council of survey participants – Sydney Outer

	%	n
Parramatta City Council	13%	4
Blacktown City Council	10%	3
Campbelltown City Council	10%	3
The Hills Shire Council	10%	3
Holroyd City Council	10%	3
The Council of the Shire of Hornsby	10%	3
Penrith City Council	10%	3
Liverpool City Council	6%	2
Don't know	6%	2

Base n=31, those who lived in Outer Sydney. Note that only responses of 5% or above have been presented.

Table 8: Local Council of survey participants – Elsewhere in NSW

	%	n
Blue Mountains City Council	15%	5
Coffs Harbour City Council	12%	4
Cabonne Council	9%	3
Gosford City Council	9%	3
Lake Macquarie City Council	6%	2
Orange City Council	6%	2
Wagga Wagga City Council	6%	2
Wingecarribee Shire Council	6%	2

Base n=33, those who lived Elsewhere in NSW. Note that only responses of 5% or above have been presented.

Weighting

The data was not weighted. As the exact demographic composition of this sample is not known, it is not possible to compare our sample to the population as a whole to decide whether weighting is necessary.

Details of significance tests applied

Significance testing has been applied to all table and frequencies constructed. In all tests, a 95% confidence interval has been applied. In the tests that follow, each sub group (e.g. males) is compared to the average minus the sub-group in question.

4. RESEARCH FINDINGS

4.1 Ratings of NSWEC at Sydney Town Hall

Almost nine in ten (89%) agreed that the NSW Electoral Commission conducted the Local Government Election fairly and impartially (57% strongly agreeing and 32% agreeing). This result was not significantly different from that recorded at Sydney Town Hall during the 2011 State Election (93% agreeing).

Table 9: Ratings of the NSWEC as fair and impartial

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Strongly agree	57%	64%	52%	44%	60%	58%	66%	59%	54%
Agree	32%	28%	35%	42%	33%	26%	29%	29%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	7%	3%	10%	11%	5%	7%	3%	6%	8%
Disagree	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	7%	0%	4%	0%
Strongly disagree	2%	3%	1%	2%	0%	2%	3%	2%	1%

Base n=180, total sample

Q4. Overall, do you agree or disagree that the NSW Electoral Commission conducts the Local Government Election fairly and impartially?

Younger electors (aged 18-24) were significantly less likely than all other age groups to strongly agree (44% compared to an average of 57%).

4.2 Voter behaviour

The same proportion of surveyed electors indicated that they had previously voted at Sydney Town Hall in a Federal or State Election (28% for both), see Table 10 and Table 11 below.

As Table 10 shows, over a quarter of electors (28%) had voted previously at the Sydney Town Hall in a Federal election. Those who lived in the Sydney Council Area were significantly more likely than others to have voted at Sydney Town Hall in a Federal election before (55% compared to 10% among all others), as were those middle-aged voters (aged 35-54, 42%). Reflecting their reduced opportunity to do so, those aged 18-24 were significantly less likely to have voted at Sydney Town Hall in a Federal election (11%).

Table 10: Prior voting at Sydney Town Hall – Federal

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Yes Voted	28%	55%	10%	11%	22%	42%	40%	31%	25%
No did not vote	71%	45%	90%	89%	76%	58%	60%	68%	75%
Can't remember/ Don't Know	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%

Q18. Not counting today's election, have you voted before at the Sydney Town Hall in a Federal election?
Base n=180, total sample.

Over a quarter (28%) had also voted at Sydney Town Hall in a State Election. Again, these electors were more likely to be local (from the Sydney Council area, 56%) and middle-aged (aged 35-54, 47%).

Table 11: Prior voting at Sydney Town Hall – State

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Yes Voted	28%	56%	9%	9%	22%	47%	37%	34%	22%
No did not vote	71%	44%	90%	91%	76%	53%	63%	65%	78%
Can't remember / DK	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%

Q19. Not counting today's election, have you voted before at the Sydney Town Hall in a State election?
Base n=180, total sample.

As Table 12 details, just over a quarter (27%) had voted before at the Sydney Town Hall in a Local Government election. As expected, those who lived nearby (in the Sydney Council area) were more likely to have voted at Sydney Town Hall previously in a Local Government Election than those from further afield (52% compared to 9%). As expected, there was also a strong correlation between age and likelihood of having previously voted at Sydney Town Hall in a Local Government Election, with those aged 35-54 or 55+ significantly more likely to say 'yes' (40% for both) than those aged 18-24 or 25-34 (9% and 20% respectively).

Table 12: Prior voting at Sydney Town Hall – Local Government

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Yes Voted	27%	52%	9%	9%	20%	40%	40%	31%	22%
No, did not vote	72%	47%	90%	91%	78%	58%	60%	67%	78%
Can't remember / DK	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%

Q20. Not counting today's election, have you voted before at the Sydney Town Hall in a Local government election?

Base n=180, total sample.

The most common reason for choosing to vote at the Sydney Town Hall Polling Place was convenience to home, cited by just under two in five electors (39%).

The second most common reason for choosing to vote at Sydney Town Hall was 'I am outside my own local council area', selected by a third (33%) of electors. This option was significantly more likely to be chosen by younger voters (those who were aged 18-24, 49% compared to an average of 33%), and was more likely to be selected by women than men (43% compared to 25%).

Habit was not a strong influence in the decision to vote at Sydney Town Hall, with only 2% stating that they chose to vote at the polling place because they had always voted there.

Table 13: Reasons for voting at the Sydney Town Hall Polling Place

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Convenient to my home	39%	73%	15%	29%	33%	49%	49%	43%	35%
I am outside my own local council area	33%	7%	51%	49%	27%	28%	29%	25%	43%
Convenient to my workplace	14%	9%	17%	13%	16%	14%	11%	14%	14%
Convenient to leisure activity (gym, shopping etc)	8%	1%	13%	9%	11%	2%	11%	8%	9%
I have always voted here	2%	4%	0%	0%	2%	2%	3%	3%	0%
Easy to get to by public transport	1%	1%	1%	0%	4%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Easy to access by wheelchair	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	8%	7%	9%	4%	11%	7%	9%	10%	5%

Q15. Why did you choose to vote at the Sydney Town Hall Polling Place?

Base n=180, total sample.

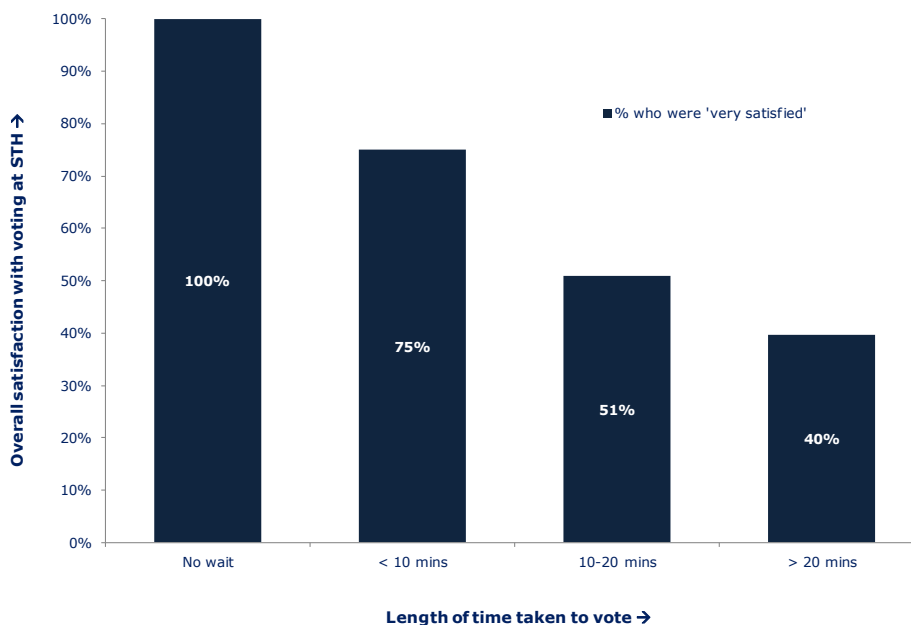
4.3 Ratings of STH

Overall, 86% of surveyed electors were satisfied with voting at Sydney Town Hall, and over half (56%) were very satisfied. The proportion of electors at Sydney Town Hall who were satisfied was significantly lower in 2012, compared to the 2011 State Election, where the vast majority (97%) were either satisfied or very satisfied.

In 2012, those aged 25-34 were significantly more likely than all other age groups to be 'neither satisfied nor dissatisfied' (13%), while those aged 35-54 were significantly more likely to be 'fairly dissatisfied' (12%).

There was also a strong correlation between levels of satisfaction with voting at Sydney Town Hall overall and length of time taken to vote. This is particularly true when we look at those who said they were 'very satisfied'. Among those who didn't have to wait at all, 100% were 'very satisfied' with voting. Among those who waited for less than 5 up to 10 minutes, 75% were 'very satisfied', while 51% of those who waited for 10-20 minutes were 'very satisfied'. Among those who waited for over 20 minutes, 40% were 'very satisfied'.

Figure 1: Overall satisfaction with voting by time taken to vote



Q5. Taking everything into account, from the moment you arrived at Sydney Town Hall today, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with voting at Sydney Town Hall today?

Q14. How long did it take you to vote – thinking about the total time taken from arriving at Sydney Town Hall to casting your vote in the ballot box?

Base n=180, total sample.

However, only 15% of those who waited for over 20 minutes and 8% of those who waited for 10-20 minutes were dissatisfied, and no electors who waited for 10 minutes or less were dissatisfied.

Table 14: Overall satisfaction with voting at Sydney Town Hall

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Very satisfied	56%	52%	58%	60%	53%	53%	54%	56%	54%
Fairly satisfied	31%	35%	28%	33%	31%	23%	37%	30%	32%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	6%	7%	6%	2%	13%	5%	3%	6%	6%
Fairly dissatisfied	4%	4%	4%	2%	0%	12%	3%	3%	5%
Very dissatisfied	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	7%	3%	5%	3%

Q5. Taking everything into account, from the moment you arrived at Sydney Town Hall today, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with voting at Sydney Town Hall today?

Base n=180, total sample.

As Table 15 outlines, below, the most common waiting time was over 20 minutes (38%). Those who lived in the Sydney Council area were more likely than those who lived elsewhere to have waited less than five minutes (21% compared to 10%).

Table 15: Time taken to vote

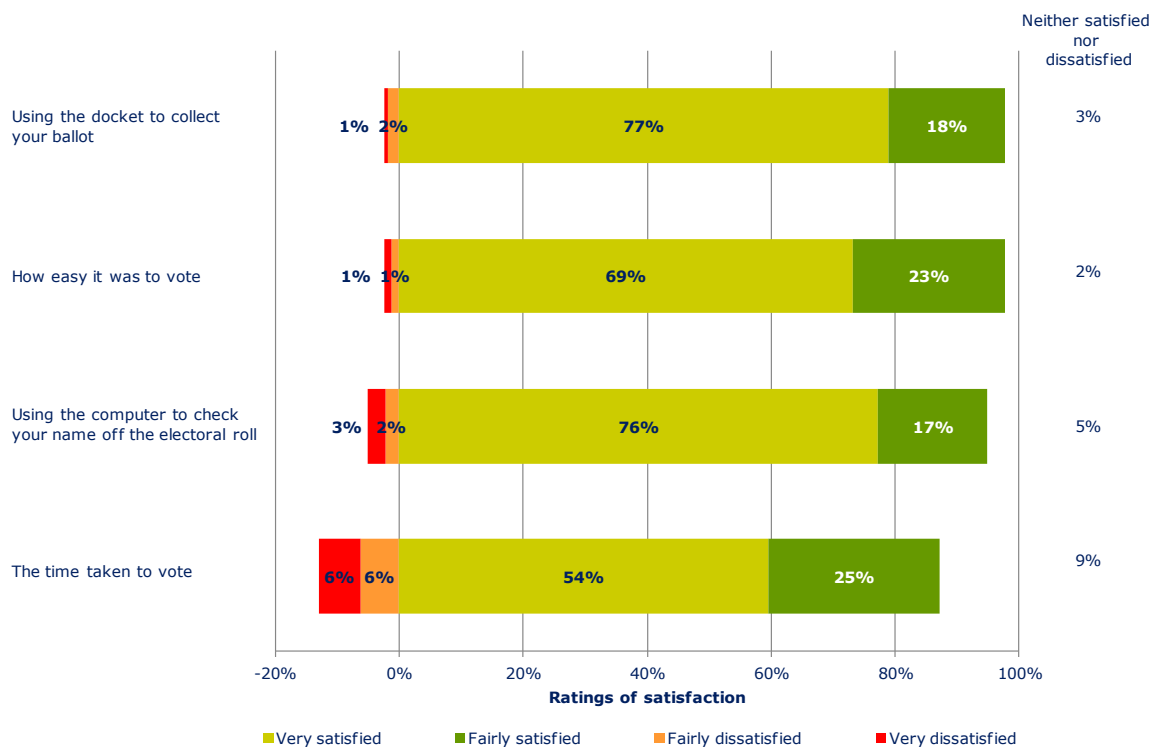
	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
I didn't have to wait	3%	1%	4%	4%	2%	5%	0%	5%	0%
Less than 5 minutes	15%	21%	10%	16%	20%	9%	14%	17%	13%
Between 5 - 10 minutes	16%	13%	18%	16%	7%	21%	23%	15%	18%
Between 10 - 15 minutes	12%	11%	12%	13%	7%	12%	17%	9%	15%
Between 15 - 20 minutes	17%	21%	13%	16%	22%	12%	17%	15%	19%
Over 20 minutes	38%	32%	42%	36%	42%	42%	29%	40%	35%

Q14. How long did it take you to vote – thinking about the total time taken from arriving at Sydney Town Hall to casting your vote in the ballot box?

Base n=180, total sample.

Generally, satisfaction was high across all of the aspects of electoral services tested, giving a strong positive endorsement to the new initiatives. Satisfaction was highest with using the docket to collect ballot papers (95% 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied'), and lowest with the time taken to vote (79% 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied').

Figure 2: Satisfaction with specific elements of the day



Q6-9. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you today with ...?

Base n=180, total sample.

Overall, 79% were satisfied with the time taken to vote (54% 'very satisfied', 25% 'fairly satisfied'), as Table 16 shows below. Satisfaction with the time taken to vote was significantly lower than that recorded in the 2011 State Election where the vast majority (97%) were either satisfied or very satisfied.

In 2012, men were more likely to be 'fairly dissatisfied' than women (9% compared to 1%). Unsurprisingly, there was a strong correlation between time taken to vote and satisfaction with time taken to vote. All (100%) of those who did not wait at all or waited less than 10 minutes were satisfied (either 'very' or 'fairly'), while 84% of those who waited from 10-20 minutes and only 56% of those who waited for over 20 minutes were satisfied with the time taken to vote.

Table 16: Satisfaction with the time taken to vote

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Very satisfied	54%	59%	50%	60%	53%	51%	51%	50%	59%
Fairly satisfied	25%	19%	30%	24%	18%	30%	29%	23%	28%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	9%	9%	9%	7%	16%	7%	3%	12%	5%
Fairly dissatisfied	6%	9%	3%	2%	5%	5%	11%	9%	1%
Very dissatisfied	6%	4%	8%	4%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

Q9 How satisfied or dissatisfied were you today with the time taken to vote?

Base n=180, total sample.

The vast majority of electors (93%) were satisfied with the ease of voting (69% 'very satisfied', 23% 'fairly satisfied'), with men slightly less positive than women.

Table 17: Satisfaction with ease of voting

	Total	Council		Age				Gender	
		Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Very satisfied	69%	69%	70%	73%	69%	65%	71%	65%	75%
Fairly satisfied	23%	20%	26%	24%	22%	23%	23%	23%	24%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	5%	8%	3%	0%	5%	9%	6%	9%	0%
Fairly dissatisfied	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Very dissatisfied	1%	3%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%

Q6 How satisfied or dissatisfied were you today with how easy it was to vote?

Base n=180, total sample.

As outlined below in Table 18, satisfaction with using the computer to check name of the electoral roll was high, with 93% stating that they were 'very satisfied' (76%) or 'fairly satisfied' (17%). Reflecting likely greater familiarity with using information technology, there was a correlation between high satisfaction with the computer-based system and age. Almost nine in ten (87%) younger voters (aged 18-24) were 'very satisfied', compared to 57% of those aged 55 and over.

Among the nine surveyed electors who were dissatisfied with using the computer to check their name off the roll, the most common reasons for this were security or privacy concerns, followed by the system being difficult to use or not user friendly.

Table 18: Satisfaction with using the computer to check name off the electoral roll

	Council			Age				Gender	
	Total	Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Very satisfied	76%	73%	77%	87%	82%	72%	57%	72%	80%
Fairly satisfied	17%	15%	19%	11%	16%	16%	29%	20%	14%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2%	5%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	1%	4%
Fairly dissatisfied	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%
Very dissatisfied	3%	5%	1%	0%	0%	7%	6%	4%	1%

Q7 How satisfied or dissatisfied were you today with using the computer to check your name off the electoral roll?

Base n=180, total sample.

Rates of satisfaction with using the docket to collect the ballot paper were very high, with 95% saying they were 'very' (77%) or 'fairly' (18%) satisfied, as Table 19 details below. Findings were relatively consistent by Council area, age or gender.

Table 19: Satisfaction with using the docket to collect the ballot paper

	Council			Age				Gender	
	Total	Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Very satisfied	77%	73%	79%	84%	76%	74%	69%	73%	81%
Fairly satisfied	18%	20%	17%	13%	18%	21%	23%	20%	16%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Fairly dissatisfied	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	2%	6%	3%	0%
Very dissatisfied	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%

Table 19 Q7 How satisfied or dissatisfied were you today with using the docket to collect your ballot paper?

Base n=180, total sample.

Reasons for dissatisfaction among the four surveyed electors who were dissatisfied with using the docket to collect a ballot paper included security or privacy concerns, finding the system difficult to use, wanting the whole system to be computerised, or preferring to be given the ballot paper by a person.

The change in process used at these Local Government elections was effectively endorsed by the voters. As shown below in Table 20, a large majority (88%) of surveyed electors thought that the process used at Sydney Town Hall on the 8th September (where electors used the computer to check their name off the electoral roll, and then took the docket to an Election Official to collect their ballot paper) was better than the previous process (where electors went to a table where an electoral official marked their name off a paper copy of the electoral roll by

pen). Only 2% thought this new process was worse than the previous process. Findings were relatively consistent across council area, age and gender.

Table 20: New process compared to previous process

	Council			Age				Gender	
	Total	Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Male	Female
Better	88%	91%	86%	89%	95%	84%	80%	88%	87%
Worse	6%	7%	6%	2%	4%	9%	11%	7%	5%
No difference	4%	1%	7%	7%	2%	5%	6%	4%	5%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	3%

Q12. Do you think the process today was better or worse than the previous process?

Base n=180, total sample.

Given this positive evaluation, a similarly high proportion (89%) support the use of this new process at other polling places, as Table 21 outlines below. Almost nine in ten (89%); only 7% disagreed. Disagreement was higher among those aged 35-54 than all other age groups.

Table 21: Support for using the new process in other polling places.

	Council			Age				Gender	
	Total	Sydney Council Area	Other	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55 +	Male	Female
Yes, should be used in other polling places	89%	93%	86%	89%	95%	81%	89%	88%	90%
No, should not be used in other polling places	7%	4%	9%	2%	4%	14%	9%	6%	8%
Don't know	4%	3%	6%	9%	2%	5%	3%	6%	3%

Q13. From your experience today, do you think this system should be used in other polling places, or not?

Base n=180, total sample.

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APPENDIX A – SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

2012 Survey of Electors Sydney Town Hall – FINAL 27/08/12

Q1. INTERVIEWER: RECORD START TIME OF INTERVIEW. SINGLE CODE ONLY.

1	8:00-8:29 am	12	1:30-1:59 pm
2	8:30-8:59 am	13	2:00-2:29 pm
3	9:00-9:29 am	14	2:30-2:59 pm
4	9:30-9:59 am	15	3:00-3:29 pm
5	10:00-10:29 am	16	3:30-3:59 pm
6	10:30-10:59 am	17	4:00-4:29 pm
7	11:00-11:29 am	18	4:30-4:59 pm
8	11:30-11:59 am	19	5:00-5:29 pm
9	12:00-12:29 pm	20	5:30-5:59 pm
10	12:30-12:59 pm	21	After 6:00 pm
11	1:00-1:29 pm		

We are undertaking a short survey to help the NSW Electoral Commission to provide you with better electoral services. Please can you spare a few minutes? All responses are anonymous and confidential.

SECTION A: VOTE SCREENING

Q2. Have you cast a vote today? SINGLE CODE ONLY.

Yes..... 1 GO TO Q3a

No..... 2 THANK AND CLOSE

Q3a. Do you live in Inner Sydney, Outer Sydney or elsewhere in New South Wales?
SINGLE CODE ONLY.

Inner Sydney..... 1 GO TO Q3b

Outer Sydney 2 GO TO Q3c

Elsewhere in NSW 3 GO TO Q3d

ASK IF CODE 1, INNER SYDNEY, AT Q3a

Q3b. **Which is your local Council?** SHOWCARD A. SINGLE CODE ONLY.

Sydney Inner:

Ashfield Council	1
The Council of the City of Botany Bay	2
Burwood Council	3
City of Canada Bay Council	4
Canterbury City Council	5
Council of the City of Sydney	6
The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill	7
Hurstville City Council	8
Kogarah City Council	9
Lane Cove Municipal Council	10
Leichhardt Municipal Council	11
Manly Council	12
Marrickville Council	13
Mosman Municipal Council	14
North Sydney Council	15
Randwick City Council	16
Rockdale City Council	17
Strathfield Municipal Council	18
Waverley Council	19
Willoughby City Council	20
Woollahra Municipal Council	21
Don't know	22

ASK IF CODE 2, OUTER SYDNEY, AT Q3a

Q3c. **Which is your local Council?** SHOWCARD B. SINGLE CODE ONLY.

Sydney Outer:

Auburn City Council	1
Bankstown City Council	2
Blacktown City Council	3
Camden Council	4
Campbelltown City Council	5
Fairfield City Council	6
The Hills Shire Council	7
Holroyd City Council	8
The Council of the Shire of Hornsby	9
Ku-ring-gai Council	10
Liverpool City Council	11
Parramatta City Council	12
Penrith City Council	13
Pittwater Council	14
Ryde City Council	15
Sutherland Shire Council	16
Warringah Council	17
Don't know	18

ASK IF CODE 3, ELSEWHERE IN NSW, AT Q3a

Q3d. **Which is your local Council?** SHOWCARD C. SINGLE CODE ONLY.

Other NSW:

Albury City Council	1
Armidale Dumaresq Council	2
Ballina Shire Council	3
Balranald Shire Council	4
Bathurst Regional Council	5
Bega Valley Shire Council	6
Bellingen Shire Council	7
Berrigan Shire Council	8

Bland Shire Council	9
Blayney Shire Council	10
Blue Mountains City Council	11
Bogan Shire Council	12
Bombala Council	13
Boorowa Council	14
Bourke Shire Council	15
Brewarrina Shire Council	16
Broken Hill City Council	17
Byron Shire Council	18
Cabonne Council	19
Carrathool Shire Council	20
Central Darling Shire Council	21
Cessnock City Council	22
Clarence Valley Council	23
Cobar Shire Council	24
Coffs Harbour City Council	25
Conargo Shire Council	26
Coolamon Shire Council	27
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	28
Coonamble Shire Council	29
Cootamundra Shire Council	30
Corowa Shire Council	31
Cowra Shire Council	32
Deniliquin Council	33
Dubbo City Council	34
Dungog Shire Council	35
Eurobodalla Shire Council	36
Forbes Shire Council	37
Gilgandra Shire Council	38
Glen Innes Severn Council	39
Gloucester Shire Council	40
Gosford City Council	41
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	42
Great Lakes Council	43
Greater Hume Shire Council	44
Greater Taree City Council	45

Griffith City Council	46
Gundagai Shire Council	47
Gunnedah Shire Council	48
Guyra Shire Council	49
Gwydir Shire Council	50
Harden Shire Council	51
Hawkesbury City Council	52
Hay Shire Council	53
Inverell Shire Council	54
Jerilderie Shire Council	55
Junee Shire Council	56
Kempsey Shire Council	57
The Council of the Municipality of Kiama	58
Kyogle Council	59
Lachlan Shire Council	60
Lake Macquarie City Council	61
Leeton Shire Council	62
Lismore City Council	63
City of Lithgow Council	64
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	65
Lockhart Shire Council	66
Maitland City Council	67
Mid-Western Regional Council	68
Moree Plains Shire Council	69
Murray Shire Council	70
Murrumbidgee Shire Council	71
Muswellbrook Shire Council	72
Nambucca Shire Council	73
Narrabri Shire Council	74
Narrandera Shire Council	75
Narromine Shire Council	76
Newcastle City Council	77
Oberon Council	78
Orange City Council	79
Palerang Council	80
Parkes Shire Council	81
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	82

Port Stephens Council	83
Queanbeyan City Council	84
Richmond Valley Council	85
Shellharbour City Council	86
Shoalhaven City Council	87
Singleton Council	88
Snowy River Shire Council	89
Tamworth Regional Council	90
Temora Shire Council	91
Tenterfield Shire Council	92
Tumbarumba Shire Council	93
Tumut Shire Council	94
Tweed Shire Council	95
Upper Hunter Shire Council	96
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	97
Uralla Shire Council	98
Urana Shire Council	99
Wagga Wagga City Council	100
The Council of the Shire of Wakool	101
Walcha Council	102
Walgett Shire Council	103
Warren Shire Council	104
Warrumbungle Shire Council	105
Weddin Shire Council	106
Wellington Council	107
Wentworth Shire Council	108
Wingecarribee Shire Council	109
Wollondilly Shire Council	110
Wollongong City Council	111
Wyong Shire Council	112
Yass Valley Council	113
Young Shire Council	114
Other (WRITE IN)	115
Don't know/can't remember	116

SECTION B: VIEWS OF NSWEC

ASK ALL

Q4. SHOWCARD D (R) **Overall, do you agree or disagree that the NSW Electoral Commission conducts the Local Government Election fairly and impartially?** SINGLE CODE ONLY.

- Strongly agree 1
- Agree 2
- Neither agree nor disagree 3
- Disagree 4
- Strongly disagree 5
- Don't know (DO NOT READ OUT) 6

SECTION C: VOTING EXPERIENCE

Q5. SHOWCARD E (R) **Taking everything into account, from the moment you arrived at Sydney Town Hall today, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with voting at Sydney Town Hall today?** SINGLE CODE ONLY.

- Very satisfied..... 1
- Fairly satisfied 2
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied..... 3
- Fairly dissatisfied 4
- Very dissatisfied..... 5
- Don't know..... 6

Q6-Q9. SHOWCARD E AGAIN (R) **How satisfied or dissatisfied were you today with ...?** READ OUT. TICK START ✓ AND ALTERNATE. SINGLE CODE ONLY.

			Neither			
			satisfied			
Very	Fairly	nor	Fairly	Very		
Satis-	Satis-	dissatis-	dissatis-	dissatis-	Don't	
fied	fied	fied	fied	fied	know	

Q6 **How easy it was to vote** 1 2 3 4 5 6

Q7 **Using the computer to check your name off the electoral roll** 1 2 3 4 5 6

Q8 **Using the docket to collect your ballot paper** 1 2 3 4 5 6

Q9 **The time taken to vote** 1 2 3 4 5 6

IF CODES 4 OR 5 AT Q7 'USING THE COMPUTER TO CHECK YOUR NAME OFF THE ELECTORAL ROLL', ASK Q10

Q10. **You mentioned that you were dissatisfied with using the computer to check your name off the electoral roll. Why do you say that?** PROBE. OPEN-ENDED.

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IF CODES 4 OR 5 AT Q8 'USING THE DOCKET TO COLLECT YOUR BALLOT PAPER', ASK Q11

Q11. You mentioned that you were dissatisfied with using the docket to collect your ballot paper. Why do you say that? PROBE. OPEN-ENDED.

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ASK ALL

Q12. Do you think the process today where you used the computer to check your name off the electoral roll, and then took the docket to an Election Official to collect your ballot paper was better or worse than the previous process - where you went to a table where an electoral official marked your name off a paper copy of the electoral roll by pen? SINGLE CODE ONLY.

- Better..... 1
- Worse..... 2
- No difference..... 3
- Don't know..... 4

Q13. This system of using the computer to check your name off the electoral roll and taking a docket to collect your ballot paper is currently only being tried at Sydney Town Hall.

From your experience today, do you think this system should be used in other polling places, or not? SINGLE CODE ONLY.

- Yes, should be used in other polling places..... 1
- No, should not be used in other polling places 2
- Don't know..... 3

Q14 SHOWCARD F **How long did it take you to vote – thinking about the total time taken from arriving at Sydney Town Hall to casting your vote in the ballot box?** SINGLE CODE ONLY.

- I didn't have to wait 1
- Less than 5 minutes 2
- Between 5-10 minutes..... 3
- Between 10-15 minutes 4
- Between 15-20 minutes 5
- Over 20 minutes 6
- Don't remember..... 7

Q15. **Why did you choose to vote at the Sydney Town Hall Polling Place?** MULTICODE OK.

- Convenient to my home 1
- Convenient to my workplace..... 2
- Convenient to leisure activity (gym, shopping etc) 3
- Easy to get to by public transport..... 4
- I have always voted here 5
- Easy to access by wheelchair 6
- I am outside my own local council area..... 7
- Other (WRITE IN) 8
- Don't know..... 9

DEMOGRAPHICS:

ASK ALL

Finally, I am now going to ask you a few questions to help ensure we are surveying a wide range of people in your area.

Q16. **Are you:** SINGLE CODE ONLY.

Male 1

Female 2

Q17. SHOWCARD G **What is your age group?** SINGLE CODE ONLY.

18-20 1

21-24 2

25-34 3

35-44 4

45-54 5

55-64 6

65-74.....7

75-84 8

85-94 9

95+ 10

Prefer not to say 11

Q18-Q20. **Not counting today's election, have you voted before at the Sydney Town Hall in a ... ?** READ OUT. SINGLE CODE ONLY.

	Yes	No	
	Voted	did not	Can't
		vote	remember/DK
Q18 ... Federal election	1	2.....	3
Q19 ... State election	1	2.....	3
Q20 ... Local government election	1	2.....	3

Q21. **Do you speak any language other than English in your home?** SINGLE CODE ONLY

Yes..... 1 ASK Q22
 No..... 2 THANK & CLOSE

ASK IF CODE 1 AT Q21

Q22. **What other languages are spoken?** MULTICODE OK.

Aboriginal.....	1	Khmer	20
Arabic	2	Lao.....	21
Armenian.....	3	Macedonian	22
Assyrian	4	Mandarin.....	23
Bosnian.....	5	Maltese.....	24
Cantonese	6	Persian	25
Creole.....	7	Polish	26
Croatian	8	Portuguese.....	27
Dinka	9	Russian.....	28
Dutch.....	10	Samoan.....	29
Farsi	11	Serbian.....	30
German.....	12	Spanish	31
Greek	13	Sudanese	32
Hindi.....	14	Tagalog.....	33
Hungarian	15	Thai.....	34
Indonesian	16	Torres Strait Islander.....	35
Italian	17	Turkish	36
Japanese.....	18	Vietnamese	37
Korean	19	Other [PLEASE SPECIFY]	38

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey – your help is appreciated.

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If NO:

In case you missed it earlier, my name is from I-view. If you would like to contact my supervisor to check the validity of this study you can call I-view on: Hand PR card

Thank you very much for your co-operation with our survey. In case my supervisor needs to contact you to check the validity of this interview, could I please ask for your name and phone number?

If YES:

In accordance with the new Privacy Act, once information processing has been completed, please be assured that your name and contact details will be removed from your responses to this survey. After that time we will no longer be able to identify the responses provided by you.

However, for the period that your name and contact details remain with your survey responses, which will be approximately 6 weeks, you will be able to contact us to request that some or all of your information be deleted.

Thank you very much for your co-operation with our survey. In case my supervisor needs to contact you to check the validity of this interview, could I please ask for your name and phone number?

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

POSTCODE: _____

I CERTIFY THAT THIS INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORANCE WITH THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR ICC/ESOMAR AND HAS BEEN CHECKED FOR COMPLETENESS.

INTERVIEWER NAME: _____ **ID#** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

INTERVIEW LENGTH: _____



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