

Cobar Shire Council local government by-election

8 December 2018

Report on the conduct of the election



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Election timetable

Activity	Date
Registration for candidates, third-party campaigners and official agents opened	Thursday, 18 October 2018
Local Government expenditure period commenced	Wednesday, 24 October 2018
Close of rolls*	Monday, 29 October 2018, 6pm
Close of nominations	Wednesday, 7 November 2018, 12noon
Registration of electoral material commenced	Wednesday, 7 November 2018
Close of registration of candidates	Wednesday, 7 November 2018
Pre-poll voting commenced	Monday, 26 November 2018
Registration of electoral material closed	Friday, 30 November 2018, 5pm
Close of registration of third-party campaigners	Friday, 30 November 2018
Postal voting applications closed	Monday, 3 December 2018, 5pm
Declared Institution voting commenced	Monday, 3 December 2018
Pre-poll voting finished	Friday, 7 December 2018, 6pm
Declared Institution voting concluded	Friday, 7 December 2018
Election day	Saturday, 8 December 2018
Local government expenditure period ended	Saturday, 8 December 2018
Return of postal votes closed	Monday, 10 December 2018, 6pm
Distribution of preferences	Tuesday, 11 December 2018
Declaration of the poll	Thursday, 13 December 2018
By-election report published	

* For nomination and roll printing purposes.

Foreword

I am pleased to present the NSW Electoral Commission's report on the conduct of the Cobar Shire Council local government by-election held on Saturday, 8 December 2018, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Greg Martin.

Councillor Kate Winders was declared elected on Thursday, 13 December 2018.

I am grateful to the staff, suppliers and contractors who contributed to the successful conduct of this by-election.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

John Schmidt
Electoral Commissioner

Overview

By-election outcome

The candidate elected at the Cobar Shire Council by-election on Saturday, 8 December 2018 was Kate Winders with 1,059 votes, 45.33 per cent of votes after the distribution of preferences.

Candidates standing for election

Candidate name	Party affiliation
Benny HEWLETT	
Kate WINDERS	Independent
John STINGEMORE	Independent

Cost data

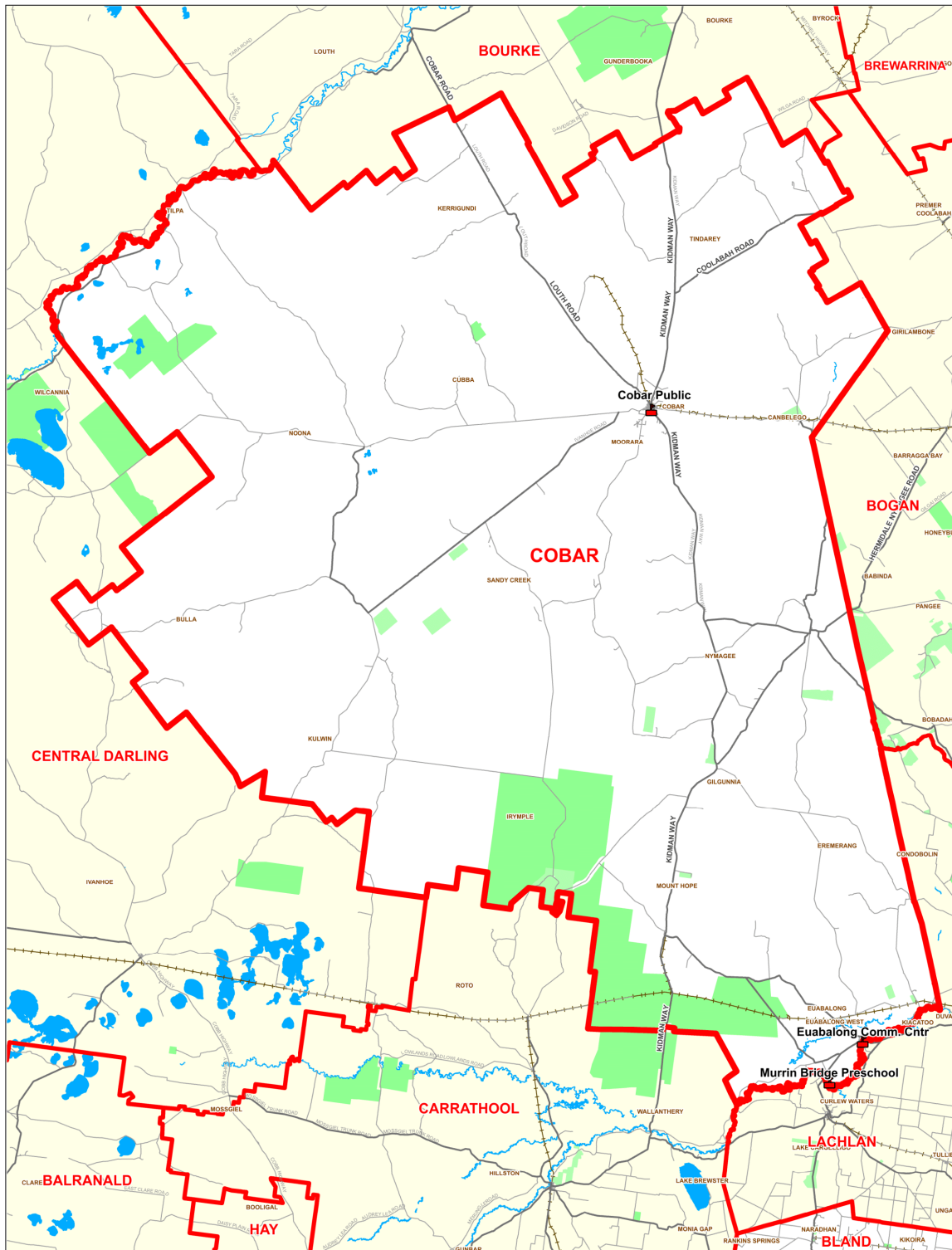
Cost of by-election	\$34,244
Cost per elector	\$10.97

By-election summary

Enrolment	
Total electors	3,116
Voting venues	
Pre-poll venues	1
Polling places	3
Declared Institutions	2
Voter turnout	
Formal votes	2,262
Informal votes	74
Total votes	2,336
Voter turnout rate	74.97%
Formality rate	96.83%
Non-voting penalty notices issued	617 ¹
Penalty notices issued as % of roll	19.80%
Voting options used by electors	
Ordinary	773
Postal	93
Pre-poll	1,413
Declared Institution	14
Enrolment	42
Provisional/Silent	1
Candidates	
Total candidates	3

¹ A penalty notice is withdrawn if an elector provides a valid reason for not voting. At the date of this report the enforcement process for failure-to-vote penalty notices for this by-election had not yet been completed.

Cobar Shire Council



-  Polling Place
-  Local Government Boundary

Cobar Shire Council

By-election - 8 December 2018



Conduct of the election

Background

Cobar Shire Council is an undivided council with 12 councillors. There was one vacancy to be filled for this by-election following the resignation of Councillor Greg Martin.

Performance

The service standards in the Election Service Charter 2017 – 2020 were applied to the Cobar Shire Council by-election. In summary, the NSW Electoral Commission undertakes to:

- foster participation in the democratic process
- provide seamless service delivery
- be customer focussed and commercially minded
- be innovative and fast adaptors.

The Service Charter can be found at Appendix A.

Comparison with 2016 local government elections

Comparative key data for Cobar Shire Council in the 2018 by-election and the 2016 local government elections are shown in the following table.

Voter participation		
	2016 election	2018 by-election
Total electors	3,145	3,116
Formal votes	2,256	2,262
Informal votes	103	74
Total votes	2,359	2,336
Voter turnout	75.01%	74.97%
Informality	4.37%	3.17%
Election officials	22	8
Cost per elector	\$9.45	\$10.97

Communications

Advertising

The 2018 local government by-election advertising campaign for Cobar Shire Council consisted of council-specific statutory advertisements and non-statutory advertising. Non-statutory advertising included information about registering as a third-party campaigner or candidate under the *Election Funding Act 2018* (EF Act).

Election reminder service

People enrolled to vote in New South Wales can sign up to the NSW Electoral Commission's free election reminder service. Subscribers to this service receive an email and/or SMS reminder of any upcoming State and local government elections and by-elections relevant to their enrolled address.

For the Cobar Shire Council by-election, we extended our reminder service to all enrolled voters in the ward who had provided email and/or mobile details as part of their enrolment information (1,113 electors, 35.72 per cent of total electors), in addition to those people who had signed up for the reminder service (51 electors, 1.64 per cent of total electors).

Election reminder service subscribers	Reach of expanded reminder service trial	
	Early reminders sent	Final reminders sent
Email	718	670
Mobile	1,020	1,016
Unique* (*received email or SMS or both)	1,113	1,105
As a percentage of electoral roll (3,116)	35.72%	35.46%

Statutory advertising campaign

Statutory advertisements are required in newspapers by legislation. The NSW Electoral Commission consulted Cobar Shire Council on the placement and frequency of statutory advertisements.

Items covered in the statutory advertisements included:

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

Advertisements were placed according to the following schedule:

Advertisement	Publication name	Publication date
Nominations and enrolment	The Cobar Weekly	Wednesday, 24 October 2018
Notice of election	The Cobar Weekly	Wednesday, 14 November 2018
Declaration of poll	The Cobar Weekly	Wednesday, 19 December 2018

Reproductions of these advertisements, and details of their placement in newspapers, can be viewed at Appendices B to D.

Social media

The NSW Electoral Commission utilised social media to raise awareness of the election, promote voter participation, and communicate the responsibilities of political participants.

There were three Facebook posts and three tweets published for the by-election covering the topics of:

- nominations and registrations
- the announcement of candidates
- pre-poll and postal voting details
- election campaign finance rules.

The Facebook posts and tweets reached a total of 9,245 users.

The top performing tweet and Facebook post are shown below.



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@NSWElectoralCom



If you're enrolled to vote in the [#Cobar](#) local government area, don't forget to vote tomorrow, Sat 8 December between 8am and 6pm. Pre-poll is still open today until 6pm in Cobar. Full details: bit.ly/2Ry8o9A

8:22 AM - 7 Dec 2018



NSW Electoral Commission

17 December 2018 · 🌐



The Returning Officer for the [Cobar Shire Council](#) by-election held 8 December 2018 has declared Kate WINDERS elected as Councillor until the next ordinary election of the Council.

Direct communications with political participants

Direct communications to candidates, third-party campaigners and official agents were made for the by-election using email and letters. The direct communications covered the topics of:

- confirmation of candidate and third-party campaigner registrations
- advice to nominated candidates about the requirements to appoint an official agent
- confirmation of official agent registrations
- advice to official agents about the rules for managing the election campaign finances of candidates and third-party campaigners.

Website

A NSW Electoral Commission website URL was specifically setup for the by-election to provide stakeholders with information on:

- the election timetable
- election employment opportunities
- enrolment requirements and online enrolment confirmation
- methods for voting
- political parties
- nomination and registration of candidates, third-party campaigners and donors
- political donations
- list of nominated candidates
- polling place lookup facility
- election results.

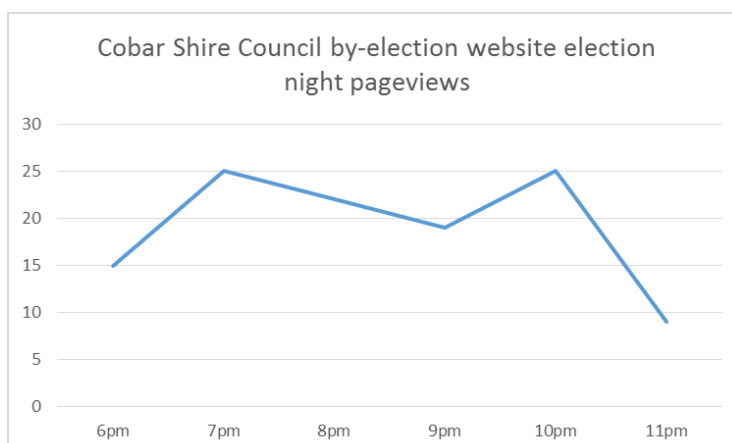
An enrolment search facility on the NSW Electoral Commission website was available to assist electors to verify their enrolment information.

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

Cobar Shire Council provided a link on its website to the NSW Electoral Commission site. The NSW Electoral Commission's Cobar by-election website experienced 1,126 unique page views in the month leading up to the election.

Use of the NSW Electoral Commission's website is typically greatest on election night when users seek information on results. The following graph provides a picture of usage over the period from close of polling to midnight on election night for the by-election. A total of 223 page views were recorded on election day.

Graph 1: Cobar Shire Council by-election – Usage of the NSW Electoral Commission website for poll results, 8 December 2018



Registrations

Registration of candidates closed on Wednesday, 7 November 2018. Registration of third-party campaigners closed on Friday, 30 November 2018.

Eight candidates were registered under the EF Act for the by-election. There were no third-party campaigners registered for the by-election. Following the declaration of the polls, we advised the elected candidate of their obligations under the EF Act as an elected member. The elected member was designated by the NSW Electoral Commission as their own official agent (as an elected member) and has an obligation to disclose on an annual basis (during their term as a councillor) any political donations made or received and electoral expenditure incurred.

Nominations

Nominations closed at noon on Wednesday, 7 November 2018. A total of three nominations were received by close of nominations.

The draw for ballot paper position, held at 2pm on 7 November 2018, was conducted by the returning officer at the returning officer's office.

For a nomination to be accepted by the returning officer, candidates were required to complete a nomination form and a Candidate Information Sheet. Candidates were also required to pay a nomination deposit of \$125 to the returning officer.

The nomination deposit is refunded to candidates if:

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

Rolls

Residential roll

In New South Wales, enrolment and voting are compulsory at all federal, state and local government elections. The New South Wales electoral roll is managed by the NSW Electoral Commission in conjunction with the Australian Electoral Commission.

Legislation provides that for local government elections the electoral roll closes on the 40th day before the day of the election. Any person who was on the roll when it closed at 6pm on Monday, 29 October 2018 was required to vote. Rolls are closed to allow sufficient time to print and distribute the authorised rolls and for nomination purposes. Eligible citizens can enrol and vote on election day.

There were 3,114 electors on the residential electoral roll for Cobar Shire Council. This was a decrease of 29 electors from the number on the roll for the local government elections in September 2016.

Non-residential roll

The non-residential roll is comprised 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. Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, the council's General Manager is responsible for compiling and maintaining the non-residential roll of electors.

There were two electors on the non-residential roll for Cobar Shire Council for the 2018 by-election.

Voting

Method of voting

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

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

For this by-election, optional preferential was the method used. A reproduction of the ballot paper is shown at Appendix E.

Absent voting

Unlike state and federal elections, absent voting is not available at NSW local government elections for electors who are outside their council area or ward on election day.

Early voting

Pre-poll voting

Pre-poll voting opened at 8am on Monday, 26 November 2018 and closed on Friday, 7 December 2018. The pre-poll location was at Cobar returning officer's office, 36 Linsley Street, Cobar NSW 2835.

Postal voting

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

Applications for postal voters opened on nomination day with electors able to obtain applications from the NSW Electoral Commission website, the NSW Electoral Commission head office or the returning officer's office. Applications for postal voting closed on Monday, 3 December 2018.

In order to be admitted to the count, postal votes needed to be received by the returning officer by 6pm on Monday, 10 December 2018. Of 155 postal votes issued, 94 were accepted, 32 were rejected and 32 were not scrutinised because they were either returned too late or not returned at all.

Declared institutions

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

Election officials visited declared institutions from the Monday until Wednesday before election day.

A total of two institutions were visited:

- Cobar Health Service – Lerida Road, Cobar NSW 2835
- Lillian Brady Village Nursing Home and Hostel – 2 Nullamut Street, Cobar NSW 2835

Election day voting

Polling places

Securing appropriate premises for polling places can be difficult. The NSW Electoral Commission does not own facilities within council areas. The pool of available rental premises is limited by the short-term nature of the lease and the NSW Electoral Commission's space, accessibility, location and workplace health and safety requirements.

The NSW Electoral Commission provided council with a draft list of proposed polling places to be used at this election. Feedback from the council was taken into consideration prior to the final selection of polling places.

As far as practically possible, the NSW Electoral Commission aimed to provide accessible and appropriately sited polling places for the by-election. Information was provided to assist electors with mobility issues or other disabilities to locate the most suitable polling place. This access information was provided on the NSW Electoral Commission's website and by NSW Electoral Commission staff.

There were three polling places for the Cobar Shire Council area on election day:

- Cobar Public School - 6-8 Blakey Street, Cobar NSW 2835
- Murrin Bridge Preschool – Riverside Drive, Cobar NSW 2835
- Euabalong Community Centre – 29 Lachlan Street, Euabalong NSW 2877.

All three polling places were accessible with assistance and were open to electors from 8am to 6pm on election day.

Counting the votes

On election night all polling places conducted an initial sort and count of first preference votes. At the returning officer's office, declaration (i.e. postal, pre-poll and declared institution) votes are opened, sorted and first preferences are counted. The count results were placed on the NSW Electoral Commission website on election night from 6pm onwards.

The successful candidate was declared elected by the returning officer at 3pm on Thursday, 13 December 2018, following the statutory 24-hour period required for any recount requests.

Once the declaration of the election result had been signed by the Returning Officer, copies of the declaration were provided to the Electoral Commissioner, the Council's General Manager and the Chief Executives of both the Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW. In addition, the returning officer advised all candidates by phone, email or SMS that the election results were available on the NSW Electoral Commission website. Election results were also published in local newspapers.

Non-voters

Failure to vote

Under electoral legislation, the NSW Electoral Commission is required to issue 'failure to vote' notices to those electors whose names were not marked off the electoral roll as having voted or as having provided a valid reason for not voting.

All electoral rolls marked at polling places and in the returning officer's office were scanned after election day to create a list of non-voters. The penalty for failing to vote without a valid reason at a local government election is \$55.00.

For this election, 617 penalty notices were issued within the three-month period after election day.²

Services to candidates and political parties

Candidate information

A candidate information presentation was available on the NSW Electoral Commission website to assist prospective candidates in their preparation for the election.

The presentation provided prospective candidates with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the candidate process. Major topics covered in the presentation include:

- the election timetable
- candidate eligibility criteria and how to nominate
- campaigning (election advertising, 'how-to-vote' material and public scrutiny of candidates)
- complaints handling by NSW Electoral Commission
- voting and counting ballot papers
- scrutineers
- election funding obligations.

The NSW Electoral Commission's *Handbook for Parties, Groups, Candidates and Scrutineers*, which outlines relevant electoral processes and procedures for local government elections, was also made available to stakeholders.

Information about election processes and election campaign finance rules was also provided to candidates, political parties and others who made telephone or email enquiries.

A fact sheet for local government by-elections was published on the website to support candidates and other political participants understand the requirements for managing political donations and electoral expenditure.

² A penalty notice is withdrawn if an elector provides a valid excuse for not voting. At the date of this report the enforcement process for failure-to-vote penalty notices for this by-election had not yet been completed.

How-to-vote material

All electoral material to be distributed by candidates or their representatives on election day must be registered by the NSW Electoral Commission. Registration does not apply to posters, whether they are displayed before or on election day, nor is it required for material to be distributed before election day.

Candidates are required to provide an application form and a copy of each item to be registered. The NSW Electoral Commission provided candidates with guidelines to assist them to meet the registration requirements. A candidate help line was also set up by the NSW Electoral Commission to aid candidates.

Electoral staffing

Returning officer

The returning officer had a number of responsibilities central to the running of the election, including:

- set up and decommissioning of a temporary office
- training of office staff and polling place managers
- making arrangements for voting at polling places and declared institutions
- issuing and processing postal and pre-poll votes
- dealing with enquiries and complaints from candidates and the public
- processing candidate nominations
- counting of votes and declaring the result of the election.

The returning officer's office for the Cobar Shire Council by-election was located at 36 Linsey Street, Cobar NSW 2835.

Returning officer support officer

A returning officer support officer was appointed in order to provide support to the returning officer on electoral matters and procedures in the conduct of the election.

Election day staffing

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

The level of staffing required for the by-election varied during the different phases of the election. Staff were employed to undertake a variety of tasks including:

- office setup
- packing materials for each polling place

- registration, distribution and receipt of postal votes
- operation of pre-poll voting
- visits to declared institutions
- counting of the votes
- office pack-up.

All polling places have a minimum of two staff, one of whom is the polling place manager.

Election costs

Councils are required to meet the costs of conducting their elections. While the NSW Government does not provide direct funding for local government elections, some NSW Electoral Commission services required for local government elections, such as enrolment and non-voting services, are provided by the NSW Electoral Commission at no cost. It should also be noted that services provided to candidates, political parties and others regarding the requirements of the EF Act are provided by the NSW Electoral Commission at no cost.

Key cost drivers for the election included:

- election officials wages
- office accommodation for the returning officer
- information and technology support
- polling places
- number of electors in council area
- newspaper advertising
- printing/materials for polling places.

The final cost of NSW Electoral Commission conducting the election was \$34,244 (GST exclusive). This does not include the cost of producing elector brochures for the by-election.

This was made up of election staffing \$19,356; venues \$628; logistics \$930; ballot papers and electoral rolls \$501; other miscellaneous items \$10,644 and election management fee \$2,185. The cost per elector was \$10.97.

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Appendix A: Election Service Charter 2017 - 2020

Goals	To be achieved by:	Success measured by:
Foster participation in the democratic process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting impartial and fair elections in accordance with the law • Providing services and information to enable all election participants to participate fully including communities with historically lower participation rates • Communicating election information in ways that encourage awareness and engagement • Supporting events and activities that encourage participation in democracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election participants report conduct of election as impartial and fair and without barriers to participation • Election participation equals or exceeds prior election levels • Formality rates equal or exceed prior election levels • There are no Court challenges to declared results
Provide seamless service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing comprehensive services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information services • enrolment services • voting options including pre-poll and technology enabled voting • location and accessibility of polling places • services to assist those with particular needs • responsibilities and entitlements of candidates, groups and political parties including funding and disclosure requirements • Providing efficient services to meet needs of participants according to legislative mandate • Providing election services in timely, efficient and professional manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders feel well informed about election events • Election participants report satisfaction with the NSW Electoral Commission's electoral services
Be customer focused and commercially minded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the needs of our stakeholders and users of our election services through liaison, consultation and structured feedback • Delivering well organised, reliable and quality elections • Ensuring elections are provided on a competitive basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants report satisfaction with NSW Electoral Commission's services and election staff • Those entities using the NSW Electoral Commission to conduct elections report satisfaction with services provided and see these are representing value • Costs of providing elections are recovered • The NSW Electoral Commission actively seeks feedback on its services
Be innovative and fast adapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilising new technologies to increase convenience for those participating in elections within the legislative mandate while maintaining integrity of the election and security of information • Review developments in election services and funding and disclosure across Australia and internationally for possible application to NSW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NSW Electoral Commission is seen as seeking to adapt its services, within legislative requirements, to meet participants' needs • The NSW Electoral Commission advises Government of innovations that will strengthen the democratic system and improve administration of elections

Appendix B: Cobar Shire Council by-election – nominations and enrolment advertisement



COBAR BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2018

Enrol To Vote

A by-election will be held in the Cobar local government area on Saturday, 8 December 2018 to elect one councillor.

Non-residential Rolls

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

Details of the eligibility criteria and enrolment claim forms may be obtained from Cobar Shire Council; 36 Linsley Street, Cobar NSW 2835
Website: www.cobar.nsw.gov.au.

The claim must be completed and lodged with Cobar Shire Council by **6pm Monday, 29 October 2018**.

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

Residential Roll

If you are enrolled in the Cobar local government area as at **6pm Monday, 29 October 2018** you must vote.

To check your enrolment details or to obtain a residential enrolment form visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736. Enrolment forms are also available from any Australia Post office. Enrolment forms must be received by **6pm Monday, 29 October 2018**.

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

Nominate as a candidate

As a candidate, you have certain obligations and responsibilities under law. Check the website www.elections.nsw.gov.au for further details.

How to nominate

To nominate for councillor, you must lodge a nomination form and \$125 nomination deposit by **12 noon Wednesday, 7 November 2018** with the Council.

Candidate Information sheets

Every candidate is required to lodge the candidate information sheet which is included in the nomination form.

Where to get a nomination form

Nomination forms and other important nomination and electoral information are available from the Council or the NSW Electoral Commission website: www.elections.nsw.gov.au.

Where and when to nominate

Your nomination form and deposit must be lodged with the Council at 36 Linsley Street, Cobar NSW 2835 from **Monday, 29 October 2018 to 12 noon Wednesday, 7 November 2018**.

You must also register as a candidate for funding purposes

In addition to being nominated, candidates must be registered **before** accepting political donations or making payments for electoral expenditure.

The last date for registration is **12 noon, Wednesday, 7 November 2018**. If you registered as a candidate for a previous election, you must reapply to be registered for this by-election.

Nomination forms, and the Handbook for Parties, Groups, Candidates and Scrutineers are available from the Council or from the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Nomination enquiries should be directed to the Candidate Helpdesk: 1300 088 942 and registration enquiries to our Client Services team on 1300 022 011.

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

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

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

John Schmidt, Electoral Commissioner


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Advertising schedule

The Cobar Weekly

Wednesday, 24 October 2018

Appendix C: Cobar Shire Council by-election – notice of election advertisement



COBAR BY-ELECTION

SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2018

A by-election will be held in Cobar local government area on Saturday, 8 December 2018 to elect one councillor.

If you are enrolled in the Cobar local government area, you must vote. To check your enrolment details, visit elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

Voting on election day

Voting will take place on Saturday, 8 December 2018 between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

Polling Places

Locality	Venue Name	Address
COBAR	Cobar Public School	6-8 Blakey Street, COBAR
EUABALONG	Euabalong Community Centre	29 Lachlan Street, EUABALONG
MURRIN BRIDGE	Murrin Bridge Pre-School	Riverside Drive, MURRIN BRIDGE

Voting before election day

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

Pre-poll voting

You can vote early in person from Monday, 26 November 2018 at the returning officer's office at Cobar Shire Council, 36 Linsley Street, Cobar.

Pre-poll voting hours:

- Monday, 26 November – Thursday, 6 December: 8am – 4.30pm
- Friday, 7 December 8am – 6pm
- Closed Saturday and Sunday

Voting by post

You can apply online for a postal vote from www.elections.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1300 135 736. Your application must be completed and received by the NSW Electoral Commission no later than 5pm on Monday, 3 December 2018.

Postal vote applications can be sent via post or email:

By post: **GPO Box 832, SYDNEY, NSW 2001**
By email: **PVA@elections.nsw.gov.au**

Candidates

Name of candidate	Party Affiliation
HEWLETT Benny	-
WINDERS Kate	Independent
STINGEMORE John	Independent

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS

Each candidate's information sheet is available for viewing at www.elections.nsw.gov.au or at the Cobar Shire Council office or at polling places.

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all electors of the Cobar local government area. The penalty for not voting is \$55.

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

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Deborah Bourke, Returning Officer

Authorised by John Schmidt, Electoral Commissioner, Level 25, 201 Kent Street Sydney, NSW, 2000.


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Advertising schedule

The Cobar Weekly

Wednesday, 14 November 2018

Appendix D: Cobar Shire Council by-election – declaration of poll advertisement



**COBAR
BY-ELECTION
SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2018**

Result of Election

An election was held to elect one councillor. I declare **Kate WINDERS** elected as councillor until the next ordinary election of the Council.

Detailed results are available from the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Deborah Bourke, Returning Officer
13 December 2018

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

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Advertising schedule

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Wednesday, 19 December 2018

Appendix E: Cobar Shire Council by-election – ballot paper

Local government election



Cobar

BALLOT PAPER FOR
ELECTION OF 1 COUNCILLOR

Held on Saturday 8 December 2018

DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Place the number **1** in the square next to the candidate of your choice. If you wish to vote for any more candidates, place consecutive numbers starting with **2** in the squares next to those candidates in order of your preferences for them.

HEWLETT Benny

WINDERS Kate
Independent

STINGEMORE John
Independent

You must not take a ballot paper out of the polling place

