

**Report on the Conduct of the
City of Ryde Council (East
Ward) By-election
21 February 2015**

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Election Timetable

Activity	Date
Close of authorised rolls*	6:00pm Monday, 12 January 2015
Close of nominations	12:00 noon Wednesday, 21 January 2015
Registration of how-to-vote material commences	12:00 noon Wednesday, 21 January 2015
Pre-poll voting starts	Monday, 9 February 2015
Registration of how-to-vote material closes	5:00pm Friday, 13 February 2015
Postal voting applications close	5:00pm Monday, 16 February 2015
Pre-poll voting finishes	6:00pm Friday, 20 February 2015
Election day	Saturday, 21 February
Return of postal votes closes	6:00pm Monday, 23 February 2015
Distribution of preferences	Tuesday, 24 February 2015
Declaration of the poll	Wednesday, 25 February 2015

* For nominations and roll printing purposes.

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Foreword

I am pleased to present to the NSW Government, the NSW Electoral Commission's report on the conduct of the City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election held on Saturday, 21 February 2015.

Jane Stott was declared elected on Wednesday, 25 February 2015 to represent the East Ward within City of Ryde Council.

I would like to thank all NSWEC staff involved in conducting the City of Ryde Council Local Government By-election, as well as electors, the council, 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.



Linda Franklin
Acting Electoral Commissioner

Election at a Glance

Date of Election Saturday, 21
February 2015

Returning Officer Dick Lee

Who was Elected?

Councillor Election	
Successful Candidate	Jane STOTT
Female Candidates	3
Male Candidates	2
Total Candidates	5

How did Electors Vote?

Voting Methods Electors Used	
Ordinary	12,248
Postal	556
Pre-poll/Declared Institution	767
Section/Silent	9
Enrol and Vote	138
Total Votes	13,718

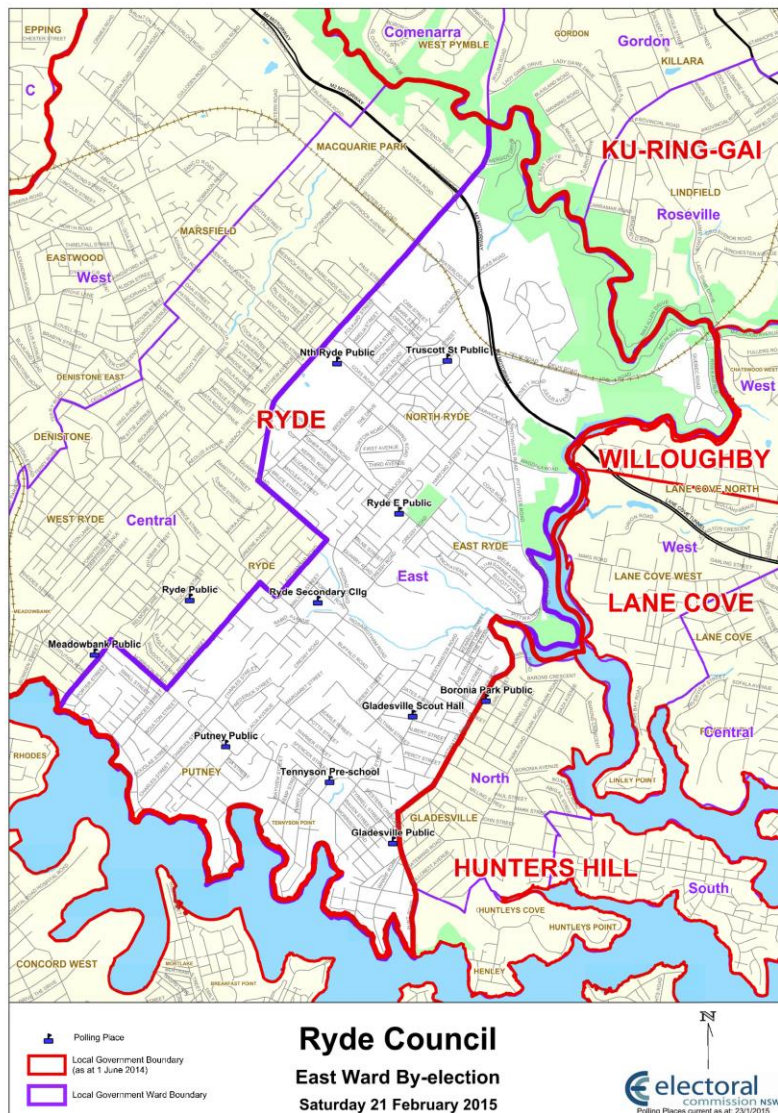
Your Vote is Your Voice!

Voter Participation	
Total Electors	23,033
Formal Votes	13,177
Informal Votes	541
Total Votes	13,718
Voter Turnout	59.56%
Rate of Informality	3.94%

Polling Places, Election Officials and Cost

Election Details	
Pre-poll Voting Centres	1
Polling Places	11
Total No. of Election Staff	74
Cost of By-election	\$118,876
Cost per Elector	\$5.16

City of Ryde Council – East Ward



Conduct of the Election

Background

The City of Ryde Council is a divided council. It has three wards; each ward has four councillors.

Councillors are usually elected for a period of four years, commencing their role on the day that the election is declared and holding the position until the next ordinary election in September 2016.

Performance

The service standards in the Local Government Elections 2012 Service Charter were applied to the City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election.

Comparative data on key indicators for the City of Ryde Council (East Ward) were not available as data was not recorded to ward level for the 2012 Local Government Elections.

Communications

Advertising

The 2014 Local Government By-election advertising campaign for City of Ryde Council (East Ward) consisted of council specific statutory advertisements.

Statutory Campaign

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

Items covered in the statutory advertisements included:

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

Reproductions of the Newspaper Advertisements are at Appendices A-C

Social media

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

Website

The NSWEC's website provided all the information that stakeholders generally, not just electors, needed to participate in the By-election. It provided information

on the election timetable, employment opportunities, enrolment, polling places, candidates and results.

The NSWEC had a specific City of Ryde Council (East Ward) Election page from which stakeholders could source information on:

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

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

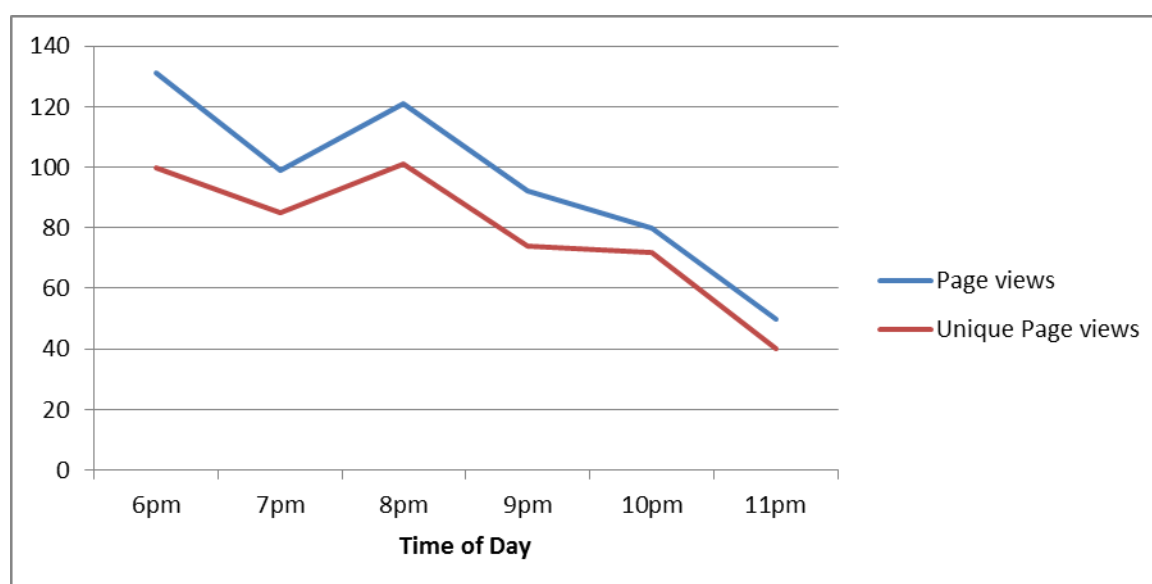
Polling place information provided on the website included accessibility information for electors with a disability.

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

The pages on the NSWEC's website relating to the City of Ryde Council (East Ward) by-election were well utilised.

Use of the NSWEC's website is typically greatest on election night when users seek information on results. The following graph charts the usage over the period from close of polling to midnight on election night for the City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election.

Graph 1: City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election – Usage of the NSWEC Website for Poll Results, 21 February 2015



Nominations

Nominations closed at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 21 January 2015.

A total of five nominations were received by close of nominations.

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

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

For a nomination to be accepted by the Returning Officer, candidates were required to complete a nomination form and a Candidate Information Sheet. All Candidate Information Sheets were published on the NSWEC website and were made available for public inspection

at the Returning Officer's office, pre-poll centres, Declared Institutions and all polling places.

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

The nomination deposit is refunded to candidates if:

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

Rolls

Residential

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

Legislation provides that for Local Government elections the electoral roll closes on the fortieth day before the day of the election. Any person who was on the roll at the close of roll date, 6:00pm Monday, 12 January 2015, was required to vote.

There were 23,033 electors on the residential electoral roll for the City of Ryde Council (East Ward).

Non-residential

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

There were no electors on the non-residential roll for Ryde City Council (East Ward) for the 2014 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.

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 on Monday, 9 February 2015, and closed on Friday, 20 February 2015. The pre-poll location was:

230 Victoria Road,
Gladesville, NSW 2111

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

- were not within the ward or area for which the election was being held on election day;
- were not within eight kilometres of any polling place within their council area or ward on election day;
- were travelling under conditions that prevented them from attending a polling place to vote;
- were unable to attend a polling place to vote due to religious beliefs;
- were caring for another person who requires his or her care for medical reasons and so were prevented from attending at any such polling place to vote; or
- were working throughout the hours of voting on election day.

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

Postal Voting

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

- were not within the ward or area for which the election is being held on election day;
- were not within eight kilometres of any polling place within their council area or ward on election day;
- were travelling under conditions that prevented them from attending a polling place to vote;
- due to illness, disability or approaching maternity were prevented from attending a polling place to vote;

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

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

Applications for postal voters opened on nomination day with electors able to obtain applications from the NSWEC website, the NSWEC head office or the Returning Officer's office. Applications for postal voting closed at 5:00pm on Monday, 16 February 2015.

In order to be admitted to the count postal votes needed to be received by the Returning Officer by 6:00pm on Monday, 23 February 2015.

iVote

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

Election Day Voting

Voting

Three types of votes were distributed to electors on election day. The type of vote

the elector receives is determined by their individual circumstance and includes:

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

Polling Places

The establishment of polling places for election day is a major component of the election preparation for the NSWEC and the Returning Officer. It is a difficult balance to select the number of polling places to meet the needs of the community while keeping the costs to a minimum.

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

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

There were eleven polling places across the City of Ryde Council (East Ward) area on election day. Of those, ten were

accessible with assistance; and one did not meet accessibility requirements. The NSWEC website provided details of which polling places were accessible with assistance and the restrictions on accessibility where relevant.

While the NSWEC does not own any of the venues used for voting it is committed to providing the best possible voting facilities for electors with a disability and understands the importance of providing accurate accessibility information to the public. Where possible, the NSWEC hired polling places with the greatest possible level of access for electors whose mobility may be constrained by a disability.

A list of polling places and their accessibility rating is at Appendix E.

Counting the Votes

Accuracy of vote counting and impartiality of counting the votes are paramount and election staff are trained how to do this and to respect the role of scrutineers. The counting of results is a complex process, prescribed by legislation, to ensure the correct declaration of the poll.

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

For the Councillor's election the optional preferential voting method was used.

Counting Procedures

On election night all polling places conducted an initial sort and count of first preference votes. At the Returning Officer's office, declaration (ie postal, pre-poll and Declared Institution) votes are opened, sorted and first preference

counted. The count results were placed on the NSWEC website on election night from 6.30pm onwards.

The successful candidate was declared elected by the Returning Officer on Wednesday, 25 February 2015 following the statutory 24 hour period required for any recount requests.

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

Services to Electors

Elector Information Brochure

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

Braille Ballot Papers

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

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

Equal Access to Democracy/ Electors with a Disability

The NSWEC's Equal Access to Democracy Plan focuses on ways to improve services

to, and participation in, the democratic process for people with a disability.

Some features of the Plan and its application include:

- the provision of Braille ballot papers upon request for electors who are vision impaired;
- consultation with NSW Government organisations such as the Ageing, Disability and Home Care;
- increased website accessibility, and content relevant to electors with a disability;
- Returning Officer guidelines to include information on assisting electors who have a vision impairment, mental illness or intellectual disability.

These measures were applied to this By-election.

Non-voters

Failure to Vote

Under electoral legislation, the NSWEC was required to issue 'failure to vote' notices to those electors whose names were not marked off the electoral roll as having voted or as having provided a valid excuse.

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

For this election 7,835 penalty notices were issued within the three month period after election day.

Services to Candidates and Political Parties

Candidate Information Seminars

A candidate information seminar was conducted by the NSWEC on Thursday, 15 January 2015, to assist prospective candidates in their preparation for the election.

The seminar provided prospective candidates with the opportunity to clarify any issues with senior NSWEC staff. Major topics covered in the seminar included:

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

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

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

There were six prospective candidates who attended this seminar.

The attendees were appreciative of the opportunity to have the election process and their obligations explained to them.

How-to-vote material

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

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

Electoral Staffing

Returning Officer

The Electoral Commissioner appointed Dick Lee as Returning Officer for the City of Ryde Council's election. Appointment was for six weeks, with a performance review conducted on completion of his service, as part of the feedback process.

Returning Officer's Duties

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

- set up and decommissioning of a temporary office;

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

The Returning Officer's office for the City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election was located at:

230 Victoria Road,
Gladesville, NSW 2111

Returning Officer Support Officer

A Returning Officer Support Officer (ROSO) was appointed in order to provide support on electoral matters and procedures in the conduct of the election. The appointed ROSO was Andrea Summerell, an experienced Electoral Commission officer.

Staffing

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

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

- office setup;
- engaging polling place staff;
- packing materials for each polling place;
- registration, distribution and receipt of postal votes;
- operation of pre-poll voting;
- visits to Declared Institutions;
- counting of the votes; and
- office pack-up.

All polling places have a minimum of two staff, one of whom is the Polling Place Manager.

Polling Place Manager and Deputy Polling Place Manager

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

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

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

including reconciliation of ballot papers and counting of the votes.

Election Costs

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

Key cost drivers for the election included:

- Election Official wages;
- Returning Officer wages;
- office accommodation for Returning Officer;
- information and technology support;
- polling places;

- number of electors in council area;
- newspaper and elector brochure advertising; and
- printing/materials for polling places.

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

The final cost of NSWEC conducting the election was \$118,876 (GST exclusive).

This was made up of election staffing \$58,947.34; venues \$22,064.84; logistics \$4,586.76; ballot papers and electoral rolls \$890.00; other miscellaneous items \$15,803.30 and Election Management Fee \$16,583.76. The cost per elector was \$5.16.

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Appendix A: City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election Enrolment/Non-residential Roll Advertisement

CITY OF RYDE



EAST WARD BY-ELECTION SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2015

ENROL TO VOTE

A by-election will be held in the City of Ryde – East Ward on Saturday, 21 February 2015 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 the City of Ryde Office at Civic Centre, 1 Devlin St, Ryde, Phone (02) 9952 8222, Fax (02) 9952 8070, Website: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au, or will be forwarded to you upon request to the council.

The claim must be completed and lodged with the General Manager of the City of Ryde by **6.00pm Monday 12 January 2015**.

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

Residential Roll

All electors enrolled on the Commonwealth/State electoral roll as at **6.00pm Monday 12 January 2015** residing in the City of Ryde – East Ward local government area will be included on the roll for the election.

To check your enrolment details or to obtain a residential enrolment form visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736. Enrolment forms are also available from any Australia Post office. Enrolment forms must be received by **6.00pm Monday 12 January 2015**.

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

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SEMINAR

A candidate information seminar will be held at Ryde Civic Centre, Level 5, 1 Devlin St, Ryde, from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday 15 January 2015.

As a candidate you will have legal obligations and responsibilities. The seminar will cover:

- the election timetable, candidate nominations, election advertising and how-to-vote material, voting and formality, vote counting, scrutineering; and
- registration, appointment of official agents, campaign accounts, political donations, campaign expenditure and disclosure obligations.

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

Appendix B: City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election - Polling Places & Candidates Advertisement



CITY OF RYDE EAST WARD BY-ELECTION SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2015

A by-election will be held in the Council of the City Of Ryde – East Ward on Saturday, 21 February 2015 to elect one councillor.

If you are enrolled in the Council of the City of Ryde – East Ward local government area, you must vote. To check your enrolment details visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au, or call 1300 135 736.

POLLING PLACES

Locality	Venue Name	Address
Gladesville	Gladesville Public School	Linsley St
Gladesville	Gladesville Scout Hall	Ryde Rd
Gladesville	Tennyson Pre-school Kindergarten	15a Stanbury St
Hunters Hill	Boronia Park Public School	113 Pittwater Rd
North Ryde	North Ryde Public School	154 Coxes Rd
North Ryde	Ryde East Public School	Badajoz Rd
North Ryde	Truscott Street Public School	Ryrie St
Putney	Putney Public School	193 Morrison Rd
Ryde	Meadowbank Public School	Gale St
Ryde	Ryde Public School	Argyle Ave
Ryde	Ryde Secondary College	Forrest Rd

For accessibility information visit the website or call us.

VOTING BEFORE ELECTION DAY

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

Pre-poll voting

You can vote early in person at the Returning Officer's office: Suite 2, Level 1, 230 Victoria Road, Gladesville.

Pre-poll voting hours:

- Monday 16 February to Thursday 19 February; 8.30am - 4.30pm
- Friday 20 February; 8.30am - 6.00pm

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

Voting is compulsory for all electors of the Council of the City of Ryde – East Ward local government area.

The penalty for not voting is \$55.

CANDIDATES

Name of candidate	Party Affiliation
SMOLDERS John	Independent
TAGG Vic	Independent
PEDERSEN Penny	AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY (NSW BRANCH)
GREEN Michael	THE GREENS
STOTT Jane	LIBERAL

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS

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

Dick Lee, Returning Officer

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

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Appendix C: City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election- Declaration of Poll Advertisement



**CITY OF RYDE
EAST WARD BY-ELECTION
SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2015**

Result of Election

An election was held to elect one councillor. I declare

Jane STOTT

elected as councillor until the next ordinary election of the Council in 2016.

Detailed results are available from the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Dick Lee, Returning Officer
25 February 2015

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

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Appendix D: City of Ryde Council (East Ward) - Ballot Paper

East Ward
**Council of the
City of Ryde By-Election**
BALLOT PAPER FOR
ELECTION OF 1 COUNCILLOR
Held on 21 February 2015

 **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.

CANDIDATES

SMOLDERS John
Independent

TAGG Vic
Independent

PEDERSEN Penny
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY (NSW BRANCH)

GREEN Michael
THE GREENS

STOTT Jane
LIBERAL

Appendix E: City of Ryde Council By-election (East Ward) - Polling Places and Accessibility

Premises	Address	Accessibility
Boronia Park Public School	113 Pittwater Road, Hunters Hill NSW 2110	Does not meet accessibility requirements for electors with disabilities
Gladesville Public School	Linsley Street, Gladesville NSW 2111	Assisted Access No designated accessible parking spot
Gladesville Scout Hall	Ryde Road, Gladesville NSW 2111	Assisted Access No designated accessible parking spot No accessible toilet
Meadowbank Public School	Gale Street, Ryde NSW 2122	Assisted Access No designated accessible parking spot
North Ryde Public School	154 Coxs Road, North Ryde NSW 2113	Assisted Access Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Putney Public School	193 Morrison Road, Putney NSW 2112	Assisted Access No designated accessible parking spot No accessible toilet
Ryde East Public School	Badajoz Road, North Ryde NSW 2113	Assisted Access No accessible toilet
Ryde Public School	Argyle Avenue, Ryde NSW 2112	Assisted Access No designated accessible parking spot Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Ryde Secondary College	Forrest Road, Ryde NSW 2122	Assisted Access No designated accessible parking spot
Tennyson Pre-school Kindergarten	15a Stanbury Street, Gladesville NSW 2111	Assisted Access Access ramp does not meet standards Building has lips and/or steps No designated accessible parking spot No accessible toilet Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Truscott Street Public School	Ryrie Street, North Ryde NSW 2113	Assisted Access No designated accessible parking spot

Appendix F: City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election – Check Count by Polling Place

Election:	Ryde City Council East Ward - Councillor Election							
Election Day:	SATURDAY, 21-FEBRUARY-2015							
Current as at:	TUESDAY, 24-FEBRUARY-2015 14:38							
	SMOLDERS John	TAGG Vic	PEDERSEN Penny	GREEN Michael	STOTT Jane			
Polling Place	IND	IND	LAB	GRN	LIB	Total Formal	Informal	Total Votes
Boronia Park Public	37	109	129	80	198	553	20	573
Gladesville Public	119	207	345	185	499	1355	62	1417
Gladesville Scout Hall	112	326	291	138	419	1286	59	1345
Meadowbank Public	12	48	49	27	66	202	5	207
Nth Ryde Public	68	183	277	83	379	990	71	1061
Putney Public	237	485	539	189	1230	2680	125	2805
Ryde E Public	235	449	714	225	907	2530	93	2623
Ryde Public	20	46	47	31	75	219	11	230
Ryde Secondary Cllg	33	56	63	30	84	266	15	281
Tennyson Pre-school	70	84	126	43	238	561	21	582
Truscott St Public	58	245	310	98	373	1084	40	1124
Total Ordinary Votes	1001	2238	2890	1129	4468	11726	522	12248
Declared Institution	5	29	23	5	55	117	1	118
Enrolment	9	19	36	22	49	135	3	138
Postal/iVote	22	170	113	29	211	545	11	556
Pre-poll	42	190	147	51	215	645	4	649
Provisional/Silent	3	0	1	1	4	9	0	9
Total	1082	2646	3210	1237	5002	13177	541	13718
% of Total Formal Votes	8.21%	20.08%	24.36%	9.39%	37.96%		3.95%	

Appendix G: City of Ryde Council (East Ward) By-election - Distribution of Preferences

Local Government Area:	Ryde	Election of:	Councillor
Report Print Date:	TUESDAY,24-FEBRUARY-2015 14:38	Election Day:	SATURDAY,21-FEBRUARY-2015

	Count 1	Count 2		Count 3		Count 4		
		SMOLDERS John Excluded Candidate		GREEN Michael Excluded Candidate		TAGG Vic Excluded Candidate		
		1082	Votes	1317	Votes	3310	Votes	
Candidates	Candidate Votes	Votes Distributed	Progressive Totals	Votes Distributed	Progressive Totals	Votes Distributed	Progressive Totals	
SMOLDERS John (Independent)	1082							
TAGG Vic (Independent)	2646	438	3084	226	3310			
PEDERSEN Penny (LAB)	3210	84	3294	549	3843	1361	5204	
GREEN Michael (GRN)	1237	80	1317					
STOTT Jane (LIB)	5002	82	5084	67	5151	664	5815	ELECTED
Total Formal Votes	13177	684	12779	842	12304	2025	11019	
Exhausted Votes		398	398	475	873	1285	2158	
Total Informal Votes	541		541		541		541	
Total Votes	13718	1082	13718	1317	13718	3310	13718	
Absolute Majority	6589		6390		6153		5510	

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