

Brewarrina Shire Council by-election

9 December 2017



Report on the conduct of the election

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ELECTION TIMETABLE

Activity	Date
Local Government expenditure period commenced	Thursday, 25 October 2017
Registration for candidates, third-party campaigners and official agents opened	Monday, 30 October 2017
Close of rolls*	Monday, 30 October 2017, 6.00pm
Close of nominations	Wednesday, 8 November, 12noon
Registration of electoral material commenced	Wednesday, 8 November 2017
Close of registration of candidates	Wednesday, 8 November 2017
Pre-poll voting commenced	Monday, 27 November 2017
Registration of electoral material closed	Friday, 1 December 2017, 5.00pm
Close of registration of third-party campaigners	Friday, 1 December 2017
Postal voting applications closed	Monday, 4 December 2017, 5.00pm
Pre-poll voting finished	Friday, 8 December 2017, 6.00pm
Election day	Saturday, 9 December 2017
Local government expenditure period ended	Saturday, 9 December 2017
Return of postal votes closed	Monday, 11 December 2017, 6.00pm
Distribution of preferences	Wednesday, 13 December 2017
Declaration of the poll	Thursday 14 December 2017, 12.15pm

* For nominations and roll printing purposes.

FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the NSW Electoral Commission's report on the conduct of the Brewarrina Shire Council Local Government by-election held on Saturday, 9 December 2017.

I would like to thank all NSWEC staff involved in providing the Brewarrina Shire 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.

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
21 May 2018

OVERVIEW

By-election outcome

The candidates elected at the Brewarrina Shire Council by-election on Saturday, 9 December 2017 were Vivian Slack-Smith (Independent) and Donna Jeffries (Independent) with 147 and 126 votes, 24.34 and 20.86 per cent of first preference votes.

Candidates standing for election

Candidate name	Party affiliation
Doreen CARPENTER	Independent
Tommie LUKAS	Independent
Grant VLACH	
Donna JEFFRIES	Independent
Patricia FRAIL	Independent
Mick PEDERSEN	Independent
Vivian SLACK-SMITH	Independent
Ian (Boof) BATEMAN	Independent
Jason FORD	Independent

Cost data

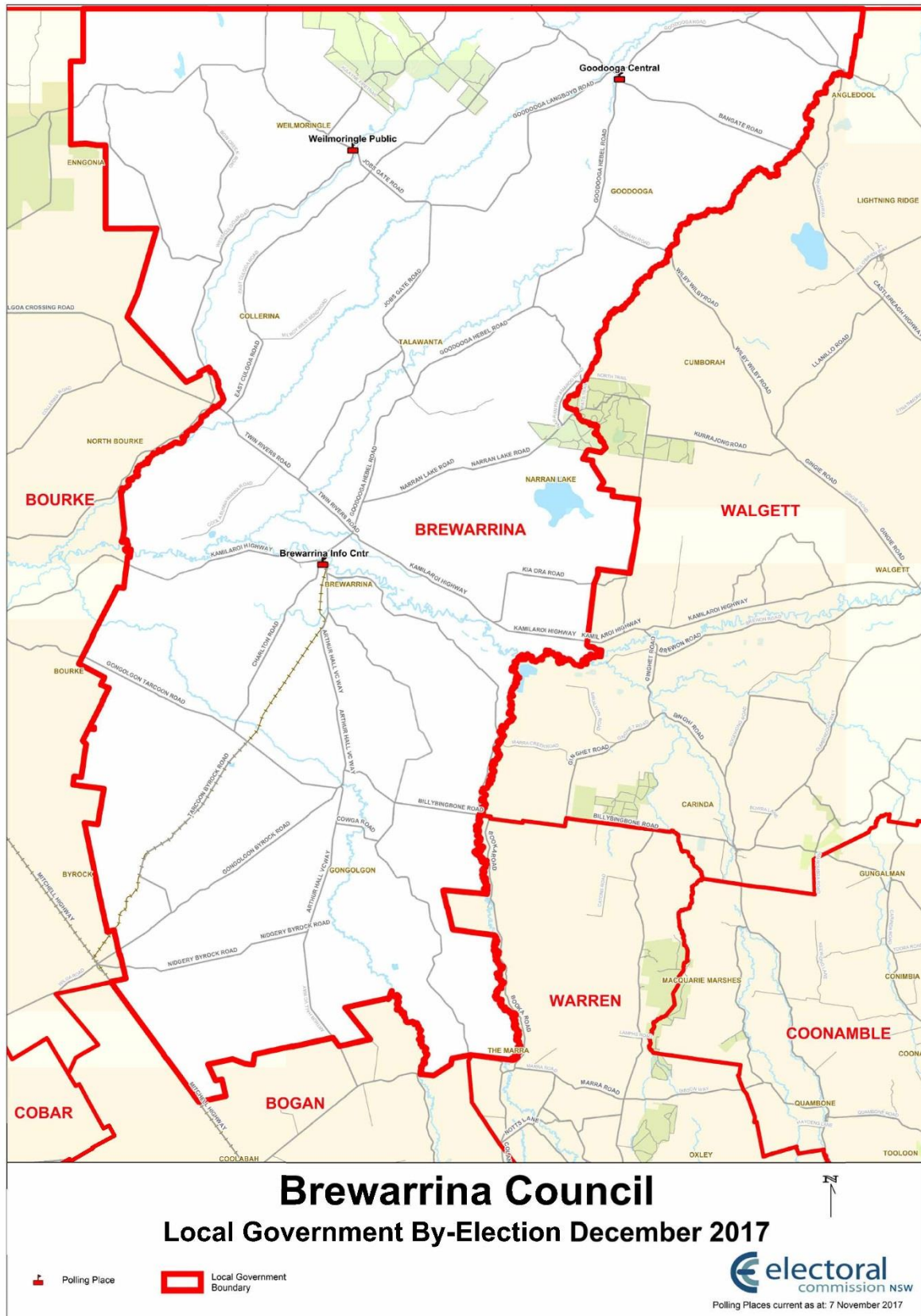
Cost of by-election	\$22,319
Cost per elector	\$23.57

By-election summary

Enrolment	
Total electors	947
Voting venues	
Pre-poll venues	1
Polling places	3
Voter turnout	
Formal votes	604
Informal votes	16
Total votes	620
Voter turnout rate	65.47%
Formality rate	97.42%
Non-voting penalty notices issued	275 ¹
Penalty notices issued as % of roll	29.04%
Voting options used by electors	
Ordinary (of which 83 were pre-poll votes)	558
Postal	59
Enrolment	3
Provisional/Silent	0
Candidates	
Total candidates	9

¹ 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.

Brewarrina Shire Council



CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION

Background

Brewarrina Shire Council is an undivided council with nine councillors. The by-election was called due to the resignation of two councillors.

Performance

The service standards in the Election Service Charter 2017 – 2020 were applied to the Brewarrina Shire Council by-election. In short, the NSWEC 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.

Comparisons to 2016 Local Government elections

Comparative data on key indicators for the Brewarrina Shire Council in the 2017 by-election and the 2016 ordinary election.

	Voter participation	
	2016 election	2017 by-election
Total electors	957	947
Formal votes	585	604
Informal votes	22	16
Total votes	607	620
Voter turnout	63.43%	65.47%
Informality	3.62%	2.58%
Election officials	3	3
Cost per elector	\$18.07	\$23.57

Communications

Advertising

The 2017 Local Government by-election advertising campaign for Brewarrina 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, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981* (EFED Act).

Statutory campaign

Prior to the election the NSWEC consulted with Brewarrina Shire Council to determine in which local newspapers the statutory advertisements, required under the legislation, were to be placed and the frequency of those placements.

Items covered in the statutory advertisements included:

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

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

Social media

The NSWEC used social media to raise awareness of the election, promote voter participation, and communicate the responsibilities of political participants.

There were six Facebook posts and seven 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 15,550 users.

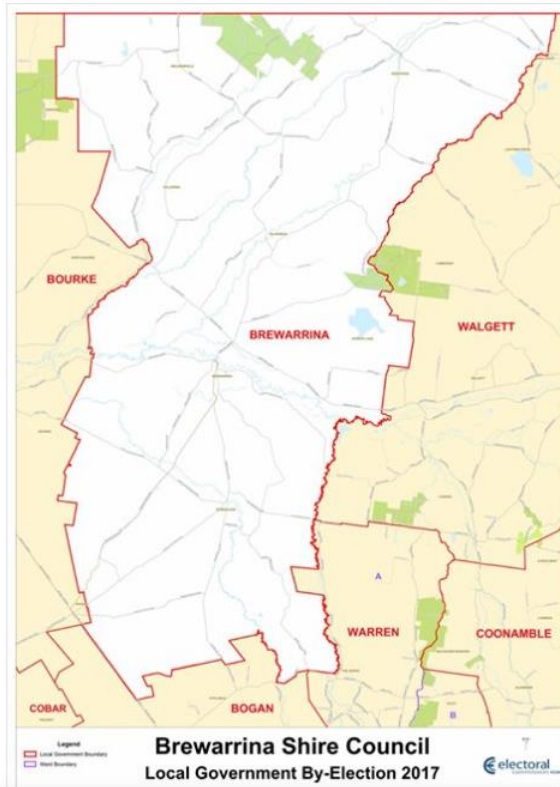
The top performing tweet and Facebook post are shown on the following page.



NSWElectoralCom @NSWElectoralCom · 8 Nov 2017
9 candidates have nominated for the Brewarrina Shire Council by-election to be held on Sat, 9 Dec - more info at ow.ly/iLz30gqPiR



NSW Electoral Commission
7 November 2017 ·
9 CANDIDATES NOMINATE FOR BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION
Nominations closed at 12 noon today for a by-election to be held on Saturday, 9 December in Brewarrina Shire Council. See a list of candidates and find out more about the by-election here: <http://ow.ly/iLz30gqPiR>



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 NSWEC website was specifically setup for the by-election for stakeholders to source 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.

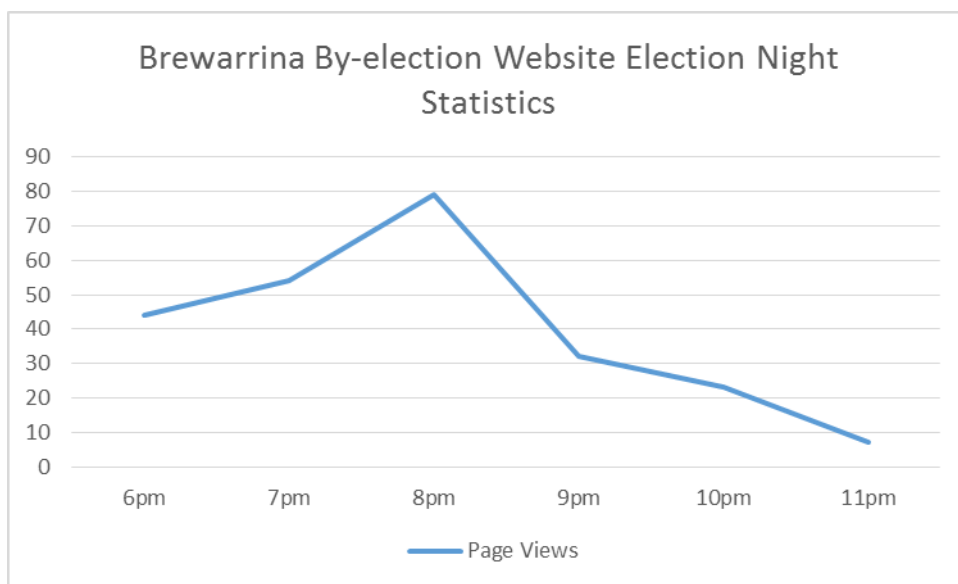
An enrolment search facility on the NSWEC website was available to assist electors to verify their enrolment information.

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

Brewarrina Shire Council provided a link on its website to the NSWEC site. The NSWEC's website experienced 1,204 page views in the month leading up to the election.

Use of the NSWEC's website is typically greatest on election night when users seek information on results. The following graph provides a picture of usage over the period from close of polling to midnight on election night for the by-election. A total of 343 page views were recorded on election day.

Graph 1: Brewarrina Shire Council by-election – Usage of the NSWEC Website for Poll Results, 9 December 2017



Registrations

Registration of candidates closed on Wednesday, 8 November 2017. Registration of third-party campaigners closed on Friday, 1 December 2017.

Nine candidates were registered under the EFED Act for the by-election. Seven candidates appointed an official agent as required under the EFED Act.

There were no third-party campaigners registered for the by-election. Following the declaration of the polls, we advised the elected candidates of their obligations under the EFED Act as an elected member. The elected members were designated by the NSWEC as their own official agent (as an elected member) and have 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, 8 November.

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

The draw for ballot paper position, held at 2.00pm on 8 November 2017, 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 submit a statistics form and 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
- 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 NSWEC 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 6.00pm on Monday, 30 October 2017 was required to vote.

There were 947 electors on the residential electoral roll for Brewarrina Shire Council. This was a decrease of 10 electors from the number on the roll for the Local Government Ordinary 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 no electors on the non-residential roll for Brewarrina Shire Council for the 2017 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, proportional representation 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 8.00am on Monday, 27 November 2017 and closed on Friday, 8 December 2017. The pre-poll location was:

- Brewarrina RO Office, 57 Bathurst Street, Brewarrina NSW 2839

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 NSWEC website, the NSWEC head office or the Returning Officer's office. Applications for postal voting closed on Monday, 4 December 2017.

In order to be admitted to the count postal votes needed to be received by the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on Monday, 11 December 2017. Of 81 postal votes issued, 59 were accepted, 12 were rejected and 10 were not scrutinised because they were either returned too late or not returned at all.

Election day voting

Polling places

Securing appropriate premises for polling places can be difficult. The NSWEC 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 NSWEC's space, accessibility, location and workplace health and safety requirements.

The NSWEC 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 NSWEC 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 NSWEC's website and by NSWEC staff.

There were three polling places across the Brewarrina Shire Council area on election day. Of those, all three were accessible with assistance. The NSWEC website provided details of which polling places were accessible with assistance and the restrictions on accessibility where relevant. A list of polling places and their accessibility rating can be viewed at Appendix F.

Polling places were open to electors from 8.00am to 6.00pm 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 and pre-poll) votes are opened, sorted and first preferences are counted. The count results were placed on the NSWEC website on election night from 6.00pm onwards.

The successful candidate was declared elected by the Returning Officer at 12.15pm on Thursday 14 December 2017, 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 NSWEC website. Election results were also published in local newspapers.

Non-voters

Failure to vote

Under electoral legislation, the NSWEC 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 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, 275 penalty notices were issued within the three-month period after election day.²

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.

SERVICES TO CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES

Candidate information

A candidate information presentation was available on the NSWEC 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
- 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
- election funding obligations.

The NSWEC *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.

How-to-vote material

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

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

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
- 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 Brewarrina Shire Council by-election was located at:

Brewarrina Returning Officer's Office
57 Bathurst Street
Brewarrina NSW 2839

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.

Staffing

Staffing is a significant cost 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 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
- 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 NSWEC services required for local government elections, such as enrolment and non-voting services, are provided by the NSWEC at no cost. It should also be noted that services provided to candidates, political parties and others regarding the requirements of the EFED Act are provided by the NSWEC 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 and elector brochure advertising
- printing/materials for polling places.

The final cost of NSWEC conducting the election was \$22,319 (GST exclusive).

This was made up of election staffing \$18,032; logistics \$1,192; ballot papers and electoral rolls \$1,665; other miscellaneous items \$767 and election management fee \$663. The cost per elector was \$23.57.

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Appendix A: Election Service Charter 2017 - 2020



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 NSWEC's electoral services
Be customer focussed 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 NSWEC's services and election staff • Those entities using the NSWEC to conduct elections report satisfaction with services provided and see these are representing value • Costs of providing elections are recovered • The NSWEC actively seeks feedback on its services
Be innovative and fast adaptors	<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 NSWEC is seen as seeking to adapt its services, within legislative requirements, to meet participants' needs • The NSWEC advises Government of innovations that will strengthen the democratic system and improve administration of elections

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Appendix B: Brewarrina Shire Council by-election – nominations, registration and enrolment advertisement



BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2017 Enrol To Vote

A by-election will be held in the Brewarrina Shire Council area on Saturday, 9 December 2017 to elect two councillors.

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 Brewarrina Shire Council office at 57 Bathurst Street, Brewarrina NSW 2839; Phone (02) 6830 5100; Fax (02) 6839 2100; Website: www.brewarrina.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 Brewarrina Shire Council by 6pm Monday, 30 October 2017.

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

All electors enrolled on the Commonwealth/State electoral roll as at 6pm Monday, 30 October 2017 residing in Brewarrina Shire Council will be included on the roll for the election.

To check your enrolment details or to obtain a residential enrolment form visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736. Enrolment forms are also available from any Australia Post office. Enrolment forms must be received by 6pm Monday, 30 October 2017.

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

Nominate as a candidate

If you intend to nominate as a candidate, it is important that you read this notice. 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, 8 November 2017 with the council.

Candidate Information sheets: Every candidate is required to lodge the candidate information sheet which is included in the nomination form.

Grouping of candidates and group voting squares for councillor election: Two or more councillor candidates may form a group. A group may, in certain circumstances, request a group voting square on the ballot paper. A request to form a group and have a group voting square on the ballot paper must be lodged with the Returning Officer by 12 noon Wednesday, 8 November 2017. Visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au for the publication 'Handbook for Parties, Groups, Candidates and Scrutineers - Local Government Elections' for more details.

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 at the council offices, 57 Bathurst Street, Brewarrina, during council business hours from Monday, 30 October 2017 to 12 noon Wednesday, 8 November 2017.

Register as a third-party campaigner, candidate or group of candidates

If you intend to participate in the election as a third-party campaigner, candidate, or group of candidates there are strict rules you must understand and comply with before you accept political donations or incur campaign expenditure.

Register as a third-party campaigner

Before you spend more than \$2,000 to promote or oppose a candidate or political party at the by-election you must register as a third-party campaigner with the NSW Electoral Commission, appoint an official agent, and open a campaign account.

The last date for registration of third-party campaigners is Friday, 1 December 2017.

If you were registered as a third-party campaigner for a previous election, you must reapply to be registered for the by-election.

Register as a candidate or group of candidates

If you intend to contest the by-election as a candidate or group of candidates, you must register with the NSW Electoral Commission and appoint an official agent before accepting political donations or making payments for campaign expenditure.

Registering for the election is a separate process to being nominated as a candidate for the election. To be nominated for the election, and have your name included on the ballot paper, you must also complete and submit a nomination form.

The last date for registration of candidates and groups is Wednesday, 8 November 2017.

If you registered as a candidate or group for a previous election, you must reapply to be registered for the by-election.

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

Information: www.elections.nsw.gov.au or 1300 088 942

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

Enrol & Register as a TPC or candidate

Bourke Western Herald

Thursday, 26 October 2017

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



**BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL
BY-ELECTION
SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2017**

A by-election will be held for the Brewarrina Shire Council on Saturday, 9 December 2017 to elect two councillors.

If you are enrolled in Brewarrina Shire Council, you must vote. To check your enrolment details, visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

Voting on election day

Voting will take place on Saturday, 9 December 2017 between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

Polling Place

Locality	Venue Name	Address
Brewarrina	Brewarrina Visitor Information Centre	50 Bathurst Street
Goodooga	Goodooga Central School	Doyle Street
Weilmorlinge	Weilmorlinge Public School	Burns Road

For accessibility information visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736

Voting before election day

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

Pre-poll voting

You can vote early in person from Monday, Monday, 27 November 2017 at the Returning Officer's office at 57 Bathurst Street Brewarrina.

Pre-poll voting hours:

- Monday, 27 November to Friday, 1 December: 9.00am – 4.00pm
- Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December: 9.00am – 4.00pm
- Friday, 8 December: 9.00am – 6.00pm

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 Returning Officer no later than 5pm Monday 4 December 2017.

Candidates

Name of candidate	Party Affiliation
CARPENTER Doreen	Independent
LUKAS Tommie	Independent
VLACH Grant	-
JEFFRIES Donna	Independent
FRAIL Patricia	Independent
PEDERSEN Mick	Independent
SLACK-SMITH Vivian	Independent
BATEMAN Ian (Boof)	Independent
FORD Jason	Independent

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS

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

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all electors of Brewarrina Shire Council. 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

Notice of election

Bourke Western Herald

Friday, 17 November 2017

Appendix D: Brewarrina Shire Council by-election – results advertisement



BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2017

Result of Election

An election was held to elect two councillors. I declare

Vivian SLACK-SMITH

Donna JEFFRIES

elected as councillors until the next ordinary election of the Council.

Detailed results are available from the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Deborah Bourke
Returning Officer

14 December 2017

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

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Results

Brewarrina News

Monday, 11 December 2017

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

Local Government Election

Brewarrina

BALLOT PAPER FOR
ELECTION OF 2 COUNCILLORS

Held on 9 December 2017

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.

CARPENTER Doreen
Independent

LUKAS Tommie
Independent

VLACH Grant

JEFFRIES Donna
Independent

FRAIL Patricia
Independent


PEDERSEN Mick
Independent

SLACK-SMITH Vivian
Independent

BATEMAN Ian (Boof)
Independent

FORD Jason
Independent

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



Appendix F: Brewarrina Shire Council by-election - polling places and accessibility

Pre-poll voting venue

Venue	Address	Suburb	Accessibility
Brewarrina RO Office	57 Bathurst Street	Brewarrina NSW 2839	Assisted access

Voting venues

Venue	Address	Suburb	Accessibility
Brewarrina Info Centre	50 Bathurst Street	Brewarrina NSW 2839	Assisted access
Goodooga Central	Doyle Street	Goodooga NSW 2838	Assisted access
Weilmoringle Public	Burns Road	Weilmoringle NSW 2839	Assisted access