

# 2020 NSW Council Elections Bulletin

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## 1. Councils sharing returning office and Returning Officer resources

### Councils sharing resources

To provide councils with an opportunity to realise possible savings during the conduct of the September 2020 local government elections, we have created 33 'regional' returning offices comprising 85 councils. For each of these regional returning offices there will be a single Returning Officer managing the election for a number of councils.

### Stand-alone councils

For the larger councils with a significant number of polling places and contests, we have kept them standing alone, appointing a separate Returning Officer for each council. There are 39 stand-alone councils.

### List of councils

For the list of councils with regional returning offices and those stand-alone councils, see the listing below.

## 2. Pre-poll voting for councils sharing resources

To ensure that electors are not disadvantaged where there is a regional returning office and it is not located in their local government area, we will ensure that there is a pre-poll venue in every local government area.

## 3. Candidate nominations for councils sharing resources

We now have a number of options for candidates who wish to nominate for this election. We have developed an online nomination system (similar to the system developed for the 2019 State general election). The system will allow candidates to submit their nominations online and also pay their required deposit online. We would naturally encourage candidates to use this system.

Those candidates who would rather nominate using the traditional nomination form, can do so and submit their completed nomination form and deposit to the Returning Officer before nominations close.

Where councils are sharing a returning office/Returning Officer and the returning office isn't located within their LGA, we would accept nomination forms and deposits being submitted via the respective

council, who will then scan and forward them onto the Returning Officer for review and acceptance/rejection.

This process is of course subject to those councils being happy to 'receive' nominations from candidates. We will naturally be happy to discuss this further with those councils who may offer this service.

## **4. Councillors and Mayors**

Just a reminder to all councils to keep us informed of any Councillors who resign, pass away or are dismissed from office. The Funding, Disclosure and Compliance team need to keep accurate records of all current Councillors, who will also be listed on our website prior to the election.

## **5. Non-residential electors**

Councils are already receiving enquiries from electors not on their residential roll who would like to apply to be non-residential electors.

We have now created a fact sheet which should give you everything you need to know about the non-residential rolls. The fact sheet is entitled 'Non-Residential Rolls – Information for Councils' and can be found here:

<https://roll.elections.nsw.gov.au/lq/NRRTemplates.aspx>

Non-residential roll application forms for both individuals and nominees are now on the NSWEC website and can also be found here:

<https://roll.elections.nsw.gov.au/lq/NRRTemplates.aspx>

These application forms need to be customised to suit each council.

| Shared LG Areas |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1               | <b>Albury Region RO Office</b>          |
|                 | City of Albury                          |
|                 | Greater Hume Shire                      |
| 2               | <b>Armidale Region RO Office</b>        |
|                 | Armidale Regional                       |
|                 | Glen Innes Severn Shire                 |
|                 | Uralla                                  |
| 3               | <b>Bathurst Region RO Office</b>        |
|                 | Bathurst Regional                       |
|                 | Blayney                                 |
|                 | Oberon                                  |
| 4               | <b>Bega Valley Region RO Office</b>     |
|                 | Bega Valley                             |
|                 | Eurobodalla                             |
| 5               | <b>Broken Hill Region RO Office</b>     |
|                 | City of Broken Hill                     |
|                 | Wentworth                               |
| 6               | <b>Burwood Region RO Office</b>         |
|                 | Burwood                                 |
|                 | Canada Bay                              |
|                 | Strathfield                             |
| 7               | <b>Byron Region RO Office</b>           |
|                 | Ballina                                 |
|                 | Byron                                   |
| 8               | <b>Clarence Valley Region RO Office</b> |
|                 | Clarence Valley                         |
|                 | Richmond Valley                         |
| 9               | <b>Cobar Region RO Office</b>           |
|                 | Bogan                                   |
|                 | Bourke                                  |
|                 | Brewarrina                              |
|                 | Cobar                                   |
| 10              | <b>Coolamon Region RO Office</b>        |
|                 | Coolamon                                |
|                 | Junee                                   |
|                 | Narrandera                              |
|                 | Temora                                  |
| 11              | <b>Coonamble Region RO Office</b>       |
|                 | Coonamble                               |
|                 | Gilgandra                               |
|                 | Warren                                  |
| 12              | <b>Cowra Region RO Office</b>           |
|                 | Bland                                   |
|                 | Cowra                                   |
|                 | Weddin                                  |
| 13              | <b>Dubbo Region RO Office</b>           |
|                 | Dubbo Regional                          |
|                 | Narromine                               |

| Stand Alone LG Areas |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 34                   | Bayside                 |
| 35                   | Blacktown               |
| 36                   | Blue Mountains          |
| 37                   | Camden                  |
| 38                   | Campbelltown            |
| 39                   | Canterbury-Bankstown    |
| 40                   | Central Coast           |
| 41                   | Cessnock                |
| 42                   | Coffs Harbour           |
| 43                   | Cumberland              |
| 44                   | Georges River           |
| 45                   | Hawkesbury              |
| 46                   | Hornsby                 |
| 47                   | Inner West              |
| 48                   | Kempsey                 |
| 49                   | Kiama                   |
| 50                   | Ku-ring-gai             |
| 51                   | Lake Macquarie          |
| 52                   | Liverpool               |
| 53                   | Maitland                |
| 54                   | Mid-Coast               |
| 55                   | Newcastle               |
| 56                   | Northern Beaches        |
| 57                   | Parramatta              |
| 58                   | Port Macquarie-Hastings |
| 59                   | Randwick                |
| 60                   | Ryde                    |
| 61                   | Shellharbour            |
| 62                   | Shoalhaven              |
| 63                   | Sutherland              |
| 64                   | Sydney                  |
| 65                   | The Hills               |
| 66                   | Tweed                   |
| 67                   | Waverley                |
| 68                   | Willoughby              |
| 69                   | Wingecarribee           |
| 70                   | Wollondilly             |
| 71                   | Wollongong              |
| 72                   | Woollahra               |

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| 14 | <b>Federation Region RO Office</b>        |
|    | Berrigan                                  |
|    | Federation                                |
|    | Murrumbidgee                              |
| 15 | <b>Goulburn Mulwaree Region RO Office</b> |
|    | Goulburn Mulwaree                         |
|    | Upper Lachlan Shire                       |
|    | Yass Valley                               |
| 16 | <b>Griffith Region RO Office</b>          |
|    | Carrathool                                |
|    | City of Griffith                          |
|    | Hay                                       |
|    | Leeton                                    |
| 17 | <b>Gundagai Region RO Office</b>          |
|    | Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional             |
|    | Hilltops                                  |
|    | Snowy Valleys                             |
| 18 | <b>Gunnedah Region RO Office</b>          |
|    | Gunnedah                                  |
|    | Liverpool Plains                          |
|    | Warrumbungle Shire                        |
| 19 | <b>Inverell Region RO Office</b>          |
|    | Gwydir                                    |
|    | Inverell                                  |
| 20 | <b>Lane Cove Region RO Office</b>         |
|    | Lane Cove                                 |
|    | Hunter's Hill                             |
| 21 | <b>Lismore Region RO Office</b>           |
|    | City of Lismore                           |
|    | Kyogle                                    |
|    | Tenterfield                               |
| 22 | <b>Mid-Western Region RO Office</b>       |
|    | City of Lithgow                           |
|    | Mid-Western Regional                      |
| 23 | <b>Moree Plains Region RO Office</b>      |
|    | Moree Plains                              |
|    | Narrabri                                  |
|    | Walgett                                   |
| 24 | <b>Murray River Region RO Office</b>      |
|    | Edward River                              |
|    | Murray River                              |
| 25 | <b>Muswellbrook Region RO Office</b>      |
|    | Muswellbrook                              |
|    | Singleton                                 |
|    | Upper Hunter Shire                        |
| 26 | <b>Nambucca Region RO Office</b>          |
|    | Bellingen                                 |
|    | Nambucca                                  |

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| 27 | <b>North Sydney Region RO Office</b>        |
|    | Mosman                                      |
|    | North Sydney                                |
| 28 | <b>Orange Region RO Office</b>              |
|    | Cabonne                                     |
|    | City of Orange                              |
| 29 | <b>Parkes Region RO Office</b>              |
|    | Forbes                                      |
|    | Lachlan                                     |
|    | Parkes                                      |
| 30 | <b>Port Stephens Region RO Office</b>       |
|    | Dungog                                      |
|    | Port Stephens                               |
| 31 | <b>Queanbeyan-Palerang Region RO Office</b> |
|    | Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional                |
|    | Snowy Monaro Regional                       |
| 32 | <b>Tamworth Region RO Office</b>            |
|    | Tamworth Regional                           |
|    | Walcha                                      |
| 33 | <b>Wagga Wagga Region RO Office</b>         |
|    | City of Wagga Wagga                         |
|    | Lockhart                                    |