



Candidate Information Session

10 April 2024



TODAY'S SESSION

- Election Provisions – *John Rayner*
- Getting elected and being effective - *Ms Pam Palmer, former Lane Cove Mayor*
- Council and the Governing Body– *John Rayner*

Election Provisions

Presenter: John Rayner





Candidate webinars

A series of webinars will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission for election participants in the lead up to the 2024 NSW Local Government elections. Registration for the webinars will be via the Electoral Commission's website at elections.nsw.gov.au The following webinars will be held:

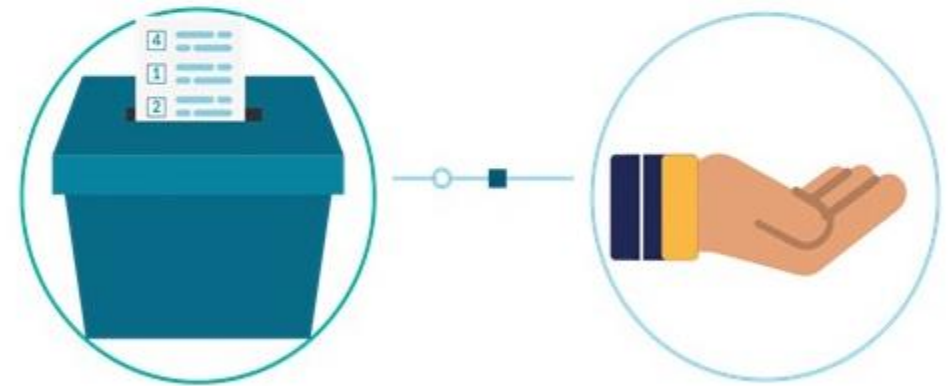
- Election funding (political donations), disclosures and compliance
- Candidate information
- Nominations
- Third-party campaigners
- Electoral material (how-to-vote), compliance, early voting and election day voting
- Candidate workers, scrutineers, declared facilities
- Counting and results
- Post-election disclosure obligations and other rules



Registration and nomination

Registration and nomination are two separate processes that serve different purposes.

- Being **registered** means the candidate or group can lawfully accept political donations, fundraise and pay for your campaign expenses.
- Being **nominated** means the candidate or group will be on the ballot paper for the election.
- Requests to form a group (and have a group voting square) on the ballot paper must be made separately as part of the nomination process.



Candidate helpdesk

Candidates with questions about the 2024 NSW Local Government elections should contact the NSW Electoral Commission by:

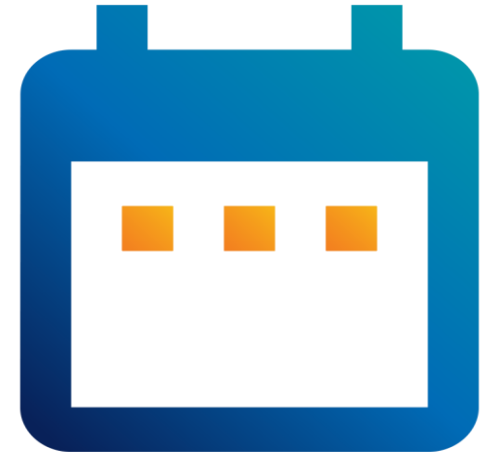
- calling the NSW Electoral Commission's candidate helpdesk on **1300 022 011**
- submitting an enquiry via the 'Contact us' page of the NSW Electoral Commission's website elections.nsw.gov.au/Contact-us
- visiting the NSW Electoral Commission's website: **elections.nsw.gov.au**



Election key dates

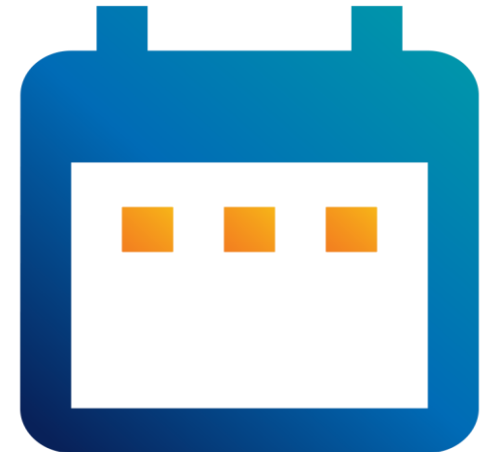
The election timetable can be found on the NSW Electoral Commission's website at elections.nsw.gov.au under "What are the key 2024 dates?"

- 5 August
Lodgement of nominations commence
Start of regulated period for electoral material
- 6 August
Lodgement of postal vote applications open
- 14 August
12 noon: Close of nominations and close of registration for candidates and groups
Registration of electoral material commences
- 15 August
2pm: Ballot paper draws will commence
Uncontested elections will be declared



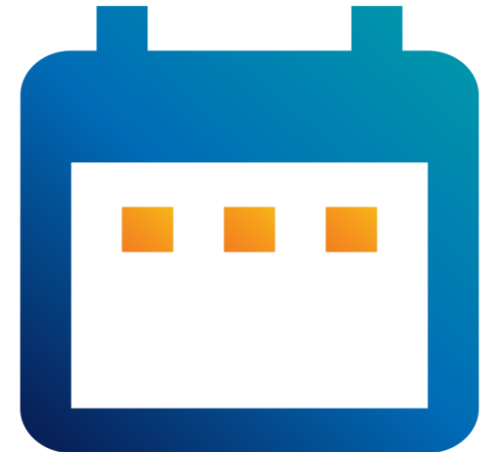
Election key dates (continued)

- 19 August Postal pack distribution commences
- 2 September Pre-poll voting period commences
- 6 September 5pm: Registration of electoral material closes
- 9 September Telephone voting registration and voting opens
5pm: Close of postal vote applications
Close of registration for third party campaigners



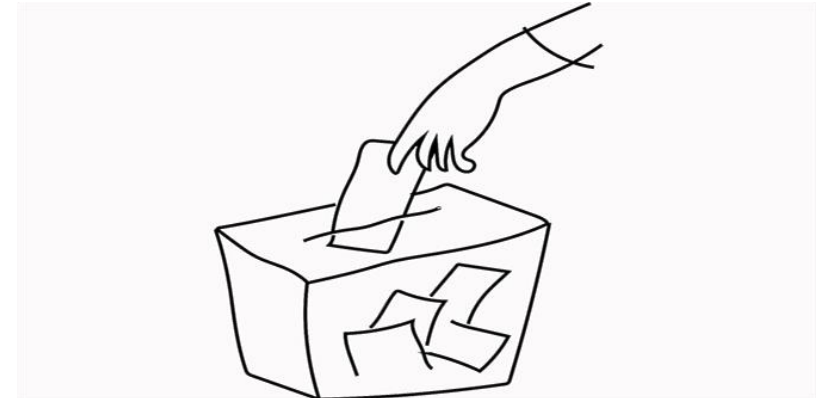
Election key dates (continued)

- 13 September Pre-poll voting closes
Telephone voting registration closes
- 14 September Election day
- 27 September Postal pack return ends
- 30 Sept–2 Oct Progressive distribution of preferences complete
- 1–3 October Progressive declaration of results



SYSTEM OF VOTING

- Proportional Representation System.
- Local Government (General Regulation) 2005, Schedule 5.
- Generally, a candidate who has first preferences or receives preferences as the count progresses equal to or greater than the quota will be elected.
- Quota is number of formal votes divided by number to be elected plus one, eg $30,000 \text{ divided by } 9+1 = 3,000$



PREVIOUS ELECTIONS



	2016	2012
Electors enrolled	36,813	31,094
Voter Turnout	29,549	21,459
Turnout percentage	80%	70%
Formal Voted	27,699	19,912
Informal Votes	1,850	1,547
Informal percentage	6%	8%
Quota	2,770	1,990
Number of candidates	56	70
Grouped candidates	50	67
Ungrouped candidates	6	3
Number of Groups	8	12

Election Process for Candidates (as per EC website)

Candidates should also follow the six step process below to successfully navigate the election process.

- **Step 1:** Familiarise yourself with the election processes and your legal obligations.
- **Step 2:** Register as a candidate.
- **Step 3:** Manage your campaign finances throughout the entire election period.
- **Step 4:** Nominate as a candidate.
- **Step 5:** Register electoral material (how to votes) to distribute on election day.
- **Step 6:** Disclose political donations and electoral expenditure to the NSW Electoral Commission.

Getting Elected and Being Effective

Presenter: Pam Palmer

- 13 years as a councillor of Lane Cove on Sydney's North Shore (2008 - 2021)
- Deputy Mayor (2009-2012)
- Mayor (2017 - 2021)
- Representative on North Sydney ROC, including as Chairperson in 2017-2018
- Independent (not a member of a political party)
- Has worked professionally as a management consultant specialising in IT solutions for the banking and insurance sector.
- Currently director of a software company.





One way to get elected....



Graham Perrett MP
Labor
MORETON
FIGHTING FOR THE SOUTHSIDE

100 POSITIVE POLICIES

PERRETT MP
...D BILL SHORTEN.
...LL PUT PEOPLE FIRST.

To protect **medicare**
Vote Labor in the Senate

Labor

Nic MONSOUR

Be sure - Vote Liberal National on both ballots

VOTE GREEN

SENATOR LARISSA WATERS
ANDREW BARTLETT

I guarantee Medicare stays.

Malcolm Turnbull
Prime Minister of Australia

Team work

Pick a colour to identify yourself then your next most important decision is your team.

→ **ATL or BTL**

The benefits of forming a group "Above the Line"

→ **Quota**

What is a quota and why is it important?

→ **Preferences**

Should you preference other candidates?



★ **teamwork**
hard work
ethics

**You may vote
in one of two
ways:**

either

Place the number "1" in the square above the group of candidates for whom you wish to vote. If you wish to vote for additional candidates, place consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2" in the squares above the additional groups of candidates in order of your preferences for them.

or

Place the numbers "1" and "2" in the squares next to 2 candidates in order of your preferences for them. If you wish to vote for any more candidates, place consecutive numbers starting with "3" in the squares next to those candidates in order of your preferences for them.

**EAST WARD LANE COVE COUNCIL
BALLOT PAPER FOR THE ELECTION OF 3 COUNCILLORS
HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2012**



Group <u>A</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Group <u>B</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Group <u>C</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Group <u>D</u> LIBERAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
Group <u>A</u> <input type="checkbox"/> TUDGE, Rod Independent <input type="checkbox"/> GILL, Liz Independent <input type="checkbox"/> MULLER, Richard Independent	Group <u>B</u> <input type="checkbox"/> MELINZ, Anthony Independent <input type="checkbox"/> GROMOWSKI, Ken Independent <input type="checkbox"/> CHORLEY, John Independent	Group <u>C</u> <input type="checkbox"/> PALMER, Pam Independent <input type="checkbox"/> ARMATI, Michael Independent <input type="checkbox"/> PRICE, Liz Independent	Group <u>D</u> <input type="checkbox"/> BROOKS-HORN, David LIBERAL <input type="checkbox"/> KARPIN, David LIBERAL <input type="checkbox"/> BENITEZ, Bettina LIBERAL	<input type="checkbox"/> STAMP, Wendy Independent



The above list indicates the result of the Draw, which was conducted at 2:00PM on September 8th 2012, for the order of Grouped and Ungrouped Candidates on the Ballot Paper for the East Ward in Lane Cove Council.

Group A

LANE COVE COUNCIL EAST WARD

HOW TO VOTE FOR THE ROD TUDGE GROUP TRUE INDEPENDENTS

GROUP A		GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D					
1		4	2	3					
VOTE ABOVE THE LINE OR BELOW THE LINE – NOT BOTH									
1	TUDGE Rod Independent	11	MELJNZ, Anthony Independent	5	PALMER, Pam Independent	8	BROOKS-HORN, David Liberal	4	STAMP Wendy Independent
2	GILL Liz Independent	12	GROMOWSKI, Ken Independent	6	ARMATI, Michael Independent	9	KARPIN, David Liberal		
3	MULLER Richard Independent	13	CHORLEY, John Independent	7	PRICE, Liz Independent	10	BENTTEZ, Bettim Liberal		
YOU MUST NUMBER AT LEAST TWO SQUARES BELOW THE LINE									

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Group B

VOTE 1 GROUP B ABOVE THE LINE

Anthony Melinz

EAST WARD - LANE COVE

VOTE 1 THEN 2 ABOVE THE LINE

Group A	Group B MELINZ	Group C	Group D LIBERAL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MELINZ Anthony <small>independent</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> GROMOWSKI Ken <small>independent</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHORLEY John <small>independent</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



Group C



Place the number **1** in the box labelled 'GROUP C' above the line.

ROUPE A <input type="checkbox"/>	GROUP B <input type="checkbox"/>	GROUP C <input type="checkbox"/>
ROUPE A <input type="checkbox"/>	GROUP B <input type="checkbox"/>	GROUP C <input type="checkbox"/>

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LANE COVE NEEDS NEW LEADERSHIP

- ✓ YOUR LOCAL DEPUTY MAYOR
- ✓ IMPROVING COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- ✓ SUPPORTING COMMUNITY SERVICES
- ✓ SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- ✓ YOUR INDEPENDENT TEAM

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HOW TO VOTE

PALMER
PUTTING COMMUNITY FIRST


INDEPENDENT
FOR EAST WARD

Below The Line

EAST WARD LANE COVE COUNCIL

HOW TO VOTE PAPER FOR WENDY STAMP Independent

Please number 3 squares below the line – as shown

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 TUDGE, Rod Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> MELINZ, Anthony Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> PALMER, Pam Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> BROOKS-HORN, David Liberal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 STAMP, Wendy Independent
<input type="checkbox"/> GILL, Liz Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> GROMOWSKI, Ken Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> ARMATI, Michael Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 KARPIN, David Liberal	
<input type="checkbox"/> MULLER, Richard Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> CHORLEY, John Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> PRICE, Liz Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> BENITEZ, Bettina Independent	

Quota

A quota is based on two numbers: the total number of formal votes cast and the number of councillors to be elected.

In general terms, for **C** councillors to be elected, a quota is given by the formula:

$$\text{Quota} = \text{total votes} / \text{C} + 1$$

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VOTE TRACKER is licenced to LANE COVE COUNCIL
      11 September 2012      14:07:00

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COUNCIL : LANE COVE COUNCIL      WARD : EAST
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ELECTION HELD ON      :      September 2012
NUMBER ON ROLL        : 7252
TOTAL FORMAL VOTES    : 5518
TOTAL INFORMAL VOTES  : 354
NUMBER TO BE ELECTED  : 3
ELECTION TYPE         : Proportional Representation as prescribed in
                        Schedule 5, Local Government (General) Regulation 2

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QUOTA
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Number of Formal Votes = 5518
Number of Seats        = 3
Number of Seats + 1    = 4
Formal Votes / Seats + 1 = 1379.50
                        Quotient = 1379
                        Quotient + 1 = 1380
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The Quota ..... = 1380
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11 September 2012 14:07:19

WARD : EAST QUOTA : 1380 COUNT : 1

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES		STATUS	COUNT	SENIORITY
ROD TUDGE	772		Continuing	0	0
LIZ GILL	15	A	Continuing	0	0
RICHARD MULLER	18		Continuing	0	0
ANTHONY MELINZ	304		Continuing	0	0
KEN GROMOWSKI	7	B	Continuing	0	0
JOHN CHORLEY	0		Continuing	0	0
PAM PALMER	1,445		Elected	1	2
MICHAEL ARMATI	36	C	Continuing	0	0
LIZ PRICE	14		Continuing	0	0
DAVID BROOKS-HORN	2,266		Elected	1	1
DAVID KARPIN	25	D	Continuing	0	0
BETTINA BENITEZ	22		Continuing	0	0
WENDY STAMP	594		Continuing	0	0
SUM VOTES :	5,518				
EXHAUSTED :	0				
TOTAL VOTES :	5,518				
FIRST PREF'S :	5,518		Candidates Elected :	2	

Quota has been achieved by two candidates. They are "elected".

The next step is to distribute the above-quota votes.

Over-quota
votes are then
distributed
based on voters'
preferences.

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES
ROD TUDGE	772
LIZ GILL	15
RICHARD MULLER	18
ANTHONY MELINZ	304
KEN GROMOWSKI	7
JOHN CHORLEY	0
PAM PALMER	1,445
MICHAEL ARMATI	36
LIZ PRICE	14
DAVID BROOKS-HORN	2,266
DAVID KARPIN	25
BETTINA BENITEZ	22
WENDY STAMP	594
SUM VOTES :	5,518
EXHAUSTED :	0
TOTAL VOTES :	5,518
FIRST PREF'S :	5,518

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES
ROD TUDGE	778
LIZ GILL	16
RICHARD MULLER	18
ANTHONY MELINZ	308
KEN GROMOWSKI	7
JOHN CHORLEY	0
PAM PALMER	1,445
MICHAEL ARMATI	37
LIZ PRICE	15
DAVID BROOKS-HORN	1,380
DAVID KARPIN	880
BETTINA BENITEZ	30
WENDY STAMP	604
SUM VOTES :	5,518
EXHAUSTED :	0
TOTAL VOTES :	5,518
FIRST PREF'S :	5,518

-886

+855

These votes will
mainly flow to
the next
candidate in the
group.

The process is then repeated for the other candidate with over-quota votes.

CANDIDATE NAME VOTES

ROD TUDGE 778
LIZ GILL 16
RICHARD MULLER 18
ANTHONY MELINZ 308
KEN GROMOWSKI 7
JOHN CHORLEY 0

PAM PALMER 1,445
MICHAEL ARMATI 37
LIZ PRICE 15

DAVID BROOKS-HORN 1,380
DAVID KARPIN 880
BETTINA BENITEZ 30
WENDY STAMP 604

SUM VOTES : 5,518
EXHAUSTED : 0
TOTAL VOTES : 5,518

FIRST PREF'S : 5,518

-65

+56

CANDIDATE NAME VOTES

ROD TUDGE 782
LIZ GILL 16
RICHARD MULLER 18
ANTHONY MELINZ 309
KEN GROMOWSKI 7
JOHN CHORLEY 0

PAM PALMER 1,380
MICHAEL ARMATI 93
LIZ PRICE 16

DAVID BROOKS-HORN 1,380
DAVID KARPIN 881
BETTINA BENITEZ 30
WENDY STAMP 604

SUM VOTES : 5,518
EXHAUSTED : 0
TOTAL VOTES : 5,518

FIRST PREF'S : 5,518

Then **second** preferences of the lowest scoring candidates are distributed. By the 9th such distribution, the leading candidates are:

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES
ROD TUDGE	782
LIZ GILL	16
RICHARD MULLER	18
ANTHONY MELINZ	309
KEN GROMOWSKI	7
JOHN CHORLEY	0
PAM PALMER	1,380
MICHAEL ARMATI	93
LIZ PRICE	16
DAVID BROOKS-HORN	1,380
DAVID KARPIN	881
BETTINA BENITEZ	30
WENDY STAMP	606
SUM VOTES :	5,518
EXHAUSTED :	0
TOTAL VOTES :	5,518
FIRST PREF'S :	5,518



CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES
ROD TUDGE	806
LIZ GILL	0
RICHARD MULLER	0
ANTHONY MELINZ	318
KEN GROMOWSKI	0
JOHN CHORLEY	0
PAM PALMER	1,380
MICHAEL ARMATI	101
LIZ PRICE	0
DAVID BROOKS-HORN	1,380
DAVID KARPIN	893
BETTINA BENITEZ	0
WENDY STAMP	617
SUM VOTES :	5,495
EXHAUSTED :	23
TOTAL VOTES :	5,518
FIRST PREF'S :	5,518

First preferences

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES
ROD TUDGE	806
LIZ GILL	0
RICHARD MULLER	0
ANTHONY MELINZ	318
KEN GROMOWSKI	0
JOHN CHORLEY	0
PAM PALMER	1,380
MICHAEL ARMATI	101
LIZ PRICE	0
DAVID BROOKS-HORN	1,380
DAVID KARPIN	893
BETTINA BENITEZ	0
WENDY STAMP	617
SUM VOTES :	5,495
EXHAUSTED :	23
TOTAL VOTES :	5,518
FIRST PREF'S :	5,518

The 10th distribution...
Transfer of preferences from the remaining "serious" candidates is more crucial to the final outcome.

CANDIDATE : MICHAEL ARMATI HAS BEEN EXCLUDED

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL : 101
EXHAUSTED VOTES : 61
VOTES TO TRANSFER : 40

CANDIDATE	BEFORE	TRANSFERED	AFTER
ROD TUDGE	806	12	818
ANTHONY MELINZ	318	2	320
DAVID KARPIN	893	3	896
WENDY STAMP	617	23	640
TOTAL		40	

The 11th distribution...

Note that $\frac{2}{3}$ of these votes are exhausted.

Still, most voters followed the guidance to give their second preference to the Liberals.

CANDIDATE NAME	VOTES
ROD TUDGE	818
LIZ GILL	0
RICHARD MULLER	0
ANTHONY MELINZ	320
KEN GROMOWSKI	0
JOHN CHORLEY	0
PAM PALMER	1,380
MICHAEL ARMATI	0
LIZ PRICE	0
DAVID BROOKS-HORN	1,380
DAVID KARPIN	896
BETTINA BENITEZ	0
WENDY STAMP	640
SUM VOTES :	5,434
EXHAUSTED :	84
TOTAL VOTES :	5,518

CANDIDATE	:	ANTHONY MELINZ	HAS BEEN EXCLUDED
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL	:	320	
EXHAUSTED VOTES	:	206	
VOTES TO TRANSFER	:	114	

CANDIDATE	BEFORE	TRANSFERED	AFTER
ROD TUDGE	818	37	855
DAVID KARPIN	896	62	958
WENDY STAMP	640	15	655
TOTAL		114	

Next the votes of the BTL candidate are distributed.

Only $\frac{1}{3}$ of these votes are exhausted.

And $\frac{2}{3}$ followed the HTV to give second preference to the Liberal candidate.

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WARD           : EAST
CANDIDATE      : WENDY STAMP   HAS BEEN EXCLUDED
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PROGRESSIVE TOTAL :           655
EXHAUSTED VOTES  :           220
VOTES TO TRANSFER :           435
  
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CANDIDATE      BEFORE    TRANSFERED    AFTER
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ROD TUDGE      855          158           1,013
DAVID KARPIN   958          277           1,235
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TOTAL          435
  
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CANDIDATE NAME      VOTES
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ROD TUDGE           1,013
LIZ GILL             0
RICHARD MULLER      0
ANTHONY MELINZ      0
KEN GROMOWSKI       0
JOHN CHORLEY        0
PAM PALMER          1,380 ★
MICHAEL ARMATI      0
LIZ PRICE            0 ★
DAVID BROOKS-HORN   1,380 ★★
DAVID KARPIN        1,235 ★★
BETTINA BENITEZ     0
WENDY STAMP         0
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SUM VOTES           :           5,008
EXHAUSTED           :           510
TOTAL VOTES         :           5,518
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FIRST PREF'S       :           5,518
  
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The final result!

Hard work

Plan and prepare because there is a lot of work to do... but you will have a team to help you make it an exciting challenge.

→ **Flyers, corflutes, HTVs**

Do you need professional help with your printed materials?

→ **Social media**

Again, do you need help with this?

→ **Deadlines**

Make sure you know the important dates and are ready!



★ **teamwork**
★ **hard work**
ethics

Ethics

The 'Golden Rule': Treat others as you'd like to be treated. Ethics are the principles that guide us to make a positive impact through our decisions and actions.

- **Regulations**
Important but not the whole story
- **Budget & Donations**
Know the rules, set up a bank account, appoint an official agent
- **Respect**
Be friendly to the opposition, the voting public and electoral staff.



- ★ **teamwork**
- ★ **hard work**
- ★ **ethics**



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YOUR VOTE IS POWERFUL

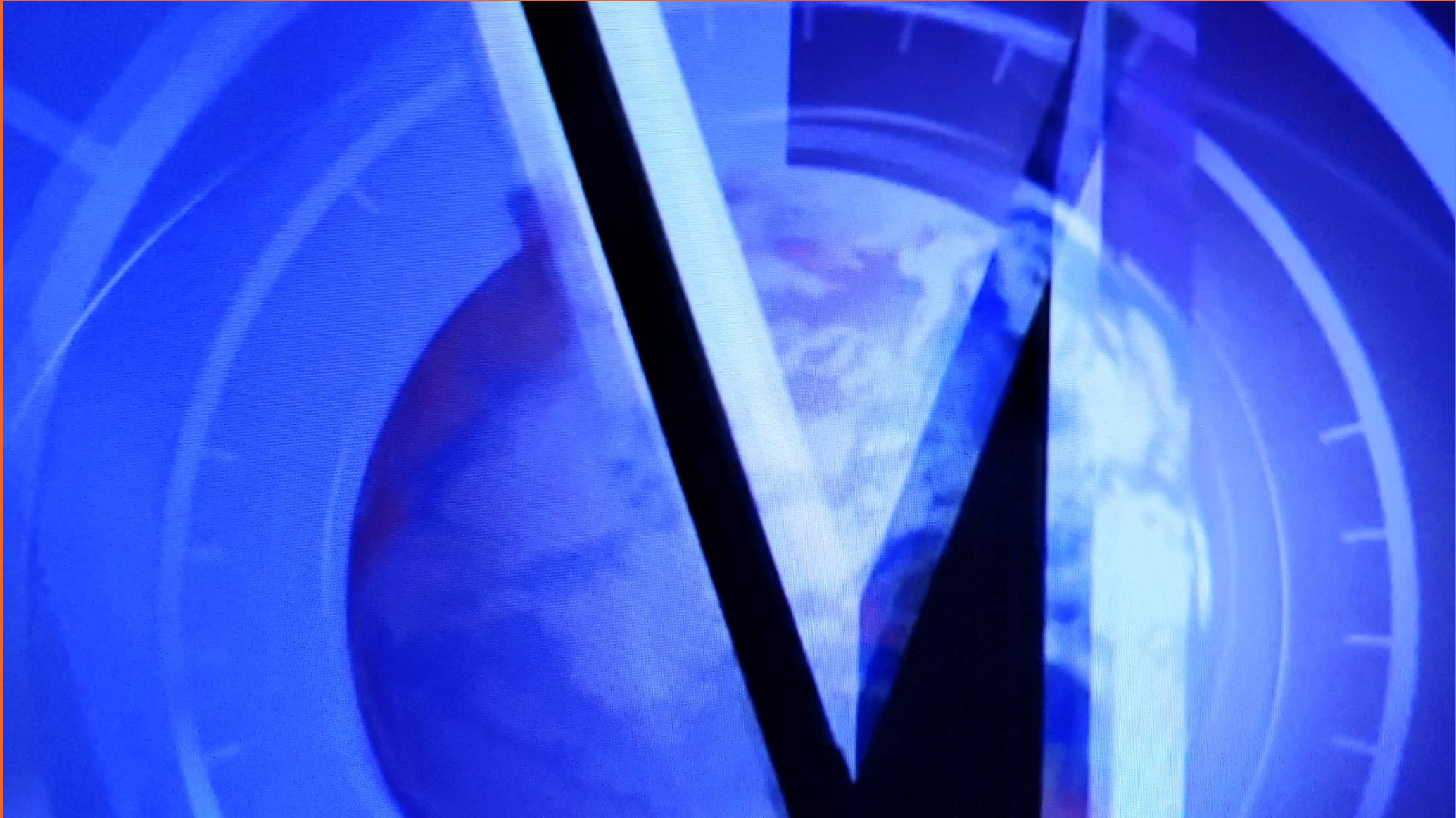
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I guarantee Medicare stays.
Malcolm Turnbull

SENATOR LARISSA WATERS
ANDREW BARTLET
VOTE GREEN



CONGRATULATIONS!



Embedded video

In politics you have to compromise and be accountable in a way that you just don't have to when you're an activist or advocate.

What did being on the inside teach you?



“Well, it told me how important government is... and how, if government gets it right, **it can make big changes that improve the lives of people** in the country...”

It is a **long interminable, sometimes conflicted, process**. But that's the nature of the beast.

And I think that we hold our politics up, quite rightly, to the light of inquiry and criticism, but I think **we need to do it in a realistic way** to recognize that we haven't worked through the best way to be democratic. It's a work in progress.”

The first steps

Governance

Plans & Budgets

Committees

- 
- ★ **teamwork**
 - ★ **hard work**
 - ★ **ethics**



★ **Teamwork**

You are only one person but need a team to be effective.

Embrace diversity in your team!

★ **Hard work**

If the decisions were easy... everyone would agree on the solution and you wouldn't need a Council.

If the decisions were easy... they wouldn't take long to implement.

★ **Ethics**

Treat others as you'd like to be treated - colleagues, staff and the community.

Leave with your integrity intact!

Good luck!

Council and the Governing Body

Presenter: John Rayner



THE COUNCIL

- Strong and effective leadership, representation, planning and decision making
- Providing best value for money
- Acting fairly, ethically and without bias,
- Being a responsible employer
- Being transparent
- Actively engaging with the community.

THE COUNCIL



- Section of the Act (8b) requires Councils to
 - spend its funds responsibly
 - invest in responsible and sustainable infrastructure
 - have effective financial and asset management
 - consider financial effects on future generations

Sec 29 WHS Act Duties of other persons at the workplace

- A person at a workplace must take reasonable care for his or her own health and safety, and
- take reasonable care that his or her acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons, and
- comply, so far as the person is reasonably able, with any reasonable instruction that is given by the person conducting the business or undertaking to allow the person conducting the business or undertaking to comply with this Act.

THE GOVERNING BODY



- The legislation sets out the role of the governing body and the community expects its Council to meet its obligations.
- The Governing Body (the Council)
 - Directs and controls the affairs of the Council
 - Provides effective civic leadership
 - Ensures the financial sustainability of the Council
 - Develops the community strategic plan, delivery program and associated plans, programs and strategies
 - Determines the rating structure
 - Reviews performance of the Council
 - Appoints and monitors the performance of the General Manager
 - Determines senior staff positions and the organisation structure
 - Ensures the Council acts honestly, efficiently and appropriately

TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



- Be an effective **leader** of your local community by:
 - setting the vision and direction for your community without getting involved in the day to day operations of your council
 - balancing your advocacy role with the need to work as a team with other councillors to make decisions that benefit the whole community
 - balancing short and long-term community needs and interests
 - fostering and maintaining positive internal and external relationships

TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



Ensure effective **participation** in Council business by:

- making informed decisions through good preparation and involvement
- following your council's Code of Meeting Practice and/or legislation on meetings
- drawing on the information and assistance that the General Manager and the community can provide to councillors in making their decisions

TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



Conduct yourself in a way that enhances and maintains the credibility of your council and local government as a whole by:

- acting lawfully, honestly, transparently and respectfully in line with your council's Code of Conduct • exercising care and diligence in carrying out your functions
- ensuring your relationships with the General Manager and staff are based on trust and mutual respect, following clear and agreed protocols about staff contact

TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



Be **accountable** for understanding and meeting your community's needs by:

- engaging and consulting with your community
- responsibly managing your council's money and assets to meet current and future needs
- considering the long-term consequences of your decisions
- ensuring the requirements of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework are met

TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



Take **responsibility** for your ongoing learning and professional development by:

- regularly assessing your learning needs
- actively seeking opportunities to acquire further knowledge and skills
- contributing your knowledge and skills to the development of local government as a whole

SOCIAL MEDIA



- Council's social media policy only applicable to Councillors and staff some of the requirements are worth complying with.
- You must not use social media to post or share comments, photos, videos, electronic recordings or other information that:
 - is offensive, humiliating, threatening or intimidating
 - contains content about that is misleading or deceptive
 - divulges confidential information
 - breaches privacy



Questions?

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