

**Report on the Conduct of the
Leichhardt Municipal Council
(Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward)
By-election
2 August 2014**

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Election Timetable

Activity	Date
Close of authorised rolls*	6:00pm Monday, 23 June 2014
Close of nominations	12:00 noon Wednesday, 2 July 2014
Registration of how-to-vote material commences	Wednesday, 2 July 2014
Pre-poll voting starts	Monday, 21 July 2014
Registration of how-to-vote material closes	5:00pm Friday, 25 July 2014
Postal voting applications close	5:00pm Monday, 28 July 2014
Declared Institution voting commences	Monday, 28 July 2014
Pre-poll voting finishes	6:00pm Friday, 1 August 2014
Declared Institution voting concludes	Friday, 1 August 2014
Election day	Saturday, 2 August 2014
Return of postal votes closes	6:00pm Monday, 4 August 2014
Distribution of preferences	Tuesday, 5 August 2014
Declaration of the poll	Wednesday, 6 August 2014

* 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 Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward) By-election held on Saturday, 2 August 2014.

Mr John Stamolis was declared elected on Wednesday, 6 August 2014, to represent the Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward within Leichhardt Municipal Council.

I would like to thank all NSWEC staff involved in conducting the Leichhardt Municipal 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, 2
August 2014**

Returning Officer **John NEELY**

Who was Elected?

Councillor Election	
Successful Candidate	Mr John STAMOLIS
Female Candidates	0
Male Candidates	4
Total Candidates	4

How did Electors Vote?

Voting Methods Electors Used	
Ordinary	4,046
Postal	341
Pre-poll/Declared Institution	1,659
Section/Silent	73
Enrol and Vote	0
Total Votes	6,119

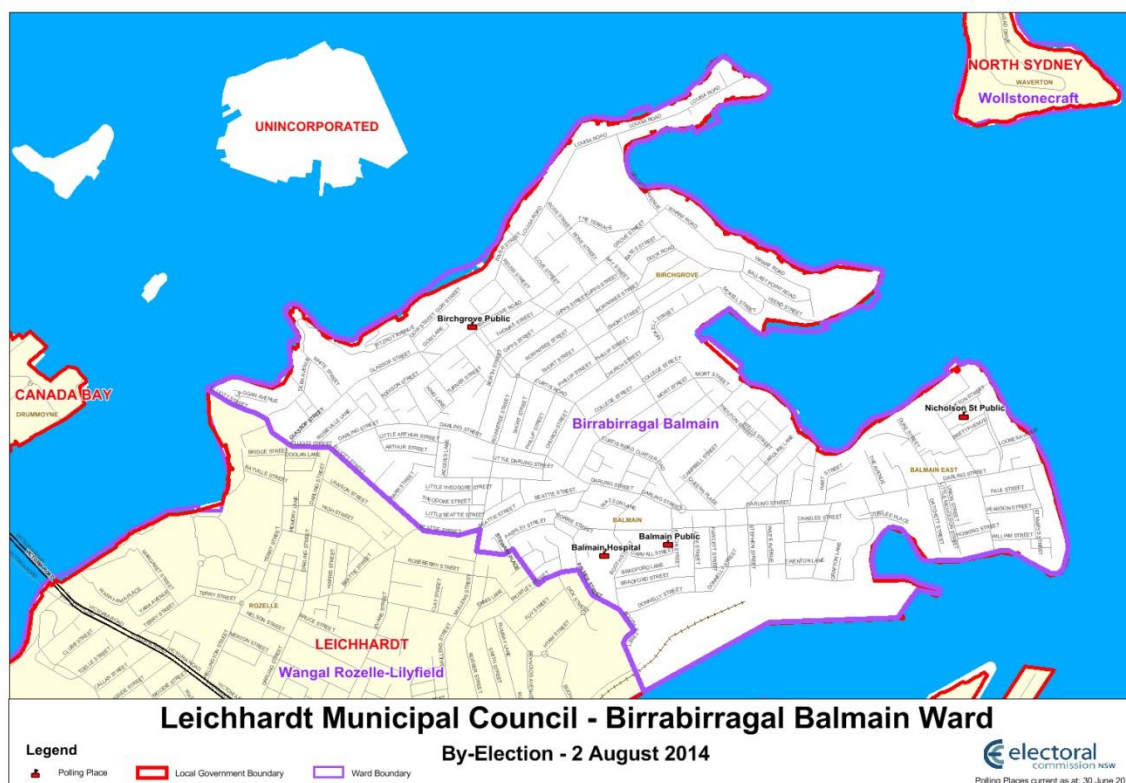
Your Vote is Your Voice!

Voter Participation	
Total Electors	8,985
Formal Votes	6,024
Informal Votes	95
Total Votes	6,119
Voter Turnout	68.1%
Rate of Informality	

Polling Places, Election Officials and Cost

Election Details	
Pre-poll Voting Centres	1
Polling Places	4
Total No. of Election Staff	23
Cost of By-election	\$65,835
Cost per Elector	\$7.33

Leichhardt Municipal Council – Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward



Conduct of the Election

Background

Leichhardt Municipal Council is a divided council. It has four wards; each ward has three 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 Leichhardt Municipal Council By-election.

Comparative data on key indicators for the Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabirragal/Balmain 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 Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward) consisted of council specific statutory advertisements.

Statutory Campaign

Prior to the election the NSWEC consulted Leichhardt Municipal 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 Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabbirragal/Balmain 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.

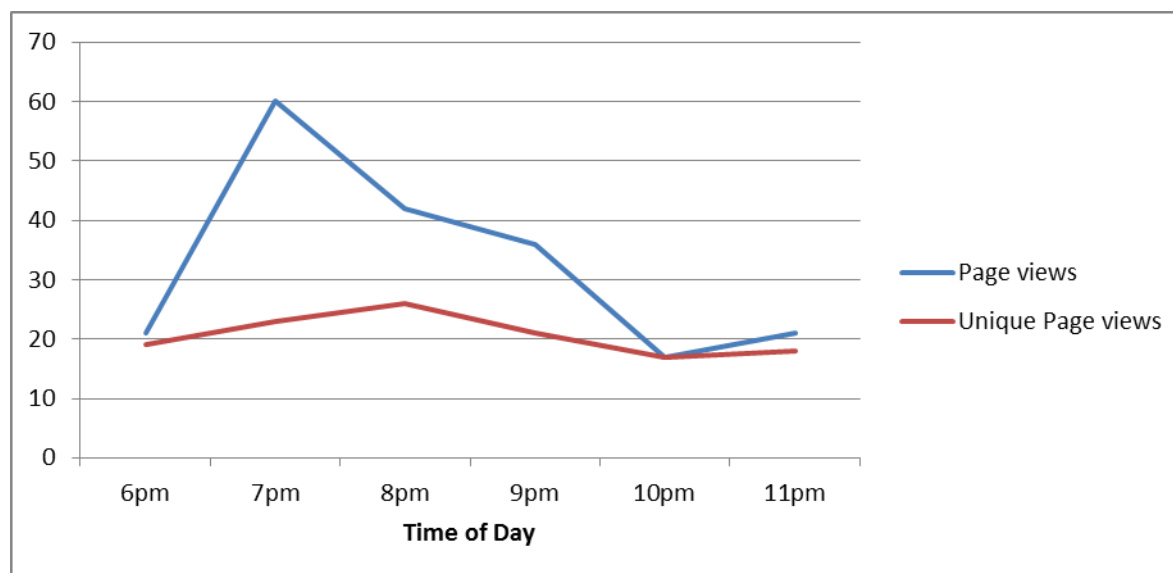
Polling place information provided on the website included accessibility information for electors with a disability.

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

The pages on the NSWEC's website relating to the Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward) 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

Graph 1: Leichhardt Municipal Council By-election – Usage of the NSWEC Website for Poll Results, 2 August 2014



Nominations

Nominations closed at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 2 July 2014.

A total of four 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, 23 June 2014, was required to vote.

There were 8,985 electors on the residential electoral roll for Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward). This was an increase of approximately 282 electors from the number on the roll for the Local Government Elections in September 2012.

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 Leichhardt Municipal 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 26 electors on the non-residential roll for Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward) for the 2014 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, 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, 21 July 2014, and closed on Friday, 1 August 2014. The pre-poll location was:

Ground Floor,
Balmain Town Hall
370 Darling Street,
Balmain NSW 2041

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 prevent 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
- are 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, 28 July 2014.

In order to be admitted to the count postal votes needed to be received by the Returning Officer by 6:00pm on Monday, 4 August 2014.

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 four polling places across the Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward) area on election day. Of those, one was fully wheelchair accessible and 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.

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, 6 August 2014, 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, Division 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

Please see Appendix H for the information brochure for this election.

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 2,585 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, 26 June 2014, 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 three 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 help line 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 John Neely as Returning Officer for the Leichhardt Municipal Council's (Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward) 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 Leichhardt Municipal Council

(Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward) By-election was located at:

Ground Floor
Balmain Town Hall
370 Darling Street
Balmain
NSW 2041

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 Ross Symons, 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 Leichhardt Municipal Council with an estimate of the costs for the conduct of their election.

The final cost of NSWEC conducting the election was \$65,835 (GST exclusive). The cost per elector was \$7.33.

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Appendix A: Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward) - Enrolment/Non-residential Roll Advertisement



LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BIRRABBIRAGAL / BALMAIN WARD BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 2 AUGUST 2014 ENROL TO VOTE

A by-election will be held in Leichhardt Municipal Council – Birrabbirragal / Balmain Ward on Saturday, 2 August 2014 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 Leichhardt Municipal Council Office at 7-15 Wetherill Street Leichhardt, Phone (02) 9367 9121, Fax (02) 9367 9111 Website: www.leichhardt.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 Leichhardt Municipal Council by **6pm Monday, 23 June 2014**.

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 6pm **Monday, 23 June 2014** residing in Leichhardt Municipal Council - Birrabbirragal / Balmain 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 6pm Monday, 23 June 2014.

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 The Council Chambers, First Floor, Leichhardt Town Hall, Corner of Marion and Norton Streets Leichhardt from **5pm to 7pm Thursday, 26 June 2014**.

As a candidate you will have legal obligations and responsibilities. The seminar will include presentations by the NSW Electoral Commission and the Election Funding Authority of NSW and 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

Colin Barry, Electoral Commissioner

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Appendix B: Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrarragal/Balmain Ward)- Polling Places & Candidates Advertisement



LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BIRRARRAGAL / BALMAIN WARD BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 2 AUGUST 2014

A by-election to elect ONE Councillor will be held on Saturday, 2 August 2014.

If you are enrolled in the Leichhardt Municipal Council – Birrarragal / Balmain Ward local government area you must vote. To check your enrolment details visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au, or call 1300 135 736.

If you are not on the electoral roll or you are enrolled at an old address but now live in the Leichhardt Municipal Council – Birrarragal / Balmain Ward local government area you can enrol or update your details when you vote early in person or on election day, just bring your NSW photo driver licence or NSW Photo Card showing your current address in the Leichhardt Municipal Council – Birrarragal / Balmain Ward local government area, and your Australian citizenship or passport details if you were born overseas.

Voting on election day

Voting will take place between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

Polling Places

	Locality	Venue Name	Address
W	Balmain	Balmain Hospital	Booth Street
	Balmain	Balmain Public School	1 Eaton Street
	Balmain	Birchgrove Public School	Birchgrove Road
	Balmain East	Nicholson Street Public School	Nicholson Street

W = Fully wheelchair accessible. For further accessibility information visit the website or call us.

Voting before election day

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

Voting by post

Postal vote applications are available from either: www.elections.nsw.gov.au or the Returning Officer or the Council office or by calling 1300 135 736.

Completed application forms must be received not later than 5.00pm Monday, 28 July 2014.

Pre-Poll Voting

Pre-Poll voting in person

You can vote in person from Monday, 21 July 2014 at the Returning Officer's office, Ground Floor, Balmain Town Hall, 370 Darling Street, Balmain.

Pre-poll Hours:

Monday, 21 July - Friday, 25 July 2014 9.30am to 5.30pm

Monday, 28 July - Thursday, 31 July 2014 9.30am to 5.30pm

Friday, 1 August 2014 9.00am to 6.00pm

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all electors of Birrarragal / Balmain Ward. The penalty for not voting is \$55.

Candidates

Name of candidate	Party Affiliation
BOLTON Derek	The Greens
DI PIETRO Aaron	Labor
MANIKAS Michael	Liberal
STAMOLIS John	Independent

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS

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

John Neely

Returning Officer

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

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**Appendix C: Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrarragal/Balmain Ward)
- Declaration of Poll Advertisement**



**LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
BIRRABIRRALGAL / BALMAIN WARD BY-ELECTION
SATURDAY, 2 AUGUST 2014**

Result of Election

An election was held to elect one councillor. I declare

John STAMOLIS

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

Detailed results are available from the NSW Electoral Commission website.

John Neely
Returning Officer

6 August 2014

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

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Appendix D: Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward) By-election - Ballot Paper

Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward
**Leichhardt Municipal Council
By-election**
BALLOT PAPER FOR
ELECTION OF 1 COUNCILLOR
Held on 2 August 2014

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

- BOLTON Derek**
THE GREENS
- DI PIETRO Aaron**
LABOR
- MANIKAS Michael**
LIBERAL
- STAMOLIS John**
Independent

Appendix E: Leichhardt Municipal Council (Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward) By-election - Polling Places and Accessibility

Polling Place Name	Address	Unique Short Venue Name	Accessibility
Balmain Hospital	Booth Street, Balmain, NSW 2041	Balmain Hospital	Fully Wheelchair Accessible
Balmain Public School	1 Eaton Street, Balmain, NSW 2041	Balmain Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building has lips and/or steps • No designated disabled parking spot • No disabled toilet
Birchgrove Public School	Birchgrove Road, Balmain, NSW 2041	Birchgrove Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No designated disabled parking spot • No disabled toilet
Nicholson Street Public School	Nicholson Street, Balmain East, NSW 2041	Nicholson St Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building has lips and/or steps • No designated disabled parking spot • No disabled toilet

Appendix F: Leichhardt Council By-election (Birrabbirragal/Balmain Ward) – Check Count by Polling Place

Voting Type/ Polling Place	Balmain Hospital	Balmain Public	Birchgrove Public	Nicholson St Public	Total for Polling Places	Declaration Votes	Early Vote; Postal NSWEC	Early Vote; Pre-Poll RO Office	Total Early Voting	Total Overall Voting
Actual Voting;										
Ordinary Polling	552	977	1,824	693	4,046		343	1,659	2,002	6,048
Enrolment					0	59			0	59
NAMAV					0				0	0
Silent					0	14			0	14
Total for Location	552	977	1,824	693	4,046	73	343	1,659	2,002	6,121
Personal Saturday Voting										
Total Votes Cast	552	977	1,824	693	4,046	78				4,124
Total Formal Personal Votes	542	957	1,785	685	3,969	73				4,042
Informal Personal Votes;										
- Number	10	20	39	8	77	2				79
- Percentage of Total Votes cast	1.81%	2.05%	2.14%	1.15%	1.90%	2.74%				1.95%
Early Voting Analysis;										
Postal Voting										
PVP Issued							440			
PVD Returned;										
- Number							343			343
- Percentage (%)							77.95%			

Voting Type/ Polling Place	Balmain Hospital	Balmain Public	Birchgrove Public	Nicholson St Public	Total for Polling Places	Declaration Votes	Early Vote; Postal NSWEC	Early Vote; Pre-Poll RO Office	Total Early Voting	Total Overall Voting
Admitted to Count;										
- Number							341			
- Percentage (%)							99.42%			
- Informal							2			
- Informal %							0.59%			
Pre-Poll Voting										
Ballots Issued								1,659		1,659
Admitted to Count								1,643		
Informal								16		
- Informal %								0.96%		
Summary										
Total Voter Response;										
Total Enrollment										8,985
Total Votes cast										6,121
Percentage %										68.12%
Total Informal Votes;										
Number										
- Personal Voting	10	20	39	8	77	2				79
- Postal Voting							2			2

Voting Type/ Polling Place	Balmain Hospital	Balmain Public	Birchgrove Public	Nicholson St Public	Total for Polling Places	Declaration Votes	Early Vote; Postal NSWEC	Early Vote; Pre-Poll RO Office	Total Early Voting	Total Overall Voting
- Pre-Poll Voting								16		16
Total Informal	10	20	39	8	77	2	2	16		97
Percentage of Total Votes cast	1.81%	2.05%	2.14%	1.15%	1.90%	2.74%	0.58%	0.96%	0.00%	1.58%
Pre Poll Voting Data										
Monday 21 July								179		
Tuesday 22 July								164		
Wednesday 23 July								114		
Thursday 24 July								147		
Friday 25 July								132		
Monday 28 July								160		
Tuesday 29 July								156		
Wednesday 30 July								153		
Thursday 31 July								147		
Friday 1 August								304		
Total Voting								1,656		
Average Daily								166		

Appendix G: Leichhardt Council By-election (Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward) - Distribution of Preferences



Distribution of Preferences Report

Local Government Area:	Leichhardt	Election of:	Councillor
Report Print Date:	TUESDAY,5-AUGUST-2014 12:50	Election Day:	SATURDAY,2-AUGUST-2014

Candidates	Count 1	Count 2		Count 3		
	Candidate Votes	Votes Distributed	Progressive Totals	Votes Distributed	Progressive Totals	
BOLTON Derek (GNS)	1294	33	1327			
DI PIETRO Aaron (ALP)	1436	80	1516	419	1935	
MANIKAS Michael (LP)	1172					
STAMOLIS John (Independent)	2122	298	2420	558	2978	ELECTED
Total Formal Votes	6024	411	5263	977	4913	
Exhausted Votes		761	761	350	1111	
Total Informal Votes	95		95		95	
Total Votes	6119	1172	6119	1327	6119	
Absolute Majority	3013		2632		2457	

Source:

<https://results.elections.nsw.gov.au/LB1405/Leichhardt/Leichhardt%20Birrabirragal%20Balmain/Councillor/DistributionOfPreferencesReport.html>

Appendix H: Leichhardt Council By-election (Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward) – Elector Information Brochure

Here's where to vote on election day*

Election Day Polling Places		
Locality	Venue and Address	Accessibility
Balmain	Balmain Hospital Booth Street	
Balmain	Balmain Public School 1 Eaton Street	3, 4, 5
Balmain	Birchgrove Public School Birchgrove Road	4, 5
Balmain East	Nicholson Street Public School Nicholson Street	3, 4, 5

Legend	Assisted Access
+	Does not meet accessibility requirements
1	Path of travel from car park may be difficult
2	Access ramp does not meet standards
3	Building has lips and/or steps
4	No designated disabled parking spot
5	No disabled toilet
6	May have limited circulation space in voting area
7	Door width is between 760 – 800mm
	Full Wheelchair Access

*Information correct as at 3 July 2014.

Bring this brochure with you on election day. It will make voting easier.

Council By-election Saturday, 2 August 2014

Your guide to voting in
Leichhardt Municipal Council
 Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward

Your vote is your voice
 in your local area. **Be heard.**

electoral commission NSW

This brochure contains important information about the by-election. It's particularly important to remember:

- Polling places will be open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday, 2 August 2014
- Voting is compulsory for all enrolled electors in the Leichhardt Municipal Council Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward local government area; and
- The penalty for not voting at a local council by-election is \$55.

Why is this by-election being held?

This by-election is required to fill a position on the council following the death of a councillor.

Do I need to vote?

You have received this brochure because you are enrolled in the Leichhardt Municipal Council Birrabirragal/Balmain Ward local government area. Voting is compulsory for all enrolled electors.

Where can I vote?

The polling places for election day are listed on this brochure.

What if I can't get to a polling place on election day?

You can vote by post

Postal voting is available for eligible voters. Application forms are available from www.elections.nsw.gov.au, by calling 1300 135 736 or from your Returning Officer. Applications must be received by the Returning Officer by 5.00pm Monday, 28 July 2014. Electors who are registered general postal voters for federal and state elections are already registered for council elections. They will automatically be sent their ballot papers without further application.

Or you can vote early

Pre-poll voting is available at the following location and times:

- Returning Officer's Office**
Ground Floor, Balmain Town Hall,
370 Darling Street, Balmain
- Monday, 21 July - Friday, 25 July 2014
9.30am to 5.30pm
- Monday, 28 July - Thursday, 31 July 2014
9.30am to 5.30pm
- Friday, 1 August 2014
9.00am to 6.00pm

Can I get assistance in any other language?

For assistance in a language other than English please call **13 14 50**.

How can I help someone who cannot read this brochure?

If you, or someone you know requires assistance reading this brochure please call **1300 135 736**.

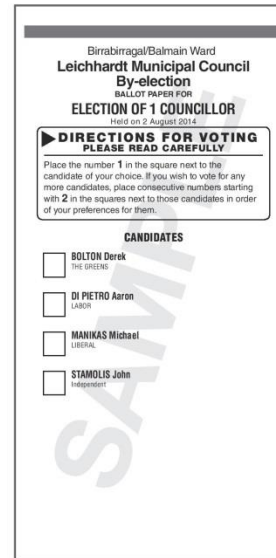
For more information visit
www.elections.nsw.gov.au
or call 1300 135 736

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



How to Vote

There are 4 candidates standing for election. They will appear on the ballot paper as shown below.



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.

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