

**Report on the Conduct of the  
Brewarrina Shire Council  
By-election  
21 June 2014**

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## Election Timetable

Activity	Date
Close of authorised rolls*	6:00pm Monday, 12 May 2014
Close of nominations	12:00 noon Wednesday, 21 May 2014
Registration of how-to-vote material commences	Wednesday, 21 May 2014
Pre-poll voting starts	Tuesday, 10 June 2014
Registration of how-to-vote material closes	5:00pm Friday, 13 June 2014
Postal voting applications close	5:00pm Monday, 16 June 2014
Declared Institution voting commences	Monday, 16 June 2014
Pre-poll voting finishes	6:00pm Friday, 20 June 2014
Declared Institution voting concludes	Friday, 20 June 2014
Election day	Saturday, 21 June 2014
Return of postal votes closes	6:00pm Monday, 23 June 2014
Distribution of preferences	Tuesday, 24 June 2014
Declaration of the poll	Wednesday, 25 June 2014

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\* For nominations and roll printing purposes.

## Foreword

I am pleased to present to the NSW Government, the NSW Electoral Commission's report on the conduct of the Brewarrina Shire Council Local Government By-election held on Saturday, 21 June 2014.

Mr Bill Loughnan and Mr Tommy Stanton were declared elected on Wednesday, 25 June 2014.

I would like to thank all NSWEC staff involved in conducting 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. I look forward to building on our achievements and carrying these forward into the 2016 Local Government Elections.



Linda Franklin  
Acting Electoral Commissioner

## Election at a Glance

Date of Election **Saturday, 21  
June 2014**

Returning Officer **Stephen Middleton**

### Who was Elected?

Councillor Election	
<b>Successful Candidate</b>	Bill LOUGHNAN Tommy STANTON
<b>Female Candidates</b>	3
<b>Male Candidates</b>	5
<b>Total Candidates</b>	8

### How did Electors Vote?

Voting Methods Electors Used	
<b>Ordinary</b>	464
<b>Postal</b>	31
<b>Pre-poll/Declared Institution</b>	72
<b>Section/Silent</b>	8
<b>Enrol and Vote</b>	0
<b>Total Votes</b>	575

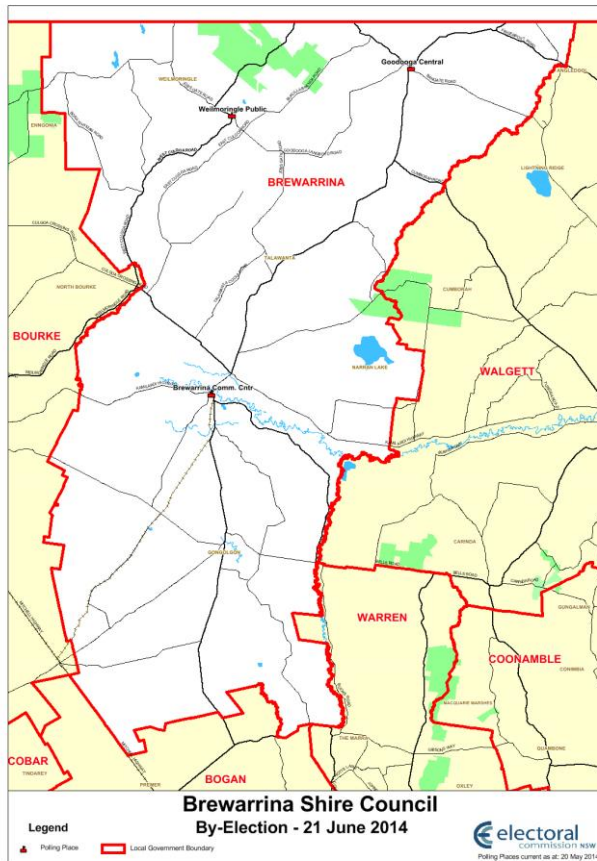
### Your Vote is Your Voice!

Voter Participation	
<b>Total Electors</b>	979
<b>Formal Votes</b>	559
<b>Informal Votes</b>	16
<b>Total Votes</b>	575
<b>Voter Turnout</b>	58.73%
<b>Rate of Informality</b>	2.78%

### Polling Places, Election Officials and Cost

Election Details	
<b>Pre-poll Voting Centres</b>	1
<b>Polling Places</b>	3
<b>Total No. of Election Staff</b>	8
<b>Cost of By-election</b>	\$16,812
<b>Cost per Elector</b>	\$17.17

## Brewarrina Shire Council



Brewarrina Shire Council includes the following suburbs:

Angledool\*; Belvedere; Bogan; Bokhara; Bokhara Plains; Bow Creek; Brenda; Brewarrina; Brewarrina North; Brewarrina West; Briery Park; Bukulla; Bulabulah; Burban Grange; Byrock\*; Caringle; Cartlands; Cedars; Charlton; Collerina; Compton Downs; Coolaburra; Derra; Glenariff; Gongolgon; Goodooga; Kentucky; Marra Downs; Mogila; Mulgawarrina; Mundadoo; Mundiwa; Narran Lake; Narran Plains; New Angledool\*; Talawanta; Tarcoon; Tarrion; Wave Hill; Weilmoringle; Willamurra; Yarrawin.

Note: \* indicates the suburb is fully within the council's boundaries.

## Conduct of the Election

### Background

Brewarrina Shire Council is an undivided council with nine 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.

At this by-election, two councillors were elected.

### Performance

The service standards in the Local Government Elections 2012 Service Charter were applied to the Brewarrina Shire Council By-election.

Comparative data on key indicators for the Brewarrina Shire Council in the 2014 By-election and the 2012 Local Government Elections is provided.

## Comparisons to 2012 Local Government Elections

Voter Participation		
	2012 Election	2014 By-election
<b>Total Electors</b>	931	979
<b>Formal Votes</b>	635	559
<b>Informal Votes</b>	16	16
<b>Total Votes</b>	651	575
<b>Voter Turnout</b>	69.9%	58.38%
<b>Informality</b>	2.5%	2.78%
<b>Pre-poll Voting Centres</b>	3	1
<b>Polling Places</b>	4	3
<b>Election Officials</b>	6	8
<b>Cost per elector</b>	\$15.93	\$17.17

## Communications

### Advertising

The 2014 Local Government By-election advertising campaign for Brewarrina Shire Council consisted of council specific statutory advertisements.

### Statutory Campaign

Prior to the election the NSWEC consulted Brewarrina Shire 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 Brewarrina Shire Council 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.

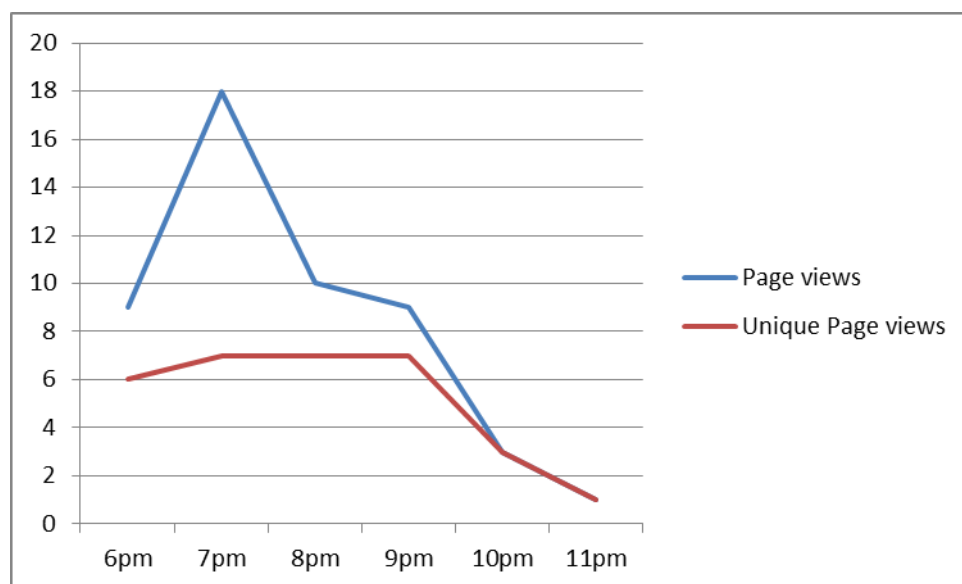
Polling place information provided on the website included accessibility information for electors with a disability.

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

The pages on the NSWEC’s website relating to the Brewarrina Shire Council Election were well utilised.

Use of the NSWEC’s website is typically greatest on election night when users seek information on results. The graph below provides a picture of usage over the period from close of polling to midnight on election night for the Brewarrina Shire Council By-election.

Graph 1: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election – Usage of the NSWEC Website for Poll Results, Saturday, 21 June 2014.



## Nominations

Nominations closed at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 21 May 2014.

A total of eight 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; or
- the election is uncontested.

## Rolls

### Residential

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

Legislation provides that for Local Government elections the electoral roll closes on the fortieth day before the day of the election. Any person who was on the roll at the close of roll date, 6:00pm Monday, 12 May 2014, was required to vote.

There were 979 electors on the residential electoral roll for Brewarrina Shire Council. This was an increase of approximately 54 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 Brewarrina Shire Council General Manager. The General Manager was required to prepare and certify a list of the potential electors who applied for the non-residential roll and provide the list to the NSWEC.

There were no electors on the non-residential roll for Brewarrina Shire Council for the 2014 by-election.

## Voting

### Method of Voting

Section 285 *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes that the voting system in a contested election of a councillor or councillors is to be:

- optional preferential if the number of councillors to be elected is one; or
- proportional representation if the number of councillors to be elected is two or more.

For this By-election, proportional representation voting 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 Tuesday, 10 June 2014 and closed on Friday, 20 June 2014. The pre-poll location was:

- Returning Officer's Office  
Brewarrina Shire Council  
57 Bathurst Street  
BREWARRINA, NSW 2839

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 be 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 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
- were a silent elector.

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

Applications for postal voters opened on nomination day with electors able to obtain

applications from the NSWEC website, the NSWEC head office or the Returning Officer's office. Applications for postal voting closed at 5:00pm on Monday, 16 June 2014.

In order to be admitted to the count postal votes needed to be received by the Returning Officer by 6:00pm on Monday, 23 June 2014.

### *Declared Institutions*

The Electoral Commissioner has the authority to appoint hospitals, nursing homes, retirement villages and like facilities as Declared Institutions, to assist the residents and/or patients of these facilities who are unable to attend a polling place on election day.

Election officials visited Declared Institutions from the Monday until Wednesday before election day.

### *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 three polling places across the Brewarrina Shire Council area on election day. All three were accessible with assistance (none were fully wheelchair accessible or did not meet accessibility requirements). The NSWEC website provided details of which polling places were accessible with assistance and the restrictions on accessibility where relevant.

While the NSWEC does not own any of the venues used for voting it is committed to

providing the best possible voting facilities for electors with a disability and understands the importance of providing accurate accessibility information to the public. Where possible, the NSWEC hired polling places with the greatest possible level of access for electors whose mobility may be constrained by a disability.

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

## 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 Councillors' election the proportional representation voting method was used.

## Counting Procedures

On election night all polling places conducted an initial sort and count of first preference votes. At the Returning Officer's office, declaration (ie postal, pre-poll and Declared Institution) votes are opened, sorted and first preference counted. The count results were placed on the NSWEC website on election night from 6.30pm onwards.

The successful candidate was declared elected by the Returning Officer on Wednesday, 25 June 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

Brewarrina Shire Council opted not to use an elector brochure for its enrolled electors.

### Braille Ballot Papers

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

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

### Equal Access to Democracy/ Electors with a Disability

The NSWEC's Equal Access to Democracy Plan focuses on ways to improve services to, and participation in, the democratic process for people with a disability.

Some features of the Plan and its application include:

- the provision of Braille ballot papers upon request for electors who are vision impaired;

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

These measures were applied to this By-election.

## Non-voters

### *Failure to Vote*

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

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

For this election 368 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 Tuesday, 6 May

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 four prospective candidates who attended this seminar.

### How-to-vote material

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

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

## Electoral Staffing

### Returning Officer

The Electoral Commissioner appointed Stephen Middleton as Returning Officer for the Brewarrina Shire Council's by-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 Brewarrina Shire Council By-election was located at:

Brewarrina Shire Council  
57 Bathurst Street  
BREWARRINA  
NSW 2839

### 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 Sue Park, 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 Brewarrina Shire Council with an estimate of the costs for the conduct of their election.

The final cost of NSWEC conducting the election was \$16,812 (GST exclusive).

The cost per elector was \$17.17.

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## Appendix A: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election - Enrolment/Non-residential Roll Advertisement



### BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 21 JUNE 2014 Enrol To Vote

A by-election will be held in Brewarrina Shire Council on Saturday, 21 June 2014 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 at 57 Bathurst Street, Brewarrina, Phone (02) 6830 5100 Fax (02) 6839 2100 Website: [www.brewarrina.nsw.gov.au](http://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, 12 May 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, 12 May 2014** residing in Brewarrina Shire Council 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](http://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, 12 May 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 Brewarrina Shire Council Office, 57 Bathurst Street, Brewarrina, from 9am to 11am Tuesday, 6 May 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](http://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



## Appendix B: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election - Polling Places & Candidates Advertisement



### BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 21 JUNE 2014

A by-election to elect two councillors will be held on Saturday, 21 June 2014.

If you are enrolled in the Brewarrina Shire Council local government area you must vote. To check your enrolment details visit [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://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 Brewarrina Shire Council 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 Brewarrina Shire Council 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
Brewarrina	Brewarrina Community Centre	Bourke Street
Goodooga	Goodooga Central School	Doyle Street
Weilmoringle	Weilmoringle Public School	Burns Road

For accessibility information visit [elections.nsw.gov.au](http://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 check [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or by calling 1300 135 736.

Completed application forms must be received not later than 5.00pm Monday, 16 June 2014.

#### Pre-Poll Voting

You can vote early in person from Tuesday, 10 June 2014 at the Returning Officer's office, Brewarrina Shire Council, 57 Bathurst Street Brewarrina NSW 2839.

Pre-poll Hours:

Tuesday, 10th June to Friday, 13th June; 9.00am – 3.30pm

Monday, 16th June to Thursday, 19th June; 9.00am – 3.30pm

Friday, 20th June; 9.00am – 6.00pm

#### Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all electors. The penalty for not voting is \$55.

#### Candidates

Name of candidate	Party Affiliation
NEALE Wayne	
JEFFRIES Donna	Independent
HOOPER Frederick	Independent
VLACH Grant	
GLOVER Susan	
STANTON Tommy	Independent
LORD Delphina	Independent
LOUGHNAN Bill	Independent

#### CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS

Electors may view each candidate's information sheet at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au).

Stephen Middleton  
Returning Officer

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or 1300 135 736**

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## Appendix C: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election- Declaration of Poll Advertisement



### **BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL BY- ELECTION SATURDAY, 21 JUNE 2014 Result of Election**

An election was held to elect two councillors. I declare

**Bill Loughnan**

**Tommy Stanton**

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

Detailed results are available from the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Stephen Middleton  
Returning Officer


25 June 2014

**Information:** [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au) or **1300 135 736**

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## Appendix D: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election - Ballot Paper



# Brewarrina Shire Council By-election

BALLOT PAPER FOR  
**ELECTION OF 2 COUNCILLORS**  
Held on 21 June 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

- NEALE Wayne**
- JEFFRIES Donna**  
Independent
- HOOPER Frederick**  
Independent
- VLACH Grant**
- GLOVER Susan**
- STANTON Tommy**  
Independent
- LORD Delphina**  
Independent
- LOUGHNAN Bill**  
Independent

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



## Appendix E: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election - Polling Places and Accessibility

Polling Place Name	Address	Locality	Accessibility
<b>Brewarrina Community Centre</b>	Bourke Street, Brewarrina, NSW 2839	Brewarrina Comm. Cntr	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building has lips and/or steps</li> <li>• No designated disabled parking spot</li> <li>• No disabled toilet</li> <li>• Path of travel from car park may be difficult</li> </ul>
<b>Goodooga Central School</b>	Doyle Street, Goodooga, NSW 2831	Goodooga Central	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access ramp does not meet standards</li> <li>• No designated disabled parking spot</li> <li>• No disabled toilet</li> <li>• Path of travel from car park may be difficult</li> </ul>
<b>Weilmoringle Public School</b>	Burns Road, Weilmoringle, NSW 2839	Weilmoringle Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No designated disabled parking spot</li> <li>• No disabled toilet</li> <li>• Path of travel from car park may be difficult</li> </ul>

# Appendix F: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election – Check Count by Polling Place

## First Preference Votes

Local Government Area: Brewarrina Shire Council - Councillor Election  
 Election Day: SATURDAY, 21-JUNE-2014  
 Current as at: Tuesday, 24-June-2014 9:01:52AM

Polling Place	NEALE Wayne	JEFFRIES Donna	HOOPER Frederick	VLACH Grant	GLOVER Susan	STANTON Tommy	LORD Delphina	LOUGHNAN Bill	Total Formal	Informal	Total Votes	Status
Brewarrina Comm. Cntr	44	42	42	44	18	7	32	93	322	15	337	First Preference Figures Complete
Goodooga Central	3	1	11	0	0	65	1	1	82	1	83	First Preference Figures Complete
Wellmoringle Public	23	0	4	4	1	9	1	2	44	0	44	First Preference Figures Complete
Total Ordinary Votes	70	43	57	48	19	81	34	96	448	16	464	
Postal	0	2	2	5	5	3	0	14	31	0	31	First Preference Figures Complete
Pre-poll Votes	5	6	1	22	24	5	1	8	72	0	72	First Preference Figures Complete
Provisional / Silent Votes	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	8	0	8	First Preference Figures Complete
Total	75	51	61	77	48	90	35	122	559	16	575	
% of Total Formal Votes	13.42%	9.12%	10.91%	13.77%	8.59%	16.10%	6.26%	21.82%		2.82%		

Number of Electors: 985

% of Enrolled who voted: 58.38%

- Explanation of Status:
- Ready: No results will be available prior to 6.00 pm on Election Night
  - Commented: Initial count figures from polling places and declaration votes are being received and displayed
  - Final for Saturday: No further results will be available on Election Night
  - Continuing: Initial figures for declaration votes continue to be counted and the check count of ballot papers is being conducted
  - First Preference Figures Complete: Final count of all first preference votes complete

## Appendix G: Brewarrina Shire Council By-election - Distribution of Preferences

### Brewarrina Shire Council – Election of 2 Councillors - Distribution of Preferences

Election Day: Saturday 21 June 2014

Distribution of Preferences: conducted on Tuesday 24 June 2014

Candidates	First Preference Votes	2nd count Exclusion of LORD	2nd count Progressive Total	3rd count Distribution of GLOVER	3rd count Progressive Total	4th count Distribution of JEFFRIES	4th count Progressive Total	5th count Distribution of HOOPER	5th count Progressive Total	6th count Distribution of VLACH	6th count Progressive Total
NEALE Wayne	75	1	76	4	80	15	95	21	116	17	133*
JEFFRIES Donna	51	4	55	3	58	excluded					
HOOPER Frederick	61	13	74	2	76	3	79	excluded			
VLACH Grant	77	2	79	14	93	6	99	3	102	excluded	
GLOVER Susan	48	3	51	excluded							
STANTON Tommy	90	2	92	5	97	9	106	29	135	16	151*
LORD Delphina	35	excluded									
LOUGHNAN Bill	122	2	124	13	137	13	150	7	157	39	196*
Total Formal	559	27	551	41	541	46	529	60	510	72	480
Informal	16	0	16	0	16	0	16	0	16	0	16
Exhausted	0	8	8	10	18	12	30	19	49	30	79
Total Votes	575	35	575	51	575	58	575	79	575	102	575

Quota : 187 (559 ÷ 3 = 186.3333 = 186 + 1 = 187)

(Quota formula: total formal first preference votes ÷ 1 more than the number to be elected, disregard the fraction and then add 1)

#### Count Explanation

No candidate received a quota so candidates were excluded starting from the lowest polling candidate.

\*At the sixth count Bill Loughnan was elected with a quota. Bill Loughnan's surplus votes (ie: votes above the quota) are 9. The difference between the two lowest polling candidates at the sixth count is 18. Wayne Neale is excluded after the sixth count.

#### Candidates Elected

Bill Loughnan – Elected First

Tommy Stanton - Elected Second

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