

# 2020 NSW Council Elections Bulletin

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

### Councils sharing resources

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

### Stand-alone councils

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

### List of councils

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

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

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

## 3. Candidate nominations for councils sharing resources

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

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

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

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

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

## **4. Councillors and Mayors**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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