

**Report on the Conduct of the
Willoughby City Council
Mayoral By-election held on
12 April 2014**

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Election Timetable

Activity	Date
Close of authorised rolls*	6:00pm Monday, 3 March 2014
Close of nominations	12:00 noon Wednesday, 12 March 2014
Registration of how-to-vote material commences	Wednesday, 12 March 2014
Pre-poll voting starts	Monday, 31 March 2014
Registration of how-to-vote material closes	5:00pm Friday, 4 April 2014
Postal voting applications close	5:00pm Monday, 7 April 2014
Declared Institution voting commences	Monday, 7 April 2014
Pre-poll voting finishes	6:00pm Friday, 11 April 2014
Declared Institution voting concludes	Friday, 11 April 2014
Election day	Saturday, 12 April 2014
Return of postal votes closes	6:00pm Monday, 14 April 2014
Distribution of preferences	Tuesday, 15 April 2014
Declaration of the poll	Wednesday, 16 April 2014

* 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 Willoughby City Council Local Government Mayoral By-election held on Saturday, 12 April 2014.

Mrs Gail Giles-Gidney was declared elected on Wednesday, 16 April 2014.

I would like to thank all NSWEC staff involved in conducting the Willoughby City Council Local Government Mayoral By-election, as well as electors, councils, 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,
12 April 2014

Returning Officer Sally Aves

Who was Elected?

Mayoral Election	
Successful Candidate	Gail GILES-GIDNEY
Female Candidates	2
Male Candidates	8
Total Candidates	10

How did Electors Vote?

Voting Methods Electors Used	
Ordinary	25,498
Postal	1,768
Pre-poll/Declared Institution	3,541
Section/Silent	386
Enrol and Vote	0
Total Votes	31,193

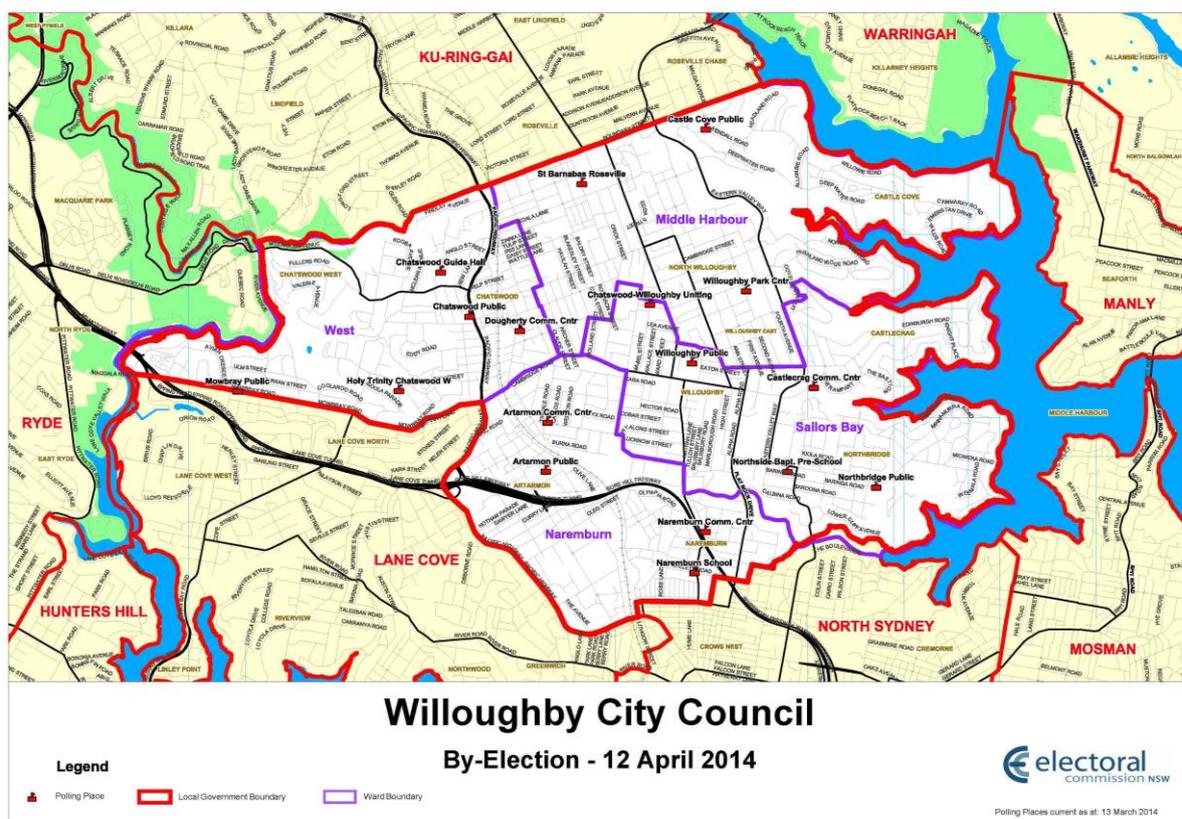
Your Vote is Your Voice!

Voter Participation	
Total Electors	45,061
Formal Votes	30,041
Informal Votes	1,152
Total Votes	31,193
Voter Turnout	69.22%
Rate of Informality	3.74%

Polling Places, Election Officials and Cost

Election Details	
Pre-poll Voting Centres	1
Polling Places	17
Total No. of Election Staff	126
Cost of By-election	\$201,296
Cost per Elector	\$4.47

Willoughby City Council



Conduct of the Election

Background

Willoughby City Council includes the following suburbs:

Artarmon, Castle Cove*, Castlecrag*, Chatswood*, Chatswood West, Crows Nest, East Roseville, East Willoughby*, Flat Rock*, Frenchs Road*, Gore Hill, Headland Heights*, Lane Cove, Middle Cove*, Mowbray*, Naremburn, North Lane Cove, Northbridge*, Roseville, Royal North Shore Hospital*, Sailors Bay*, St Leonards, Willoughby*, Willoughby North*, Wollstonecraft.

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

Willoughby City Council is a divided council with twelve councillors across four wards.

Mayors 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, which will be in September 2016.

In January 2014, Mayor Pat Reilly passed away whilst in office. In this instance, the newly elected Mayor will continue Mayor

Reilly’s term until the next ordinary election in September 2016.

Performance

The service standards in the Local Government Elections 2012 Service Charter were applied to the Willoughby City Council Mayoral By-election.

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

Comparisons to 2012 Mayoral by-election

Voter Participation		
	2012 Mayoral By- Election	2014 Mayoral By-election
Total Electors	43,882	45,061
Formal Votes	32,800	30,041
Informal Votes	1,959	1,152
Total Votes	34,759	31,193
Voter Turnout	79.21%	69.22%
Informality	5.64%	3.74%

Communications

Advertising

The 2014 Local Government Mayoral By-election advertising campaign for

Willoughby City Council consisted of council specific statutory advertisements.

Statutory Campaign

Prior to the election the NSWEC consulted Willoughby City 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 Mayoral By-election.

The Willoughby City Council Mayoral By-election page included information on the:

- election timetable;
- election employment opportunities;
- enrolment requirements and online enrolment confirmation;
- methods for voting;
- 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 council information.

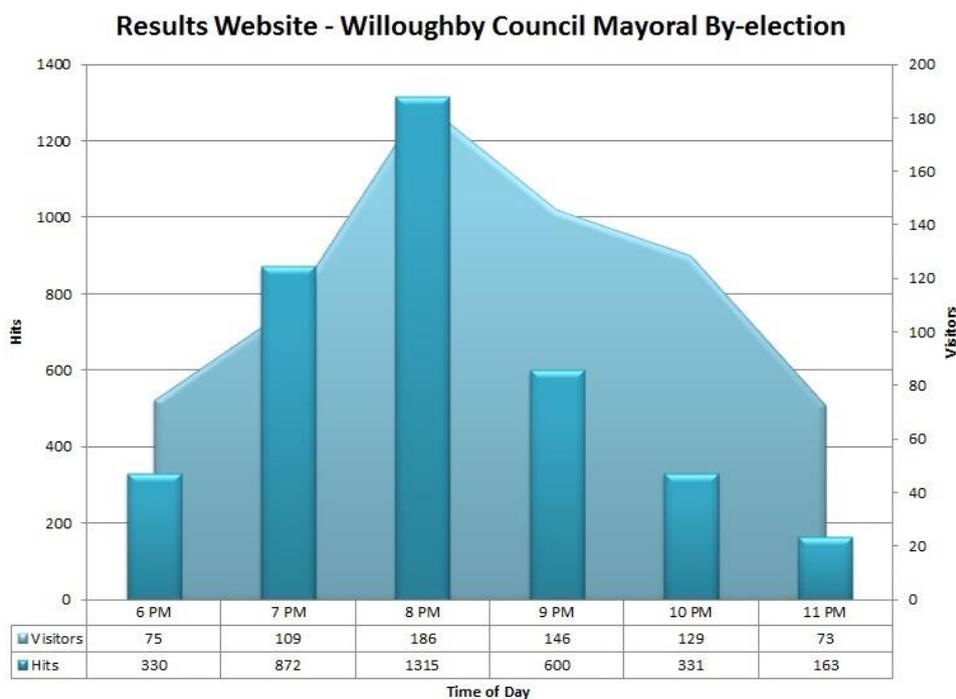
Polling place information provided on the website included accessibility information for electors with a disability.

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

The pages on the NSWEC’s website relating to the Willoughby City Council Mayoral By-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 Willoughby City Council Mayoral By-election.

Graph 1: Willoughby City Council Mayoral By-election – Usage of the NSWEC Website for Poll Results, 12 April 2014.



Nominations

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

A total of ten 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, 3 March 2014, was required to vote.

There were 45,057 electors on the residential electoral roll (of 45,061 electors on the total electoral roll) for Willoughby City Council in 2014. This was an increase of approximately 1,500 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 Willoughby City 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 four electors on the non-residential roll for Willoughby City Council for the 2014 Mayoral By-election.

Voting

Method of Voting

Section 285 of the *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes that the voting system in a contested election of a Mayor is to be optional preferential.

Absent Voting

Unlike State and Federal elections, absent voting is not available at NSW Mayoral by-

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, 31 March 2014, and closed on Friday, 11 April 2014. The pre-poll location was:

Level 5
12 Thomas Street
CHATSWOOD
NSW 2067

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 required 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 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 are 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;
- will be 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, 7 April 2014.

In order to be admitted to the count postal votes needed to be received by the Returning Officer by 6:00pm on Monday, 14 April 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.

A total of three institutions were visited:

- Dougherty Apartments Retirement Village, Chatswood;
- Willoughby Retirement Community Association; and
- Windsor Gardens Retirement Village.

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 seventeen polling places across the Willoughby City Council area on election day. Of those, two were fully wheelchair accessible; ten were accessible with assistance; and five 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 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 Mayoral by-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, 16 April 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 and the Council's General Manager. 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

Election Information Brochure

Willoughby City 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 Mayoral 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 10,904 penalty notices were issued within the three month period after election day.

Services to Candidates

Candidate Information Seminars

A candidate information seminar was conducted by the NSWEC on Tuesday, 25

February 2014 to assist prospective candidates in their preparation for the by-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;
- 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 six 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 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 Sally Aves as Returning Officer for the Willoughby City Council's By-election. Appointment was for six weeks, with a performance review conducted on completion of her 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 Willoughby City Council Mayoral By-election was located at:

Level 5
12 Thomas Street
CHATSWOOD
NSW 2067

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 Jill Johnson, 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 Willoughby City Council with an estimate of the costs for the conduct of their election.

The final cost of NSWEC conducting the election was \$201,296.45 (GST exclusive) with the cost per elector being \$4.47. The total cost was made up of the following:

Cost Category	Amount
Election staffing	\$94,008.00
Venues	\$29,168.00
Logistics	\$19,052.00
Ballot papers and electoral rolls	\$1,495.00
Other miscellaneous items	\$28,328.00
Election management fee	\$29,245.45
Total	\$201,296.45

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Appendix A: Enrolment/Non-residential Roll Advertisement



WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL BY-ELECTION SATURDAY, 12 APRIL 2014

Enrol To Vote

A by-election will be held in Willoughby City Council Saturday, 12 April 2014 to elect the Mayor.

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 Willoughby City Council Office at Level 4, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood, Phone (02) 9777 1000, Fax (02) 9777 1038, Website: www.willoughby.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 Willoughby City Council by **6pm Monday, 3 March 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, 3 March 2014** residing in Willoughby City

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 or call 1300 135 736. Enrolment forms are also available from any Australia Post office. Enrolment forms must be received by **6pm Monday, 3 March 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 Flannel Flower Meeting Room, Level 6, Council Administrative Building, 31 Victor Street, Chatswood from 5pm to 7pm Tuesday, 25 February 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

Appendix B: Polling Places and Candidates Advertisement

WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL BY-ELECTION

Saturday, 12 April 2014



A by-election to elect the Mayor will be held on Saturday, 12 April 2014. If you are enrolled in the Willoughby City Council 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 Willoughby City 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 Willoughby City 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

Artarmon	Artarmon Community Centre, 139 Artarmon Road
Artarmon	Artarmon Public School, McMillan Road
Castle Cove	Castle Cove Public School, Kendall Road
Castlecrag	Castlecrag Community Centre, The Rampart
Chatswood	Chatswood Girl Guide Hall, Anglo Street
Chatswood	Chatswood Public School, Pacific Highway
Willoughby	Chatswood-Willoughby Uniting Church Hall, 10 Clarwilliam Street
(W) Chatswood	Dougherly Community Centre, 7 Victor Street
Chatswood West	Holy Trinity Chapel Hall Chatswood West, 46 Beaconfield Road
Lane Cove	Mowbray Public School, 635 Mowbray Road
Naremburn	Naremburn After School Care & Community Centre, 7 Central Street
Naremburn	Naremburn School, 250 Willoughby Road
Northbridge	Northbridge Public School, Sailors Bay Road
Northbridge	Northside Baptist Pre-School, 112 Sailors Bay Road
Roseville	St Barnabas Anglican Church Hall Roseville, Corner William & Macquarie St
(W) Willoughby	Willoughby Park Centre, Warrane Road
Willoughby	Willoughby Public School, Oakville Road

(W) = Whether accessible. For information regarding accessibility please visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 135 736.

Voting before election day

You can vote early in person at the Returning Officer's office, Level 5, 12 Thomas Street Chatswood NSW 2067.

Early voting hours:

Monday, 7 April to Thursday, 10 April 2014	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, 11 April 2014	8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Voting is compulsory

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

Candidates

Name of candidate	Party Affiliation
STICKLAND David	Independent
WRIGHT Nic	LABOR
FLYNN James	
OWEN John C	Independent
MUSTACA Tony	Independent
OWENS John	Independent
WILLOUGHBY Steven	Independent
COPPOCK Stuart	Independent
GILES-GIDNEY Gail	Independent
NORTON Wendy	Independent

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEETS

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

Sally Aves
Returning Officer

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

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Appendix C: Declaration of Poll Advertisement



WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL BY-ELECTION HELD SATURDAY, 12 APRIL 2014

An election was held to elect the Mayor. I declare

Gail GILES-GIDNEY

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

Detailed results are available from the NSW Electoral Commission website.

Sally Aves
Returning Officer

16 April 2014

Information:

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

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Willoughby City Council By-election

BALLOT PAPER FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR

Held on 12 April 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

- STICKLAND David**
Independent
- WRIGHT Nic**
LABOR
- FLYNN James**
- OWEN John C**
Independent
- MUSTACA Tony**
Independent
- OWENS John**
Independent
- WILLOUGHBY Steven**
Independent
- COPPOCK Stuart**
Independent
- GILES-GIDNEY Gail**
Independent
- NORTON Wendy**
Independent

Appendix E: Polling Places and Accessibility

Polling Place Name	Address	Locality	Accessibility
Artarmon Community Centre	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 139 Artarmon Road, Artarmon NSW 2068	Artarmon Comm. Cntr	Does not meet accessibility requirements for electors with disabilities
Artarmon Public School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> McMillan Road, Artarmon NSW 2064	Artarmon Public	Does not meet accessibility requirements for electors with disabilities
Castle Cove Public School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> Kendall Road, Castle Cove NSW 2069	Castle Cove Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No designated disabled parking spot No disabled toilet Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Castlecrag Community Centre	<i>Multi-Ward</i> The Rampart, Castlecrag NSW 2068	Castlecrag Comm. Cntr	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building has lips and/or steps
Chatswood Girl Guide Hall	<i>Multi-Ward</i> Anglo Street, Chatswood NSW 2067	Chatswood Guide Hall	Does not meet accessibility requirements for electors with disabilities
Chatswood Public School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> Pacific Highway, Chatswood NSW 2067	Chatswood Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building has lips and/or steps No designated disabled parking spot No disabled toilet Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Chatswood-Willoughby Uniting Church Hall	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 10 Clanwilliam Street, Willoughby NSW 2068	Chatswood-Willoughby Uniting	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No designated disabled parking spot No disabled toilet Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Dougherty Community Centre	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 7 Victor Street, Chatswood NSW 2067	Dougherty Comm. Cntr	Fully Wheelchair Accessible

Holy Trinity Chapel Hall Chatswood West	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 46 Beaconsfield Road, Chatswood West NSW 2067	Holy Trinity Chatswood W	Does not meet accessibility requirements for electors with disabilities
Mowbray Public School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 635 Mowbray Road, Lane Cove NSW 2066	Mowbray Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building has lips and/or steps • No designated disabled parking spot
Naremburn After School Care & Community Centre	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 7 Central Street, Naremburn NSW 2065	Naremburn Comm. Cntr	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No designated disabled parking spot • No disabled toilet
Naremburn School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 250 Willoughby Road, Naremburn NSW 2065	Naremburn School	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building has lips and/or steps • No designated disabled parking spot • No disabled toilet
Northbridge Public School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge NSW 2063	Northbridge Public	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building has lips and/or steps • No designated disabled parking spot • Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Northside Baptist Pre-School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> 112 Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge NSW 2063	Northside Bapt. Pre-School	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No designated disabled parking spot • No disabled toilet • Path of travel from car park may be difficult
St Barnabas Anglican Church Hall Roseville	<i>Multi-Ward</i> Corner William and Macquarie Streets, Roseville NSW 2069	St Barnabas Roseville	Assisted Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building has lips and/or steps • No designated disabled parking spot • No disabled toilet • Path of travel from car park may be difficult
Willoughby Park Centre	<i>Multi-Ward</i> Warrane Road, Willoughby NSW 2068	Willoughby Park Cntr	Fully Wheelchair Accessible

Willoughby Public School	<i>Multi-Ward</i> Oakville Road, Willoughby NSW 2068	Willoughby Public	Does not meet accessibility requirements for electors with disabilities
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