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Voting at the upcoming council elections on 10 September 2016

What's new or changing

- Ordinary local government elections in NSW are scheduled to occur on 10 September 2016 for councils that have not been merged and that are not subject to a merger proposal.
- As a result of the death of a candidate, Tweed Shire Council's election will now be held on 29 October 2016.
- New councils formed from recent mergers and The Hills Shire Council will have their elections in September 2017.
- Councils that are subject to a merger proposal with a decision pending have also had their elections postponed.
- Central Darling Shire Council is currently under administration and will not be holding an election.

What this will mean for your council

- The NSW Electoral Commission has undertaken an extensive information campaign to inform electors which councils are holding elections on 10 September 2016 and of voting requirements.
- Importantly, in addition to this, councils holding elections on 10 September 2016 should take their own steps to inform voters in their areas of the requirement to vote, if they have not already done so. Councils may do so by way of:
 - information placed on the council's website
 - media releases
 - paid advertising
 - mail-outs
 - social media.

Key points

- Voting is compulsory for all people enrolled in areas where elections are being held and fines apply for not voting.
- Information on which councils are holding elections on 10 September is available on a dedicated website established by the NSW Electoral Commission at www.votensw.info
- This website allows voters to check whether their council is holding an election on 10 September 2016 and their enrolment details.
- A list of these councils is also attached to this Circular for reference.

Where to go for further information

- For more information relevant to councils that are holding elections on 10 September 2016, contact the NSW Electoral Commission or visit www.votensw.info



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Councils holding elections on Saturday, 10 September 2016

Albury City Council
Ballina Shire Council
Balranald Shire Council
Bega Valley Shire Council
Bellingen Shire Council
Berrigan Shire Council
Blacktown City Council
Bland Shire Council
Blue Mountains City Council
Bogan Shire Council
The Council of the Shire of Bourke
Brewarrina Shire Council
The Council of the City of Broken Hill
Byron Shire Council
Camden Council
Campbelltown City Council
Carrathool Shire Council
Cessnock City Council
Clarence Valley Council
Cobar Shire Council
Coffs Harbour City Council
Coolamon Shire Council
Coonamble Shire Council
Cowra Shire Council
Eurobodalla Shire Council
Fairfield City Council
Forbes Shire Council
Gilgandra Shire Council
Glen Innes Severn Council
Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Greater Hume Shire Council
Griffith City Council
Gunnedah Shire Council
Gwydir Shire Council
Hawkesbury City Council
Hay Shire Council
Inverell Shire Council
Junee Shire Council
Kempsey Shire Council
The Council of the Municipality of Kiama
Kyogle Council
Lachlan Shire Council
Lake Macquarie City Council
Leeton Shire Council
Lismore City Council
City of Lithgow Council
Liverpool City Council
Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Lockhart Shire Council
Mid-Western Regional Council
Moree Plains Shire Council
Muswellbrook Shire Council
Nambucca Shire Council
Narrabri Shire Council
Narrandera Shire Council
Narromine Shire Council
Parkes Shire Council
Penrith City Council
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
Richmond Valley Council
Shoalhaven City Council
Singleton Council
Sutherland Shire Council
Council of the City of Sydney
Tamworth Regional Council
Temora Shire Council
Tenterfield Shire Council
Upper Hunter Shire Council
Upper Lachlan Shire Council
Uralla Shire Council
The Council of the City of Wagga Wagga
Walcha Council
Walgett Shire Council
Warren Shire Council
Warrumbungle Shire Council
Weddin Shire Council
Wentworth Shire Council
Wingecarribee Shire Council
Wollondilly Shire Council
Yass Valley Council

Councils not holding an election on Saturday, 10 September 2016

- **Armidale Regional Council** (comprising the former Armidale Dumaresq and Guyra Shire councils)
- **Bathurst Regional Council**
- **Burwood Council**
- **Blayney Shire Council**
- **City of Botany Bay Council**
- **Cabonne Council**
- **City of Canada Bay Council**
- **Canterbury-Bankstown Council** (comprising the former Bankstown City and Canterbury City councils)
- **Central Darling Shire Council**
- **Central Coast Council** (comprising the former Gosford City and Wyong Shire councils)
- **Cumberland Council** (comprising parts of the former Parramatta City, Auburn City and Holroyd City councils)
- **Dungog Shire Council**
- **Edward River Council** (comprising the former Conargo Shire and Deniliquin councils)
- **Federation Council** (comprising the former Corowa Shire and Urana Shire councils)
- **Georges River Council** (comprising the former Hurstville City and Kogarah City councils)
- **Gundagai Council** (comprising the former Cootamundra Shire and Gundagai Shire councils)
- **The Hills Shire Council**
- **Hilltops Council** (comprising the former Boorowa, Harden Shire and Young Shire councils)
- **Hornsby Shire Council**
- **Hunter's Hill Council**
- **Inner West Council** (comprising the former Ashfield, Leichhardt Municipal and Marrickville councils)
- **Ku-ring-gai Council**
- **Lane Cove Municipal Council**
- **Maitland City Council**
- **Mid-Coast Council** (comprising the former Gloucester Shire, Great Lakes and Greater Taree City councils)
- **Mosman Municipal Council**
- **Murray River Council** (comprising the former Murray Shire and Wakool Shire councils)
- **Murrumbidgee Council** (comprising the former Jerilderie Shire and Murrumbidgee Shire councils)
- **Newcastle City Council**
- **North Sydney Council**
- **Northern Beaches Council** (comprising the former Manly, Pittwater and Warringah councils)
- **Oberon Council**
- **Orange City Council**
- **City of Parramatta Council** (comprising parts of the former Parramatta City, The Hills Shire, Auburn City, Holroyd City and Hornsby Shire councils)
- **Port Stephens Council**
- **Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council** (comprising the former Palerang and Queanbeyan City councils)
- **Randwick City Council**
- **Rockdale City Council**
- **City of Ryde Council**
- **Shellharbour City Council**
- **Snowy Monaro Regional Council** (comprising the former Bombala, Cooma-Monaro Shire and Snowy River Shire councils)
- **Snowy Valleys Council** (comprising the former Tumbarumba Shire and Tumut Shire councils)
- **Strathfield Municipal Council**
- **Tweed Shire Council****
- **Waverley Council**
- **Western Plains Regional Council** (comprising the former Dubbo City and Wellington councils)
- **Willoughby City Council**
- **Wollongong City Council**
- **Woollahra Municipal Council**

**The 10 September 2016 Tweed Shire Council election has been rescheduled for 29 October 2016.