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<b>Who should read this</b>	General Managers
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<b>Action required</b>	Information

## 2017 Local Government elections - Hit the Ground Running workshops

### What's new or changing

- OLG will again be providing support to councils and councillors to help them in their roles by conducting *Hit the Ground Running* councillor workshops following local government elections on Saturday 9 September, 2017.
- The workshop dates and locations are as follows:

	LOCATION	DATE
1.	Shellharbour	Wednesday 11 October 2017
2.	Armidale	Tuesday 17 October 2017
3.	Strathfield	Wednesday 18 October 2017
4.	Raymond Terrace	Wednesday 18 October 2017
5.	Parramatta	Thursday 19 October 2017
6.	Sydney CBD	Thursday 19 October 2017
7.	Blayney	Tuesday 24 October 2017
8.	Bankstown	Wednesday 25 October 2017
9.	Jerilderie	Tuesday 31 October 2017
10.	Gundagai	Wednesday 1 November 2017
11.	Sydney CBD	Saturday 4 November 2017

### What this will mean for your council

- The one-day workshops will be based on the '5 Key Things' all Councillors need to know in order for them to be effective in their roles, with an update on the local government reform program and the Local Government Act review process.
- An online registration system will be made available (via email) for General Managers to register councillor attendance in mid-September 2017.
- General Managers are asked to coordinate the registration of Councillors once details about the online registration system are provided.

### Key points

- The workshops are designed to help all councillors hit the ground running following the September 2017 elections. The workshops provide essential information to support councillors in serving their community and fulfilling their responsibilities. All councillors are strongly encouraged to attend.
- The 2017 program has been updated to include information on how local government reform affects each council, particularly following recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- The updated workshop material will also include crucial information for all councillors on the Model Code of Conduct, Integrated Planning and Reporting framework and the support available to them during their term in relation to mandatory learning and professional development.
- General managers are asked to widely promote the workshops and strongly encourage attendance. This could be achieved by providing relevant workshop dates/locations in the council calendar and including the workshops on the agenda for the first council meeting.

### Where to go for further information

- A promotional flyer with further details will be available shortly.
- Any queries about the Workshops can be directed to Council's Relationship Manager by email to [onestopshop@fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au](mailto:onestopshop@fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au).



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