**Do you want to become a Councillor?**

**SOME INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU**

* Council elections will be held on 14th September 2024.
* Candidates will need to make enquiries and obtain information to ensure they meet all the legal requirements.
* The election will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission. Candidates need to register at the NSW Electoral Commission website elections.nsw.org.au to receive further information.
* Candidates need to become familiar with the website and visit it regularly.
* Being REGISTERED means the candidate or group can lawfully accept political donations, fundraise and pay for campaign expenses.
* Candidates should also visit the Office of Local Government (OLG) website olg.nsw.gov.au and subscribe to its newsletters.
* The OLG will be progressively releasing more information about the elections, including information for people intending to run for Council.

**A series of Candidate Information webinars will be conducted by Eventbrite on behalf of the NSW Electoral Commission**.

* 21 May 2024 Candidate information webinar
* 27 June 2024 Nominations webinar
* 25 July 2024 Election operations webinar
* 6 August 2024 Electoral material, compliance, early voting and election day voting

These webinars will cover such topics as electoral funding, political donations, disclosures and compliance, third party campaigners, candidate workers, scrutineers, declared facilities, counting and results, post-election disclosure obligations and other rules.

Register for the webinar at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/candidate-information-webinar-registration-846886148267>

**Candidate helpdesk**

If you have any questions: Phone: 1300 022 011

 Enquiry: elections.nsw.gov.au/Contact-us

 Website: elections.nsw.gov.au

**Key Election Dates** - On the website under “What are the key 2024 dates?”

5 August - Lodgement of nominations commence; start of regulated period for electoral material.

6 August - Lodgement of postal vote applications

14 August - 12 noon - Close of nominations and close of registration for candidates and groups - Registration of electoral material commences.

15 August - 2 pm - Ballot paper draws will commence.

19 August - Postal pack distribution commences.

2 September - Pre-poll voting commences.

6 September - 5pm - Registration of electoral material closes.

9 September - Telephone voting registration and voting opens. - 5pm - Close of postal vote applications. - Close of registration for third party campaigners.

13 September - Pre-poll voting closes.

14 September - Election day

1-3 October - Progressive declaration of results.