

AUSTRALIAN ELECTION COMPANY

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 [NSW], clause 288

Notice of Election and Call for Nomination Proposals

Local Government Area: Maitland City Council

I, David Evans, Election Manager for Maitland City Council, hereby give public notice that the Elections for Maitland City Council are to be held. Accordingly, proposals for nomination for the Election of Mayor, and three (3) Councillors, for each Council Ward, are invited. If any Election is contested, the Election(s) will be held on Saturday 9 September, 2017.

Nomination forms may be obtained from me at Maitland City Council, Administration Building, 285-287 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320, or from the Returning Officer, located in The Heritage Room, Maitland Town Hall, 281 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320.

I further notify that the date for the **Nomination Day will be 9 August 2017. Completed, consented Nominations must be made to be received by the Returning Officer at The Heritage Room, Maitland Town Hall, 281 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320 by 12 noon Wednesday 9 August 2017.**

Intending candidates should consult and understand the requirements under the *Local Government Act 1993, No 30 [NSW] Chapter 10; Division 3, Nominations and election, Sections 306-311* inclusive together with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 [NSW], Division 4 clauses 285 – 296.*

The onus is on a candidate to ensure that their fully and correctly completed nomination is made to the Returning Officer **by 12 noon on Wednesday 9 August 2017.** Separate nomination forms are required for each position contested. A person cannot self-nominate in any election.

Nominations must be on Form 2 or Form 3 and must be given to the Returning Officer before 12 noon on Nomination Day, Wednesday 9 August 2017, together with payment of the deposit fee of \$125 for each candidate.

Where candidates for councillor lodge with the Returning Officer a "Claim for Grouping of Candidates", the claim incorporates a request for a Group Voting Square on the ballot paper; however there must be at least two (2) groups requesting Group Voting Squares, for Group Voting Squares to be included on the relevant ballot paper. Should six (6) or more candidates wish to form a group and receive the nomination deposit discount cap of \$625.00, the "Claim for Grouping of Candidates" must be lodged with the Returning Officer at the same time as the completed, consented nomination forms, prior to the close of Nominations.

The Nomination Deposit must be paid in cash or by a cheque drawn by an authorised deposit-taking Institution. The payee should be Australian Election Company Council Election Account.

PLEASE NOTE: PERSONAL CHEQUES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

The completed nomination and deposit must be accompanied by a completed Candidate Information Sheet, a completed Statistical Information Sheet and, if relevant, a completed "Claim for Grouping of Candidates". A nomination is not valid unless the person proposed has completed a Candidate Information Sheet. Nominations will be rejected if the appropriate nomination deposit, in full, has not been received by the Returning Officer, by 12 noon Wednesday 9 August 2017.

Nominations may be lodged with the Returning Officer in person, by post to PO Box 39, Maitland NSW 2320, by fax to (02) 4017 0620, or by email to kshort@austelect.com. Where nominations are lodged by fax or email, the deposit must be delivered to and received by the Returning Officer by 12 noon Wednesday 9 August 2017.

Enquiries may be made to the Returning Officer on telephone 0476 283 286 or 0457 216 957.

David Evans

Election Manager,

Maitland City Council

31 July 2017