

Information on 2024 Council Elections

The next Council elections are due to be held 14 September 2024 with the polling venue being the Hay War Memorial Hall. It is anticipated that pre-polling will be arranged for Hay for the week 9th to 13th September. Candidate nominations run from 5th to 14th August 2024.

Due to postal votes being received for up to 13 days after election day, councils' elections are not likely to be declared before 30 September 2024, with the declaration most likely be around the 2nd or 3rd October 2024. Councils that elect their mayor must hold a mayoral election within 3 weeks of the declaration of the ordinary election and are required to schedule a meeting for this purpose within 3 weeks of the declaration of the election. Accordingly, Council must hold its first meeting of the new Council on Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

Councillor Candidate Information Sessions

If you are passionate about your local community then you already have what it takes to become a Councillor.

Council has been holding Councillor Candidate Information Sessions, to help prospective candidates understand the roles and expectations of being a Councillor. Further information sessions will be held in the Council Chambers, 134 Lachlan St, Hay on Tuesday 30th July at 2pm and 6pm

Staff are only too willing to help prospective candidates understand the election process and the obligations required during an election and once elected as a candidate.

A Councillors role is important. The decision's Council makes and the services it provides can change local communities and environments. If you require further information please contact Hay Shire Council on (02) 6990 1100.

Know Your Council



Mayor

Cr Carol Oataway

Deputy Mayor

Cr Lionel Garner

Councillors

Geoff Chapman

Darren Clarke

Jenny Dwyer

Peter Handford

Paul Porter

Martyn Quinn

EVENTS

September

7 Golden Rivers

Grand Final

7 Hay Show 150

years

21 Hay Speed Shears

Notice of Meeting

Council will hold an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on Monday 12th August 2024 commencing at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

The business paper for the Extraordinary meeting will be available on Council's Website by Friday 9th August 2024

2024 Living in Hay survey

Have your say until Sunday, 4th August 2024 at placescore.org/hay-em



Liveability means different things to different people. It could be more shops and green spaces, improved public safety, or changes in parking availability. We believe every unique voice should be heard to ensure our Council's planning aligns with residents' values and priorities.

The Hay Shire Council is dedicated to enhancing the long-term liveability of our Shire and improving community wellbeing. To achieve this, we are seeking input from people of all ages and backgrounds—whether you have lived here for 20 years or just 2 months, work here, or are a visitor. We have partnered with Place Score, a social research organisation, to conduct the 2024 Living in Hay survey. This survey is a crucial first step in developing our next Community Strategic Plan, which will guide our shared future. We are aiming for 10% of our population, but would love to hear from everyone! So please take the time to tell us what is important to you, how liveable your community is, and what you would like to see change.

Tell us what really matters to you by scanning the QR code or completing the survey here: placescore.org/livinginhay

If you prefer paper surveys, come and visit us at Council or Hay Shire Library. In less than 15 minutes, you can influence hundreds of decisions across Council.

As a small thank you, all participants will have the chance to win one of 5 x \$100 Love Hay gift cards! (Ts & Cs apply)

The 2024 Living in Hay survey closes at 11.59pm on Sunday, 4 August 2024. Don't miss your chance to shape the future of our community!



Complete your survey here:



Save the date

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,
14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24
or call 1300 135 736



Enrol to vote

The 2024 NSW Local Government elections will be held on Saturday, 14 September 2024.

Residential roll

All voters on the NSW electoral roll as at 6pm Monday, 5 August 2024 will be included on the residential roll for the election.

Australian citizens who are 18 years of age are entitled to enrol at an address in NSW at which they have resided for at least one month.

To enrol or to update your enrolment details, visit aec.gov.au or call 13 23 26.

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 your council's website.

The claim must be completed and lodged with the General Manager of your council by 6pm Monday, 5 August 2024.

If you were on a non-residential roll for the previous election, or if you need to update your details, contact the council to check that your enrolment is still current.

Compulsory voting

Voting in local government elections is compulsory for all voters on the residential roll. Voting is not compulsory for voters included on the non-residential roll for a council.

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The 2024 NSW Local Government elections will be held on **Saturday, 14 September 2024**. Key dates for the elections can be found on the NSW Electoral Commission's website elections.nsw.gov.au

Voting options include attendance in person on and before election day, postal voting and telephone assisted voting for electors who are blind or who have low vision.

Nominate as a Councillor

You must lodge a nomination form either online or by obtaining nomination forms from the website elections.nsw.gov.au or the Returning Officer's office and lodging with the Returning Officer. Candidates must also complete and lodge a candidate information sheet and statistical information sheet.

Lodge your nomination

The NSW Electoral Commission strongly encourages you to lodge your nomination online. If using paper nomination forms, you must lodge your nomination and deposit with the Returning Officer for the council area in which you intend to stand as a candidate. Returning Officer office locations can be found on our website.

You are encouraged to start preparing your nomination now. Nomination forms, grouping forms and nomination deposits must be lodged between **Monday, 5 August and 12 noon, Wednesday 14 August 2024**. **Late nominations cannot be accepted.**

Registration for electoral funding purposes

Prior to being nominated, candidates and groups wishing to accept political donations or pay for electoral expenditure must first apply to the NSW Electoral Commission to be registered for electoral funding purposes. Only once registered is a candidate or group allowed to accept political donations and pay for electoral expenditure.

Candidates and groups can apply to be registered through the NSW Electoral Commission's online registration and disclosure system, Funding and Disclosure Online. Forms are also available by request at fdc@elections.nsw.gov.au or 1300 022 011.

Applications for registration for electoral funding purposes close on Wednesday, 14 August 2024. To learn more, go to: elections.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-disclosure

Further information

- Visit elections.nsw.gov.au
- Email the candidate helpdesk at candidates@elections.nsw.gov.au
- Call the candidate helpdesk on 1300 022 011

If you are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have a speech impairment, please contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS). Choose your access option and ask for 1300 135 736.

If you need an interpreter, please call TIS National on 131 450 and ask them to call the NSW Electoral Commission on 1300 135 736.

