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LITCHFIELD COUNCIL ELECTION

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28 NOVEMBER 2015

DECLARATION OF POLL

ELECTIONS LITCHFIELD COUNCIL, MAYOR AND ONE COUNCILLOR FOR CENTRAL, EAST, NORTH AND SOUTH WARDS.

Introduction

Welcome to the official declaration of the poll for the elections for the Litchfield Council Mayor, Councillor for Central Ward, East Ward, North Ward and South Ward. My name is Sue Whyte and I am the appointed Deputy Returning Officer for these elections

Following the declaration, I will invite those candidates who wish to speak to do so.

Full details of the result for the election will be made available following this ceremony and are also available from the NTEC website.

So now to the formalities....

Declaration of the Poll

The general election for the Litchfield Council was caused when the Minister for Local Government and Community Services under section 224(5)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, dismissed the suspended members of the Litchfield Council from office. Under section 226(1) of the *Local Government Act*, the Minister set 28 November 2015 as the election date to fill the vacancies created by the dismissal.

Election of Mayor for the Litchfield Council

At the close of nominations as there was one vacancy and eight (8) candidates, an election was duly held and the first preference votes recorded were as follows:

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| • Gary MIEZIS | 533 |
| • Maree BREDHAUER | 1784 |
| • Tony HARDWICK | 1258 |
| • Judy COLE | 1153 |
| • Mathew SALTER | 883 |
| • Diana RICKARD | 480 |
| • Lissa HERRMANN | 283 |
| • Grant KEETLEY | 504 |

As a consequence, the absolute majority of votes required for this election was 3440



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Following the distribution of preferences and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations the result was as follows:

Maree BREDHAUER Received the absolute majority at count number 7

I therefore declare Maree BREDHAUER duly elected as Mayor under regulation 56 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations.

Election of one (1) Councillor for Central Ward, Litchfield Council

At the close of nominations as there was one vacancy and two (2) candidates, an election was duly held and the first preference votes recorded were as follows:

- Christine OSBORN 924
- Judy COLE 600

As a consequence, the absolute majority of votes required for this election was 763

Christine OSBORN reached the absolute majority with her first preference votes.

I therefore declare Christine OSBORN duly elected as councillor for Central Ward under regulation 56 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations.

Election of one (1) Councillor for East Ward, Litchfield Council

At the close of nominations as there was one vacancy and five (5) candidates, an election was duly held and the first preference votes recorded.

As Maree Bredhauer was elected as Mayor, she was excluded from this count. Her first preference votes were distributed to the other candidates in accordance with Regulation 52 (2) of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations and the new totals are:

- Kev HARLAN 424
- Russell CLARK 217
- Kirsty HUNT 890
- Mike BOWMAN 279
- Maree BREDHAUER Excluded

As a consequence, the absolute majority of votes required for this election was 906



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Following the distribution of preferences and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations the result was as follows:

Kirsty HUNT Received the absolute majority at count number 1

I therefore declare Kirsty HUNT duly elected as councillor for East Ward under regulation 56 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations.

Election of one (1) Councillor for North Ward, Litchfield Council

At the close of nominations as there was one vacancy and three (3) candidates, an election was duly held and the first preference votes recorded were as follows:

- Mathew SALTER 465
- Grant KEETLEY 292
- Letchimi WRIGHT 761

As a consequence, the absolute majority of votes required for this election was 760

Letchimi WRIGHT reached absolute majority with her first preference votes.

I therefore declare Letchimi WRIGHT duly elected as councillor for North Ward under regulation 56 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations.

Election of one (1) Councillor for South Ward, Litchfield Council

At the close of nominations as there was one vacancy and three (3) candidates, an election was duly held and the first preference votes recorded were as follows:

- Pauline CASS 799
- Doug BARDEN 1032
- Lissa HERRMANN 397

As a consequence, the absolute majority of votes required for this election was 1115

Following the distribution of preferences and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations the results were as follows:

Doug BARDEN Received the absolute majority at count number 1

I therefore declare Doug BARDEN duly elected as councillor for South Ward under regulation 56 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations.



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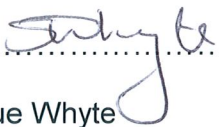
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This concludes the declaration formalities and I would now like to invite candidates, starting with Mayor, wishing to speak to do so, if anyone has any questions of the candidates, they will have an opportunity after the conclusion of the declaration.

This concludes the declaration of poll for the elections for the Litchfield Council Mayor, Councillor for Central Ward, East Ward, North Ward and South Ward.

Thank you for attending today.


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Sue Whyte
Monday 7 December 2015


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