



## **POLITICAL BRIEFING**

### **Report from the Administrative Committee October 2017**

#### **1. VALE NORMAN BOSWORTH**

Renowned for his loyal commitment to the Labor cause, Cabramatta Branch member Norman Bosworth sadly passed away on 17 August 2017.

A rigger and crane worker by trade, Norman will be remembered for his tireless dedication to the Labor Party.

Norman has been a very active Branch member in the Cabramatta and Fowler electorates holding various positions in different local branches and supporting all our Labor candidates and MPs at every local, state and federal election.

Norman will be remembered for making new Branch members feel very welcome at the Cabramatta Branch, particularly Young Labor, as well as, his dedication during election campaigns, volunteering to be booth captain with his wife Pamela at Mount Pritchard East Public School near their home, helping Pam to set-up and pack up.

Norman was a devoted family man and was inseparable with his wife Pamela, and always proud of their sons, Karl and Kurt, and their four grandchildren.

Norman's passing is a great loss to the Party in the Cabramatta area. May he rest in peace.

## 2. 2019 STATE ELECTION PRESELECTIONS – ROUND 4

Nominations are called for rank-and-file preselections for the following State Electorates:

Blue Mountains	Mulgoa
Gosford	Campbelltown
Penrith	Camden
Granville	Prospect
Blacktown	Newcastle

**The timetable is as follows:**

<b>Nominations open:</b>	10am, Friday 13 October 2017
<b>Nominations close:</b>	10am, Friday 20 October 2017
<b>Local Credentialing:</b>	Saturday, 28 October 2017
<b>Challenges Close:</b>	5pm, Wednesday 1 November 2017
<b>Ballot (if necessary):</b>	Saturday, 11 November 2017
<b>Nomination Fee:</b>	\$750

All nominations must be on the official form, which can be obtained from the NSW Party Office. Nominations will be accepted by the General Returning Officer (or delegate) at the NSW Party Office, Level 9, 377–383 Sussex St, Sydney. ***Please note: the Public Office nomination form has been updated. Only the current version of the form will be accepted.***

If you require dispensation for the nomination fee because of hardship, please contact Ellyse Harding on (02) 9207 2000.

Pre Poll Voting (if necessary), will only be available at the NSW Party Office, Level 9, 377–383 Sussex St, Sydney at the following times:

10.00am to 12.00noon on Wednesday 8 November 2017  
12.00noon to 2.00pm on Thursday 9 November 2017  
2.00pm to 4.00pm on Friday 10 November 2017

Please Note: There is no postal voting.

### 3. FEDERAL ELECTION PRESELECTIONS – ROUND 2

Nominations are called for rank-and-file preselections for the following Federal Electorates:

Macquarie
Lindsay
Eden-Monaro
Dobell
Paterson
Macarthur

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#### **4. BY-ELECTION PRESELECTIONS**

At the close of nominations, the following nominations were received:

<b>Blacktown</b>	Stephen Bali	NSW Labor
<b>Cootamundra</b>	Charlie Sheahan	Country Labor
<b>Murray</b>	Michael Kidd	Country Labor

The Party Officers endorsed the above candidates on 18 September 2017.

#### **5. 2019 STATE ELECTION PRESELECTION – ROUND 1**

At the close of nominations, the following nominations were received:

<b>Myall Lakes</b>	David Keegan	Country Labor
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The above candidate was endorsed.

#### **6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION REPORT**

Despite the botched gerrymander of councils across the State, the September Local Government Election proved that voters believe in strong Labor representation to fight for the issues that matter in their communities.

NSW Labor and Country Labor fielded almost 300 Candidates at the September 9 Local Government Election, from Armidale to Shellharbour.

The efforts of our Labor candidates saw swings of up to 20 per cent to Labor, with 105 councillors elected. Of these candidates, 2 of 4 elected mayoral candidates were women and of the candidates elected, 40.4% are women.

Historic wins were made in Lane Cove where Andrew Zbik was elected the first Labor representative in 73 years, and in Maitland where Loretta Baker has become the first female Mayor.

Labor received swings of over 20 per cent in Ryde which saw four councillors elected. John Faker also received more than 50 per cent of the popular vote for Mayor in Burwood.

Labor also won in Dungog for the first time and now holds an outright majority of 9 councillors on the newly formed Canterbury-Bankstown Council. There were outstanding results across many councils, especially in Cumberland and Waverley.

As a result of the hard work of our local candidates, we welcome the following newly elected Labor councillors:

<b>Council</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Armidale Regional Council		Debra O'Brien
Bayside	Bexley	Joe Awada
	Botany Bay	Ed McDougall
	Mascot	Tarek Ibrahim
		Dorothy Rapisardi
	Port Botany	Christina Curry
		Scott Morrissey
	Rockdale	Bill Saravinovski
Blayney		Scott Denton
Burwood	Mayor	John Faker
	Council	Heather Critchon
		George Mannah
		Ernest Chan
Canada Bay	Mayor	Angelo Tsirekas
	Council	Julia Little
		Andrew Ferguson
		Marian Parnaby
Canterbury Bankstown	Bankstown	Khal Asfour
		Bilal El-Hayek
	Bass Hill	Alex Kuskoff
		Rachelle Harika
	Canterbury	Clare Raffan
	Revesby	Linda Downey
		Steve Tuntevski
	Roselands	Nadia Saleh
	Mohammad Huda	
Central Coast	Budgewoi	Doug Vincent
		Jillian Hogan
	Gosford East	Jeff Sundstrom
	Gosford West	Richard Mehrtens
	The Entrance	Lisa Matthews
	Wyang	Kyle MacGregor
Cumberland	Granville	Steve Christou
		Ola Hamed
	Greystanes	Greg Cumming
	Regents Park	George Campbell
		Kun Huang
	South Granville	Glenn Elmore
	Wentworthville	Lisa Lake
Suman Saha		
Dubbo Regional	Dubbo East	Stephen Lawrence
Dungog	A	Jan Lyon
Georges River	Blakehurst	Kathryn Landsberry
	Hurstville	Vince Badalati

	Kogarah Bay	Nick Katris
	Mortdale	Warren Tegg
	Peakhurst	Kevin Greene
		Colleen Symington
Hornsby	A	Mick Marr
	B	Janelle McIntosh
Inner West	Ashfield	Mark Drury
	Balmain	Darcy Byrne
	Leichhardt	Lucille McKenna
	Marrickville	Sam Iskander
	Stanmore	Anna York
Lane Cove	West	Andrew Zbik
Maitland	Mayor	Loretta Baker
	Central	Donald Ferris
	East	Ben Whiting
	North	Robert Aitchison
	West	Henry Meskauskas
Mid-Coast		David Keegan
		Claire Pontin
Newcastle	Mayor	Nuatali Nelmes
	1	Emma White
	2	Carol Duncan
	3	Declan Clausen
		Peta Baartz
	4	Jason Dunn
		Matthew Byrne
Parramatta		Pierre Esber
	Epping	Donna Davis
	North Rocks	Paul Han
	Parramatta	Sameer Pandey
	Rosehill	Patricia Procriv
Port Stephens	East	Giacomo Arnott
Queanbeyan-Palerang		Brian Brown
		Radmila Noveska
Randwick	Central	Dylan Parker
	East	Tony Bowen
	North	Kathy Neilson
	South	Danny Said
	West	Alexandra Luxford
Ryde	Central	Bernard Purcell
	East	Penny Pedersen
	West	Jerome Laxale
		Peter Kim
Shellharbour		Marianne Saliba
		Robert Petreski

		Moira Hamilton
Strathfield		Karen Pensabene
		Maryanne Duggan
The Hills	Central	Tony Hay
	East	Ryan Tracey
	West	Raymond Harty
Waverley	Bondi	John Wakefield
	Hunter	Steven Lewis
	Lawson	Paula Masselos
	Waverley	Marjorie O'Neill
Wollongong	1	Janice Kershaw
		Jenelle Rimmer
	2	David Brown
		Tania Brown
	3	Vicky King
Chris Connor		

Following the elections, these Labor councillors were elected by fellow councillors to the Mayoralty:

<b>Georges River</b>	Mayor	Kevin Greene
	Deputy Mayor	Kathryn Landsberry
<b>Ryde</b>	Mayor	Jerome Laxale
<b>Shellharbour</b>	Mayor	Marianne Saliba
<b>Waverley</b>	Mayor	John Wakefield
<b>Canterbury-Bankstown</b>	Mayor	Khal Asfour
	Deputy Mayor	Nadia Saleh
<b>Inner West</b>	Mayor	Darcy Byrne
<b>Bayside</b>	Mayor	Bill Saravinovski
	Deputy Mayor	Joe Awada
<b>Randwick</b>	Deputy Mayor	Alexandra Luxford

Thank you to the United Services Union for their ongoing support and promotion of our candidates. Thank you to Brendan Byron and Alex Costello for organising the campaigns.

Thank you to the work and dedication of candidates across NSW, who fought to build a strong Labor voice on Council.

## 7. BY-ELECTION REPORT

Due to resignations from NSW Parliament, by-elections have been called for Legislative Assembly electorates of Blacktown, Cootamundra, and Murray. The by-elections are scheduled to take place on Saturday 14 October 2017.

Following the announcement of Stephen Bali as Labor's candidate for Blacktown, and Charlie Sheahan and Michael Kidd as the Country Labor Candidates for Cootamundra and Murray respectively, Labor has been out in each electorate door knocking, setting up street stalls and phone banking.

NSW Labor and Country Labor would like to thank the Party officers, Administrative committee, the affiliated trade unions, the State and Federal caucus, Young Labor, Party office staff, the rank and file members of Blacktown, Cootamundra, and Murray, and all the volunteers and supporters who have assisted the campaign thus far.

## 8. BRANCH MATTERS

- a) Correspondence has been received from Michael Tobin requesting permission to hold a formation meeting for the proposed Dungog Branch on 27 October 2017 at 6pm at the Dungog RSL, 100 Lord St, Dungog. Permission was granted. Jay Suvaal was appointed to attend as the representative of the General Secretary.

## 9. 2017 MCKELL AWARDS

The 2017 McKell Awards will be presented at the McKell Dinner on Friday 3 November 2017 at The Eight Restaurant, Market City, Haymarket.

McKell Awards are presented on a yearly basis to Party Members who have performed meritorious service.

The following members will receive a McKell Award:

<b>Name</b>	<b>SEC</b>
Bill McGilchrist	Gosford
Donald James Marshall	Newcastle
Jim Bright	Bega
June Smith	Coffs Harbour
Bill Smith	Coffs Harbour
Lucille McKenna	Summer Hill
Peter Clapham	Londonderry
Sneha Joshi*	Riverstone
Vince Smith	East Hills
Denise McHugh	Tamworth
Neil Every*	Miranda
Lesley Light	Strathfield



Linda Beattie*	Rockdale
Karl Saleh	Lakemba
Julio Gruttulini	Cabramatta
Harry Walia	The Hills

\* awarded posthumously

A reservation form for the dinner is attached. Further information is available from Ewan Whittle on (02) 9207 2000 or at [ewan@nswlabor.org.au](mailto:ewan@nswlabor.org.au).

## 10. NSW LABOR PLATFORM

The 2017 NSW Labor Platform as amended by the 2017 Annual State Conference is attached.

## 11. MARRIAGE EQUALITY SURVEY

NSW Labor's campaign for a yes vote in the Marriage Equality postal survey has been very successful over the last six weeks. The campaign was kicked off with a relaunch of the NSW Labor Organising Centre on Tuesday, 12 September, which has been utilised for contacting voters every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday to encourage them to vote yes.

NSW Labor was also a part of the Australian Marriage Equality doorknock across NSW on the weekend of the 23 and 24 September, successfully organising and directing volunteers to doorknocks in Parramatta, Manly and Summer Hill. The campaign also organised a Labor-led doorknock in Coogee that saw the activation of many new volunteers.

The Organisers have also been working to facilitate the campaign in party branches across the state. This has included training rank and file members to run their own campaign activities. Party Office has provided each interested office or branch with information and material packs – please contact [equality@nswlabor.org.au](mailto:equality@nswlabor.org.au) if you would like any of this material.

Thank you to Jack Power and Lachlan Barker who have been organising the campaign.

## 12. YOUNG LABOR

At the close of nominations, the following nominations were received for positions in NSW Young Labor:

<b>President</b>	Geeth Geeganage
<b>Secretary</b>	Sravya Abbineni

Thank you to Jennifer Light and Blake Mooney for their hard work in the roles.

### **13. LABOR ACTION COMMITTEES REPORT**

Turkish Friends of Labor held their formation meeting on Friday 7 July 2017, at the Cabra-Vale Diggers Club in Canley Vale. The event was well attended by both Labor Party members and members of the Turkish community. Local MPs Nick Lalich and Chris Hayes also attended to show their support. Turkish Friends of Labor have submitted their paperwork for affiliation with NSW Labor and were granted a charter.

Labor For Veterans (L4V) held their formation meeting on Friday 22 September 2017, at the Sandygoodwhich café in Wollongong. They have submitted their paperwork for affiliation with NSW Labor and were granted.

Chinese Friends of Labor, Sub-Continent Friends of Labor, Arabic Friends of Labor, Vietnamese Friends of Labor and many other LACs assisted ably by providing volunteers in the field campaign in several council areas for the recent Local Government Elections.

Congratulations to Chinese Friends of Labor members Ernest Chan (Burwood), Paul Han (Parramatta), Kun Huang (Cumberland); Macedonian Friends of Labor convenor Rob Petreski (Shellharbour); Arabic Friends of Labor members Khal Asfour (Canterbury-Bankstown), John Faker (Burwood), Bilal El-Hayek (Canterbury-Bankstown), Joe Awada (Bayside) and Tariq Ibrahim (Bayside) on their recent election/re-election to Council.

The Vietnamese Friends of Labor Annual Dinner will be held on 14 October, with special guests Chris Bowen, Jason Clare and Chris Hayes. The dinner will be held at Canley Vale International in Canley Vale.

### **14. TRIBUNAL DATES**

The dates for the Tribunal are as follows:

#### **Internal Appeals Tribunal**

- 16 October
- 20 November

#### **Review Tribunal**

- 26 October
- 23 November

### **15. POLICY COMMITTEES DAY**

A full meeting of all the Policy Committees will be held on 18 November 2017. The Committees will be planning for 2018 and working on Policy creation. The details of the meeting are:

**When:** 1pm, Saturday 18 November 2017  
**Where:** Trades Hall, 377 Sussex St, Haymarket

## **16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINING**

Following the September Local Government elections, another Local Government Training will be held for those that have not completed the course. The details of the meeting are:

**When:** 9.30am, Saturday 18 November 2017  
**Where:** Trades Hall Auditorium, 377 Sussex St, Haymarket

## **17. CENTRAL POLICY BRANCH**

The next Central Policy Branch will be hosted by the Labor Women's Forum. They will be running a 'speed-mentoring' day alongside their current mentoring program. The day will include guest speakers and an opportunity for members to network and learn new skills.

**The details of the meeting are:**

**When:** 10am, Saturday 21 October 2017  
**Where:** Trades Hall Atrium, 377 Sussex St, Haymarket.

## **18. 2018 MEMBERSHIP CARD**

The Honourable Jeannette McHugh will feature on the 2018 Labor Membership Card.

Jeannette was the first female from NSW to be elected to the Federal Parliament. Elected in 1983 in the seat of Philip, next year will mark 35 years since the occasion.

Jeannette was made the Minister for Consumer Affairs in 1993 under the Keating Government, making her the first female Federal Minister from NSW.

We're proud to have Jeannette feature on the card to recognise her contributions to the Party and the Parliament.

## **19. WRAN LECTURE**

The 2017 Wran Lecture will be held on Tuesday 21 November 2017.

This annual series was established to honour the contribution to NSW made by former Labor Premier Neville Wran.

We are pleased to announce that the 2017 lecture will be presented by Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition, Tanya Plibersek MP.