

Can I attend a pre-poll?

If you do not want to postal vote you can vote at a voting centre. Pre-poll commences on 14 February, and Election day is Saturday, 26 February 2022. Visit elections.nsw.gov.au for venues and opening hours.

If you choose not to vote using the postal ballot paper in this pack you do not need to return it and can dispose of it.

It is important to remember:

- You must vote in this election
- The penalty for not voting is \$55
- You must not vote more than once in this election
- Penalties apply to people who vote more than once.

If you intend to vote in person

- Wear a mask
- Bring your own pen
- Maintain recommended physical distancing
- Hand sanitiser will be provided.

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au for information on our COVID-19 safety measures.

Making political donations to a candidate or political party

If you donate \$1,000 or more to a candidate or political party, you must report it to the NSW Electoral Commission within 4 weeks after the end of the financial year. For more information visit elections.nsw.gov.au/fd

Can I vote online?

Online voting (iVote) is not available at this by-election.

Can I get assistance in any other language?

Yes. Please call Translating and Interpreting Service National on **131 450** and ask them to call the NSW Electoral Commission on **1300 135 736**. If you are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have a speech impairment, please contact us through the National Relay Service.

How can I help someone who cannot read this brochure?

If you or someone you know requires assistance reading this brochure, please call **1300 135 736**.

For more information

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au or call **1300 135 736**.

Your guide to voting safely

Local council by-elections

- Cobar • Tenterfield – C ward
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Voting is compulsory.



Local council by-elections

Why are these by-elections being held?

These by-elections are being held as not enough candidates nominated at the December ordinary elections.

Do I need to vote?

You must vote in this by-election. You have received this brochure because you are enrolled in one of the following council areas:

- Cobar
- Tenterfield – C ward

Why have I received a postal pack?

To help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission the enclosed postal pack has been provided to you.

The following items have been included in this postal pack:

- This voting instruction brochure
- Postal ballot paper
- Postal vote certificate envelope
- Reply paid envelope.

Vote by completing the postal ballot paper and postal vote certificate envelope. Follow the **Five easy steps to complete your postal vote**.

When should I complete my postal ballot paper?

You must vote and complete your postal vote certificate envelope by **6pm, Saturday, 26 February** (Election day).

Completed postal ballot papers must be received by the Returning Officer no later than **6pm, Friday, 11 March**.

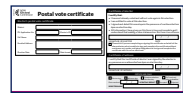
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Five easy steps to complete your postal vote

- 1 Read, sign and date the certificate of elector** in the presence of a witness.
- 2 Ask the witness to complete the witness section.** A witness must not:
 - Look at or ascertain how the elector voted or allow any other person to do so
 - Disclose any knowledge he/she may have of the vote
 - Influence or attempt to influence the elector
 - Persuade the elector to hand the envelope to him/her for posting or delivery.
- 3 Complete your ballot paper.**
 - Read and follow the directions for voting on the ballot paper.
- 4 Fold and place the completed ballot paper inside the postal vote certificate envelope and seal it.** Put the postal vote certificate envelope inside the reply paid envelope provided and seal. You do not need a stamp if you post it from within Australia.



Small ballot paper



Postal vote certificate envelope

- 5 Post your envelope as early as possible.**

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How to vote

You must record a vote on the ballot paper by placing the number **1** in the square opposite the name of the candidate you want to give your first preference vote.

You can show more choices, if you want to, by writing numbers in the other squares, starting with the number **2**.

Candidate information

To view the list of candidates and registered electoral material please visit elections.nsw.gov.au

Ward
Council
ELECTION OF 1 COUNCILLOR
Held on 26 February 2022

DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING

- Place the number “**1**” in the square next to the candidate of your choice.
- If you wish to vote for any more candidates, place consecutive numbers starting with “**2**” in the squares next to those candidates in order of your preferences for them.
- Fold this ballot paper so your vote cannot be seen and place it in the in the envelope provided.

CANDIDATE A
PARTY

CANDIDATE B
PARTY

CANDIDATE C
Independent

CANDIDATE D