

Church Council Election 2017

A ballot for election of Church Councillors will be held on **Sunday 20 August, 2017**.

A single purpose congregation meeting is called for that day, encompassing all the services of worship, to enable persons attending any of the worship services to vote.

This is to ensure the maximum possible participation by our congregation.

The Uniting Church in Australia regulations indicate that a vote can only be held at a Congregational Meeting and that absentee and postal voting is not permitted.

Ballot papers will ONLY be handed out at those services. They will not be available at other times during the day.

Nominees receiving the support of a majority of those participating in the ballot will be declared to be elected.

In accordance with the congregational decision of July 2013, all Church Councillors will be elected as Elders as well as Councillors.

Nomination Forms

These will be available on **Sunday 9 July 2017** and at any time after that date from the office or office counter **until Sunday 30 July 2017** when nominations will close. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to carefully consider accepting nomination and to make nominations.

Each nomination requires:-

- a Proposer and Secunder
- a Nominee
- signatures of Proposer, Secunder and Nominee
- the Nominee is requested to provide some personal information to assist our decision-making.

Nominations close on Sunday 30 July, 2017.

The nomination forms may be returned to the Church Office until the end of that date.

Candidates can obtain from the office a copy of the duties of a Church Councillor as recorded in the Uniting Church in Australia regulations, or by accessing the Uniting Church in Australia web site, or by talking to any Church Council member. This is also available via -

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ExpectationsOfCouncilMembers>

Information about what the Church Council does is available at:

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Nominations

Nominations will be announced in the week of **30 July, 2016**.

Retiring Councillors

The following councillors have completed their term of appointment, and are all eligible for re-nomination (although some may not wish to renominate).

- Alison Clarkson, Mark Easton, David Fraser, Gail Irvine, Judy Lowe, Elwyn Pederson, Angel Shea, Amy Spark Eichenbaum, Helen Stewart.

Election Result

The successful candidates will be announced during the week following the election.

Any questions relating to the voting procedures can be directed to John Snare or Rev Neil Peters.