

As you are all no doubt aware a preselection has been announced. As at Sunday morning when I drafting this note, I have not received official notification in writing. The details I do know are

Nominations open Monday 8th February and close 17th February
Credentialing Saturday 20th February at Woy Woy CWA Hall 9am to 1pm.
Ballot Saturday 6th March also at Woy Woy CWA Hall 8am to 6pm.

At this stage, both sitting member Belinda Neal and former State Candidate Debra O'Neill have indicated they will stand for preselection. There may be others

I contacted Head Office and obtained via Brendan Kavanagh the officer in charge these matters, the criteria for eligibility to vote. In summary, they are as follows.

1. Member of relevant union if applicable
2. Enrolled to vote in Robertson
3. A member of a branch for not less than 2 years prior to calling of nominations ,signed the branch attendance book at least 4 times in that period and been a continuous financial member in that time. This means joining the branch prior to February 2008.
4. A member must have been a member of a branch for not less than 4 years prior to calling of nominations, and signed the attendance book at least 4 times in that period and been continuously financial in that time. This means joining the branch prior to February 2006.
5. Must have been correctly admitted to the branch according to the rules i.e. Was admitted, signed the attendance book and did so again within 4 calendar months.. This applies when eligibility is determined in both the 2 year rule and the 4 year rule i.e. 4 year rule admitted sometime in 5 years ago, in the 2 year rule, sometime in the period 3 years ago.

On these criteria, I believe the following members are eligible to vote. However, I do not have the branch list of financial members which normally comes out in February. This may adversely affect some people listed.

Name	Criteria eligible
Geoff Morris	Life member
Kevin Parish	Life member
Leslie Buckley	2 & 4 year rule
Robert Cook	2 & 4 year rule
John Gifford	2 & 4 year rule
Tim Thorburn	2 & 4 year rule
Ken Hinkley	2 year rule
Jack Woodward	2 & 4 year rule

I regret that the following have narrowly missed out on a vote"

Chris Keating first attended March 2008, admitted to membership April 2008

Despina Karlsson first attended April 2008, admitted May 2008.

Paul Sullivan first attended May 2008, admitted June 2008.

Carmel Hinkley first attended June 2008, admitted July 2008

As I will be in Melbourne & Canberra for a couple of weeks, Kevin Parish & Jack Woodward have kindly offered to do the credentialing.

If you have any queries, please contact me (before Tuesday – ph 43 692 333) or Kevin (ph 43 239 210) or Jack (ph 040 165 2811) as soon as possible.

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Secretary
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