

MEET THE CANDIDATES MEETING

NORTHBRIDGE GOLF CLUB – SAILORS BAY ROAD, NORTHBRIDGE, NSW

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

7:30PM for 7:45PM START

All 8 candidates have been invited. All interested candidates have accepted.

- Welcome and Introduction
 - Acknowledgement of Country
 - Welcome Audience
 - Welcome Candidates
 - Introduction of the Three Progress Associations
 - Outline of the Rules for the evening

- **ALL** Candidates to stand and provide a brief intro: **(2 minutes)**
 - who they are;
 - suburb of residence;
 - Local affiliation within the community;
 - “Why” they are standing / what is the prime factor that will make them a good representative on Council.
 - *This is not a policy speech (that is already available via their media)*

- Audience questions for each individual candidate:
 - A combination of questions from the floor and written questions will be put to candidates;
 - All questions from the floor to candidates must be directed through the Chairperson.
 - The Chair will have ultimate discretion and will allocate questions as evenly as possible.
 - Written questions to be given to support team who will be on the side of room; *(Audience can provide written questions throughout the session)*
 - Audience questions provided to Chairperson – who will read and ask questions of candidates.
 - **Candidate given maximum of 2 minutes to answer**

- Closing Statement by the two key Group Candidates – being: Dennis Fernandez & Gail Giles Gidney **(3 minutes)**

- Chair to close formal event and invite all attendees to meet and greet

- Opportunity for “one-on-one” session between audience and candidates.

- 9:45 PM – premises to be vacated.

See next page – Rules of Meeting

RULES OF THE EVENING

Advertising:

This is a “meet the candidates” session.

No banners or promotional material including promo shirts and caps.

Promotional leaflets or material providing policy information for attendees, can be placed on a table for interested attendees to collect.

All promotional material must be collected at the end of the evening.

Meeting

This is an evening for all constituents to question the candidates for Sailors Bay Ward.

All candidates are to be considered for the role of Councillor to represent Sailors Bay Ward.

This meeting has been organized and is hosted by **Northbridge Progress Association (NPA)** in association with **Castlecrag Progress Association (CPA)** and **Willoughby South Progress Association (WSPA)** with:

- NPA President, Rob Coote acting as Chair, along with Assistant Chairs -
- CPA President Kate Westoby + WSPA Representative Don Swonnell as joint managers of questions and the event proceedings.

On arrival, guests will be presented with a form allowing them, if they wish, to ask a written question to the Ward candidates. The chair reserves the right to group like questions, or to modify the wording of any written question so as to allow clear responses from candidates.

- We are interested in what the candidates believe in and stand for, related to any question being asked.
- All Conversation must only be through the chair.
Should a person continue to interject he/she will simply be asked to leave the building.
- Questions must relate to either Local Government issues or relevant to the candidate's campaign; questions on other topics will not be accepted.
- Questions need to be succinct, need to be questions – not statements.
- Candidates are asked to provide a succinct response to questions (2 minutes max.)