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Dear Peter

20 March 2003

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Regards

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AGENDA

CAN AGM Thursday 27 March 2003

- 1 Welcome, Apologies.
 - 2 Election of new committee
 - 3 New election system and increased exhaustion of preferences
 - 4 Current state of the contenders
 - Right wing parties
 - The Greens
 - B-CAN
 - OSF
 - Peter Westheimer
 - Others ? Labour party ? Nats Libs Independents
 5. CAN's role & objectives
 - 6 Tasks & timetable
 - Development & support of candidates
 - Organise preference flows
 - Education of electorate to vote with preferences
 - Education of electorate as to suitable candidates
 - Interview & report on candidates
 - Enrolment campaign
 - Fund raising
 - Other
 - & appointment of person(s) to manage the above
 - 7 Any other business
 - 8 Housekeeping ,address list, next meeting etc.
- (Meeting to end 8.30 to 9.00pm latest)

BALLOT PAPER

Current status assumed by Ron Priestley only 20/03/03

You may vote in one of two ways

[illegible]

Individual names not shown on ticket but there must be at least 5 candidates in a party or group

or	GROUP A SWAG	GROUP B PAG	GROUP C COMM. SPORT	GROUP D OSF	GROUP E Peter Westheimer Group	GROUP F B_CAN	GROUP G ?LAB	GROUP H ?OTHER	GROUP I GREEN	GROUP J GREEN	GROUP K ?OTHER	INDEPENDENTS M C
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Not much chance for independents
down here

These 3 parties are already formed by right wing
and will keep tight preferences.
PREVIOUS RIGHT VOTE IS 45% MEANS 3-5 SEATS

CENTRE VOTE MEANS 1-4 SEATS(SEE NOTE RE MAYOR)

Parties exist and should keep preferences tight

PREVIOUS GREEN VOTE IS 25% MEANS 2-3 SEATS

NOTES New Rules dictate:-

- 1 There must be a party or group of at least 5 to be above the line
- 2 It is too late for a party but groups can still form
- 3 A group will not have a name published similar to a party name
- 4 **PREFERENCES CANNOT BE ALLOCATED BY PARTIES, GROUPS OR CANDIDATES** Only hand out material can be used
This will lead to major exhaustion
- 5 Only a single number 1 in an above the line box is needed but it is optional to number more boxes above the line
This will lead to major exhaustion
- 6 It is only necessary to vote below the line for 5 candidates (not 10 as previously)
This will lead to major exhaustion
- 7 A vote for a single group or party above the line means preferences will only flow through that group or party of 5 or more
This will lead to major exhaustion
- 8 Above the line votes are likely to be up to 60% based on 56% above the line at the last 2 main elections
This will lead to major exhaustion

CONCLUSION

The right wing will find it easier to maintain preferences than the centre and left wing. The left wing will have to battle for preferences and avoid exhausted votes
The right wing could get 4 candidates (maybe 5)
With Tucker as Mayor this would give 5 votes plus the mayor's casting vote and the right wing wins
Tucker is highly likely to become mayor in a scenario where Wilson and Barham refuse to preference each other.
It is only necessary to vote for one candidate as mayor and therefore preferences must be used

**THEREFORE CAN'S TASK IS TO PRESS FOR CANDIDATES TO USE PREFERENCES
AND TO EDUCATE THE ELECTORATE TO USE PREFERENCES**

ELECTION TIMETABLE

Election 13 September 2003

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|--|----------|
| 1 Advertise close of rolls | 9/06/03 |
| 2 Close of rolls | 4/08/03 |
| 3 Call for nominations | 28/07/03 |
| 4 Close of nominations | 13/08/03 |
| 5 Nomination day:-declaration of candidates, formation of groups,
voting square registration, ballot for draw. | 15/08/03 |
| 6 Register how to vote material. | 21/08/03 |
| THIS IS CRITICAL. CANDIDATES CAN NO LONGER
SPECIFY AUTOMATIC PREFERENCES AND MUST RELY
ON HAND OUT 'HOW TO VOTE CARDS' AND OTHER
PERSONAL MATERIAL. HOWEVER, ALL SUCH MATERIAL
NEEDS TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE ELECTORAL
COMMISSION BY 21/08/03. Clearly the only 8 day gap from
nomination day (15/08/03) means candidates must be up to speed with
preference flow, exchange of preferences etc., | |
| 7 Polling day | 13/09/03 |

STATE ELECTORAL OFFICE



REGISTRATION OF PARTY DECLARATION OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP Local Government Act 1993

Print full name in BLOCK letters, as enrolled

Insert place of living as appearing on the electoral roll

of

Post Code:

Insert date of birth

born

declare that I am a member of the following political party:

Insert name of party as registered or to be registered

and I consent to that party relying on my membership for the purposes of the party qualifying for registration under the Local Government Act 1993.

Signature of party member.....

Dated this day of 200.....

Note: Each declaration of membership must be completed by (or at the direction of) the party member concerned and then signed by the member. Particulars to be completed are to be written by hand at the same time the form is signed. Each declaration of membership is to be made on a separate sheet of paper.

The Electoral Commissioner may, in order to verify the requirements for registration of a party, request a person who signs a declaration of membership to confirm that the person is a member of the party and that the person completed and signed the form.

WHEN COMPLETED RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SECRETARY OF YOUR PARTY - NOT TO THE
STATE ELECTORAL OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE: Under the provisions of section 66J of the
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912
this form is available for public inspection.



Are you ...

☒ Fed up with the way Byron Council has been operating - indecisive, deeply divided, inconsistent and often inequitable?

Do you ...

☒ Want to see Councillors working together and with ALL sections of the community to achieve the best possible outcomes for Byron Shire?

Then, what are you going to do about it?

The OSF Network

Working Together for a Sustainable Future

Our Sustainable Future will work to expand the middle ground within Council's "political spectrum". Its goal is to create a less polarised body capable of working with the full breadth of community opinion to achieve positive outcomes for the whole Shire.

OSF will support candidates in the coming local government elections who pledge to work constructively with other Councillors and Council staff to make and implement decisions that:

- ⊗ Are fair and in the interests of the whole community
- ⊗ Do not waste Council staff time and resources
- ⊗ Are based as much on sound economic development and social justice as on environmental enhancement
- ⊗ Result in client-friendly Council services and quality community facilities
- ⊗ Promote co-operative solutions to community issues based on mutual respect
- ⊗ Aim to build a strong partnership between the community and Council
- ⊗ Provide strong leadership and responsive governance for the whole Shire



You can help form the OSF vision and objectives

Our Sustainable Future is a broad network of Byron Shire residents who want to see the quality of representation in local government improved in order to achieve a cohesive, self-reliant and prosperous community and a healthy natural environment. It will provide a voice for all residents, business people, activists and community-builders who care about the future of Byron Shire.

Your active involvement will ensure that the OSF Network's vision and objectives reflect the real concerns of the many Byron Shire residents who are fed up with carrying the costs of a dysfunctional Council.

Over the coming months OSF members will formulate policy objectives and select candidates for the March 2004 Council elections. You can play a part in this process by joining OSF now. Fill in the membership application below and complete the Electoral Act declaration of membership over the page.

If you would prefer to simply be kept informed of OSF planning, tick the second box on the form below to be added to our mailing list.

In accordance with changed legislation Our Sustainable Future has been registered as a "party" for local government election purposes.

Sign up now to make a difference

- ☐ Please enrol me as a member of Our Sustainable Future
- ☐ Please add me to the OSF Network mailing list and keep me informed of Network activities.

Name

Address

..... Phone

Email Fax

Signature

Cut out this coupon and return it to: OSF Network, PO Box 600, Mullumbimby 2482.

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