



Save Mayfield Swimming Pool Campaign

A Community Group Supporting Community Resources

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Survey Responses

Ward 2 Candidate	Party or Group	1. If elected will you work as an advocate in Council to ensure the long term future of Beresfield, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend Pools?	2. If elected will you propose and/or vote in support of a motion ensuring free entry to Beresfield, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend Pools for at least a three year trial period?	3. If elected will you propose and/or vote in support of a motion ensuring that promotion of Beresfield, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend Pools is equal to that of promotion of Lambton pool, including very large signs on nearby arterial roads?	4. Will all other councillors elected from your party/group of independents answer the above questions in the same way as you?
Cathy Bremner	Ungrouped Independent	Could not contact	Could not contact	Could not contact	Could not contact
Therese Doyle	The Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patrica Gillard	Community 1 Independents	Yes	No (but will support 1 year trial)	Yes	Yes
Tim Crackanthorp	Labor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brad Luke	Liberal	Declined to respond (see below)	Declined to respond (see below)	Declined to respond (see below)	Declined to respond (see below)
Helene O'Neill	Buman Independents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Col Peebles	Clean Sweep	Yes	Yes (with annual reviews)	Yes	Yes
Krysia Walker	Clean Sweep	Yes	Yes (with annual reviews)	Yes	Yes

Additional Comments

Cathy Bremner	None
Therese Doyle	Newcastle Greens stand on a principle of social justice, which would see us support equal access to services and facilities across the community. On this basis we would be supportive of the concepts expressed by your group.
Patrica Gillard	Thanks for the additional material you have sent regarding the pools. The Community 1 Independents feel at a bit of a disadvantage regarding



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	<p>the other candidates you have spoken to as they have been on Council and have more information etc. None of us has been on Council and therefore don't have the background they do regarding a range of issues that will have some bearing on this matter. We don't have any information about planned developments at any of the pools, for example. We accept that the current admission prices are too high for local communities. We also accept that full or significant cost recovery is not an option for community pools nor should it be. We've agreed that it's a reasonable to have a one year trial of admission free entry (rather than three years) to Mayfield, Wallsend, Beresfield and Stockton swimming pools. We assume this will include school carnivals, group bookings etc including those from outside the area. We think a one year's trial will be enough to base permanent policy on. We're not ready to apply free admission to the Lambton Pool given the development that has taken place but would be open to a review of admission charges, including the option of free entry. In fact, we're in favour of having a review of charges right across all of Council's services, not just pools.</p>
Tim Crackanthorp	<p>I understand the importance of our local pools. I will defend public pools and intend to deliver a more sustainable model that includes free entry to all our pools, not just our ocean baths</p>
Brad Luke	<p>There is no pool in ward 2. I do believe it is best for the councillors in that represent those areas to address them. It is also important to understand that the councillors can all promise all sorts of things with the knowledge that no one group will control the council. A great example of this is the current promise by Labor councillors for no new parking meters. A quick check of the minutes of council meetings shows that the same councillors have constantly supported and voted for the stage 2 and stage 3 roll out of meters, which is the installation into all suburban shopping strips. And as recently as May voted for the massive increase in costs for these Re pools I voted in May against the increase in entry charges for the pools while the Labor councillors voted for the increase. When the idea of free entry into pools has been raised in council the labor councillors have criticised the idea. It is better to look at how people have voted rather than promises they make during an election I will leave it to my colleagues to speak about their wards</p>
Helene O'Neill	<p>I will work as an advocate in ensure the long term future of Beresfield, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend Pools. It is important that the Newcastle LGA doesn't start and end in Hunter St. Council needs to provide, maintain and improve amenities in the suburbs. We all know that the upkeep of pools is a substantial cost to council but there shouldn't be a disparity in the fees and charges across services in the city. If Lambton Pool is developed as a showpiece then usage may incur a cost particularly when championships etc are held there. I will support the promotion of pools in named suburbs. That is also the role of the Ward councillors to ensure availability of facilities in their area to those whom they represent. I would assume that all group members albeit independents would have the interests of their ward as their top priority which would include the use of pools. When I served on council 2004-8 I was wrongly criticised for supporting the varying uses of council pools. At no stage did I advocate for the closure of pools. In 2012 and beyond I believe that council must activate pools, parks and public spaces so families can enjoy some fun in a safe environment.</p>
Col Peebles Krysia Walker	<p>My only additional comment on a three year trial would be to add in annual reviews into this length of trial, to measure the results against expected results. While I would expect the benchmarks to be set to be very achievable and have a low probability of not being met, it would allow for some action to be taken within the 3 year period if required.</p>