



## Save Mayfield Swimming Pool Campaign

A Community Group Supporting Community Resources

[www.mayfieldpool.com](http://www.mayfieldpool.com)

## Council Elections 2012 Ward 3 Candidate Surveys

Compiled 30/8/12

### Survey Responses

<b>Ward 3 Candidate</b>	<b>Party or Group</b>	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?
Andrea Rufo	Community 1 Independents	Yes	No (but will support 1 year trial)	Yes	Yes
Joel Curry	Ungrouped Independent	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond
Rick Prosser	Buman Independents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sharon Waterhouse	Liberal	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond	Did not respond
Keith Parsons	The Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nuatali Nelmes	Labor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



## Save Mayfield Swimming Pool Campaign

A Community Group Supporting Community Resources

[www.mayfieldpool.com](http://www.mayfieldpool.com)

**Council Elections 2012**  
**Ward 3 Candidate Surveys**  
Compiled 30/8/12

### Additional Comments

<b>Andrea Rufo</b>	Thanks for the additional material you have sent regarding the pools. The Community 1 Independents feel at a bit of a disadvantage regarding 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.
<b>Joel Curry</b>	None
<b>Rick Prosser</b>	If elected you can be certain of my personal support of free entry to public pools. As part of Cr Buman's team we will be strongly advocating and voting this way for all public pools in the city of Newcastle.
<b>Sharon Waterhouse</b>	None
<b>Keith Parsons</b>	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.
<b>Nuatali Nelmes</b>	As a lifelong Novocastrian and local mum, I understand the importance of our local pools. My [Labor] team and 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