2015 State Government Elections

7:00PM 09 March Nelson Bay Bowling Club

‘Meet The Candidates’ Forum

Peter Arena
CDP

Kate Washington
Labor

Ken Jordan
Liberal

Rochelle Flood
Greens
Welcome to Forum: TRRA Vice Pres. - Colin Howard

Your Preferences: A short explanation - Nigel Waters

Introduction to Forum: Moderator - John James
Forum Format:
1. Presentation by Candidates – 8 minutes
   - Candidates to introduce themselves
   - Outline their vision and priorities for the coming term
   - Answer two fixed questions advised prior to Forum
Forum Format:

2. Questions submitted to TRRA by Community
   • Directed by moderator to candidates with short intro
   • Other candidates can comment – 2 min each

3. Open Forum:
   • Questions from the floor

4. Candidates Right Of reply
   • Sum Up 3 min each

5. Forum Close:
   • Candidates available for one on one discussion
If you are elected to represent Port Stephens you may find that your plans and dreams for this area will have to compete, not only with the developer/conservation demands, but more so with your own party’s priorities.

Question 1: How do you propose to compete for major spending proposals for this area and how will you keep out community informed of progress.
In light of the recent Queensland election backlash where one of the election issues was the sale of power infrastructure and the current NSW Government has the sale of power infrastructure as an election proposal.

Question 2: What is your position on the proposed sale of power infrastructure and, if elected, will you support the sale?
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Community Questions?

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1. Community Questions?

From Viki Deamer

Yacaaba Centre: Counselling - Domestic Violence

**Question:** What assurance can the candidates give that their government will fully fund Yacaaba Centre to ensure that such an essential service will remain on the Tomaree Peninsula into the future?
Question: "Why is it that Liberal Party governments, both state and federal are so relentless in their efforts to dismantle our societies social infrastructure, a good example being the withdrawal of funding for the Schizophrenia Research Institute, which was established by a former NSW Labor Party government"?
Question: What is your position on the impending closure of Tomaree Lodge and Stockton Centre? If this goes ahead, what are your plans for this land? Do you support Mayor McKenzie’s plan to turn it into a tourist development with casino, multi storey resort and heli pad? How would you like to see the process be undertaken to ensure the best possible economic and environmental outcome is achieved for the site?
From: Brian Frost

Sand Mining – Impact on Communities

Question: What are the candidates’ views on the impact the proposed and existing mining activity on local communities and on other road users that also have to use this road?
Question: What are the candidates’ views on law reform to ensure greater transparency of links between candidates and a cap to be placed on campaign funding to ensure a level playing field.

What is your view of the preference system which allows so-called “independent” candidates to band together to present their votes to another candidate like yourself?
6. Community Questions?

From: Peter Dundas - Smith
Road Funding – Marsh Rd. – LT Passage

Question: Will you, if elected, actively pursue funding to upgrade this section of the road?
7. Community Questions?

*From: Geoff Washington – John James*

**Planning Reform – Notification to Residents**

**Question:** What should be done about the Planning Reforms proposed in legislation introduced by the present NSW Government in 2013?
8. Community Questions?

From: Geoff Washington

Council Amalgamations

Question: What should be done about the Planning Reforms proposed in legislation introduced by the present NSW Government in 2013?
9. Community Questions?

From: Barry Elliott

Bob’s Sand Mine

Question: Do you oppose the proposed sand mine, on the fig farm, in Bobs Farm and why?
10. Community Questions?

From: Geoffrey Warrener

Integrity – Honesty – Transparency

Question: Are you a person of integrity and honesty? Will you represent your constituents’ views even if it goes against party lines?
11. Community Questions?

From: Ken Shadler

Mobile Phone Reception

Question: If you are elected, tell us what you will do to lobby your Federal Government colleagues for a new tower to be erected in Corlette?

Improve TV Reception in this area?
12. Community Questions?

From: David Biriss – Representing 355c Committees PSC

Health – Obesity

Question: Would you, if elected to State Parliament, actively pursue a grant of $25,000 to complete a project which strongly encourages the local Communities and Tourists to pursue a more healthy lifestyle and which will also contribute to tourism?
Question: How can the voters of this electorate be sure that Ken Jordan will act in the interests of the local community and not in the interests of Buildev. What concrete plans will he put in place to stop undue influence by this company?
Question: “Why is it that Liberal Party governments always seek to adopt policies, which are designed to make the rich richer and the poor poorer when the richest 20% of Australians now own 62% of the nation’s wealth while the poorest 20% now own only 1% of the nation’s wealth”?
15. Community Questions
For Ken Jordan?

From: Dick Appleby

Community Consultation

Question: Given that you are in the mayor’s pro-development faction on Council

• Were one of the main supporters of the removal of the Webcam from Council meetings
• Have done everything possible to avoid being here this evening, before you get elected,
• What sort of access and accountability will you give community groups if you are elected as our representative in parliament?
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Questions from the Floor?
QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR?

Please state your name, organization etc. prior to asking your question

Please be brief......

The moderator may allow supplementary questions, at his discretion.

Good Luck!
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