

# DOGS NT 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## RETURNING OFFICE REPORT

This report has been prepared for presentation at the Dogs NT Annual General Meeting to be conducted on 5 April 2023. Many thanks to DogsNT for asking me to be the Returning Officer. This is not a position I take lightly.

Nominations were called for President, Treasurer and 3 Councillor positions and closed on 1 February 2023. A ballot was required as nominations for the position of Councillor exceeded the number of vacancies, i.e. 4 nominations for the 3 vacancies.

129 ballot papers were mailed. 66 ballot papers were returned. This represents 51% return rate.

The ballot count was conducted Monday evening by me. I was observed by scrutineers Caroline Camilleri and Meg Gardner.

Position of President – 1 nomination – the President is James Beckett.

Position of Treasurer – 1 nomination – the Treasurer is Claire Flattum.

Positions for Councillor (3) – 4 nominations – the successful candidates are:

- Deborah Brackenreg;
- Emma Carter; and
- Nicola Jones

Position of Alice Springs Zone Representative – no nomination received. The position of Alice Springs Zone Representative is to be dealt with by Council as a casual vacancy.

Motion 1: Originals of nomination paperwork have remained in the office and can be dealt with by Council as they see fit, including destruction.

Motion 2: Originals of ballot paperwork are with me and it is intended they will be destroyed after 14 days, i.e Wednesday 19 April 2023. This allows a period of 14 days should a recount be requested.

Susie Ripper  
Returning Officer