



Northside Governance FAQ

How is Northside Governed?

You can find a copy of our constitution [here >>](#)

Northside is a team lead, Elder governed church.

As a member of Churches of Christ NSW, Northside is an independent autonomous church within the Freshhope (Churches of Christ) network of Churches.

This means our elders are the ultimate spiritual and legal authority over our church.

What do our Elders do and how does our governance model currently operate?

In light of above, the Elders are responsible for ensuring that the Senior minister and Ministry Team come up with appropriate strategies to fulfil our vision to be a church that "Builds communities to engage the disengaged with Jesus."

The primary Functions of our eldership are:

- Spiritual leadership
- Governance
- Stewardship of our Strategic Vision

Why Elder nominated candidates?

Northside has been an elder nominated eldership for over 10 years and under our current guidelines for governance.

Elder nominated candidates allows our elders to put forward candidates to you that have been comprehensively vetted for both their character, spiritual depth and gift mix.

In many ways only an eldership as Northside's leadership have both the access and ability to do this behind the scenes with candidates.

Practical Aspects of the Endorsement

We are asking you to vote yes or no for both candidates that we put forward (this is not a vote where only one candidate is to win the vote) unless you felt there was a reason for a particular candidate not to be endorsed.

A candidate needs to receive at least 75% of the votes cast to be placed on the eldership.

Who is eligible to vote?

Voting is open to those over 18 years old, who have chosen to become members of our church.

This is primarily been done in the past via:

- Welcome Sunday process
- Baptism by Immersion
- Signing and returning a membership form (For Turramurra congregants during the adoption)

How is the Elder's election being held?

Northside has engaged a third-party voting system that insures the upmost integrity of the elder's elections.

This includes certain factors such as:

- Ability for both postal and electronic voting
- Allocation of a unique voting identification to each member of the church
- Prevention of multiple votes being cast
- Concealment of voters (secret ballot)
- Election audit features

We are proud to say that we haven't had a more comprehensive mechanism for voting in recent history.

How do I vote?

Electronically

a. Links will be sent via email and SMS on basis of information from our Church database

If you do not receive a link or feel you have received in error (i.e. you don't see yourself as a voting member) then please contact us [here >>](#)

Postal Votes

- a. We will be sending postal votes to those who
 - i. Have already indicated a preference to physical material
 - ii. We know would prefer this method of communication
 - iii. Request a postal vote via the Church office 9439 7822

Should you have any questions in respect to membership or voting, please contact Richard Moon our returning officer on 02 9439 7822 or info@northsidechurch.org.au