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Numbers to flow Bob's way

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BOB Kirk voted on Saturday, raked up leaves around his home on Sunday, and on Monday mowed the lawns.

The only thing that's suffered from Mr Kirk's lower-than-expected primary vote at the Goulburn Mulwaree Council poll is his pride.

"If I get back on, excellent. If I don't, I can play more golf," the deputy mayor since 2008 told the Post.

Mr Kirk needn't give too much thought to a term away from council, his colleagues say.

Mayor Geoff Kettle consumed nearly 29 per cent of Saturday's primary vote. It's expected a sufficient amount of Cr Kettle's preferences will flow to Mr Kirk, meaning he'll be returned for another term.

With counting to resume this morning, Mr Kettle, Sam Rowland, Margaret O'Neill, Robin Saville, Mr Kirk, Carol James and Alfie Walker are favourites to take out the first seven spots.

The remaining two spots on Council should be a three-way go between Denzil Sturgiss, Andrew Banfield and Geoff Peterson.

Neil Penning will need a stack of postal votes and preferences to fall his way if he's to retain his incumbency.

"There are only three candidates who are guaranteed: Geoff (Kettle), Sam Rowland and Bob," Mr Peterson, who sits on the cusp of the top nine on primary votes, said.

Election count latest

Certainties

Geoff Kettle
Sam Rowland
Robin Saville

Safe bets

Carol James
Alfie Walker
Margaret O'Neill
Bob Kirk

Chances

Andrew Banfield
Geoff Peterson
Denzil Sturgiss

Miracle needed

Neil Penning
Nina Dillon

■ Final council make-up
should be known by Friday



On song for 150th

THE Goulburn Regional Conservatorium has been granted more than \$60,000 from the NSW Government for two major upcoming local events. The funding acknowledges the success of two grant applications submitted to support two significant events planned for the Goulburn region early next year, one in conjunction with the 150th birthday celebrations. Goulburn Regional Conservatorium Director Paul Scott-Williams is pictured at last week's funding announcement with Member for Goulburn Pru Goward.

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