

## 2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS





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## **Information**

# There are 3 elections being held for Flinders Council

- 7 Councillors 12 candidates
- Mayor 2 candidates
- Deputy Mayor 3 candidates

As well as this booklet, your postal ballot pack contains

- 3 ballot papers on one fold-out sheet
- a ballot paper envelope you must sign this
- a reply paid envelope

This year, for the first time, the entire Flinders Council is being elected for a four-year term. The mayor, deputy mayor and councillors you elect will all serve until 2018.

Successful candidates for mayor and deputy mayor must be also elected as councillors to be able to accept the office of mayor or deputy mayor.

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## **Instructions**

Follow these five easy steps...

#### **STEP ONE**

## **Consider your vote**

The candidates have provided statements for your information. They are printed in alphabetical order in this brochure. Please note that the names on the ballot papers may not be in the same order.

Get to know the candidates before you vote.

### STEP TWO

### **Record your vote**

When you have decided how you wish to vote, number all the boxes on each ballot paper from 1 onwards in the order of your choice.

#### **STEP THREE**

## Make your vote secret

Put your completed ballot papers in the ballot paper envelope and seal it securely.

### STEP FOUR

## Validate your vote

Sign your ballot paper envelope.

Your vote won't be counted if you don't sign this envelope.

Then put your ballot paper envelope in the reply paid envelope and seal it.

## STEP FIVE

## Post your vote

Post your reply paid envelope straight away. No stamp is needed.

## Don't delay late votes won't be counted!

Questions? Call 1800 801 701

## **CARIS** Sean

#### Candidate for Councillor



If elected, I will be working to give the youth of the community a voice in council. Youth are the future leaders of our community and should be given the opportunity to voice their opinions on matters. I will also be focusing on expanding career and employment opportunities in the community as this is an enormous issue for young people on Flinders. I hope to explore the possibility of reducing the cost of travel to and from the island, as well as the development and growth of businesses.

## **COBHAM** Marc

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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I have been a Councillor since 2007 and lived on Flinders Is for 16yrs. Some of my successful notice of motions have resulted in several infrastructure projects being funded. Issues needing more action are waste management, renewable energy, lobby for improvements in telecommunications & reductions in State Government red-tape, making our airport more viable, improve boat launch facilities in the Lady Barron/Badger Corner areas & protecting our coastal areas. I work hard for all the community, am not afraid to speak my mind, am truly independent & have a proven record of getting things done.

## COX Carol D

### Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Forty years on Flinders, a member of a family involved in farming, fishing and boat charter. An active member of the Hospital Auxiliary, School Association, Lady Barron Hall and several council special committees. I will contribute positively to the elected group, recognizing the difficulties, benefits and opportunities of living and working in a unique municipality, of the need to balance the freedom of island living with the current regulatory environment, an ongoing challenge. I proudly represent you as Mayor and seek your No 1 vote for both Mayor and Councillor to continue the privilege.

## **DICK** John L

Candidate for Councillor



I have lived 4 years in the municipality. I came here because of the ambiance and lifestyle. I have 40 years experience working at the interface between government and nongovernment organisations at state and national levels. I am used to working collaboratively and with a tight budget. Council provides the basis of growing the community, along with infrastructure and encouraging investment on the islands. Transport and poor communications add to the costs of production and restrict opportunities for all residents. Your vote for me will ensure that these issues will be addressed.

## **GARDNER** John

Candidate for Councillor

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Dear Voters, my name is John Gardner. My family has lived in the Furneaux Group since 1820. I have decided to stand for election to Flinders Council, knowing the importance of being a part of the decision making process. The best result is gained through a collaborative, creative and positive approach. Farming, tourism, the arts and culture drive this island economy and are fundamental to creating a positive community. I treat people with respect and consider myself an ordinary person with an extraordinary desire to see my home reach its potential.

## LA GRUE Bill

Candidate for Councillor

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I wish to advise that I am standing for a position as Councillor in the upcoming Flinders Council election. Given the opportunity, I will represent the community in keeping the island a strong and vibrant location focusing on the important issues such as declining population, youth employment and island sustainability. Please consider. Bill La Grue. PH. 0408540211

## RHODES Chris

Candidate for Councillor

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I was born on Flinders Island and have lived here all my life I hold it close to my heart. My background is in the fishing, farming and tourism industries. I believe that my best skills are being able to talk with people and to take on board what they say. I am not afraid to think outside the square. Council's role should be to create an environment that will aid people in setting up new businesses on the islands, maintaining infrastructure and services. Our relatively untouched island paradise should be looked after environmentally, culturally and be protected from unsustainable developments.

## **RHODES** Peter Frank

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I was elected to Council in 2011 on a platform of fairness & accountability. We have made some progress but still have a way to go. I seek your vote to continue making Council more responsive & responsible to residents & ratepayers. Rate increases should not exceed CPI & we need to be careful with the amount we waste on consultants & bad advice. I believe that we are best served by Furneaux Freight. Otherwise we should own our own boat & the port. We are being ripped-off with fuel costs. Fuel should be at least 10% cheaper. Council can achieve this by becoming a fuel distributor

## **ROBERTS** Mary-Anne

Candidate for Councillor

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I seek re-election to consolidate the previous Council's work especially in the areas of community facilities, renewable energy, waste management and recycling, environmental protection with the encouragement of new enterprises via the draft planning scheme, and the continuing improvement of our port and airport. We will be faced with both opportunities and challenges during this term. I will continue to work hard, collectively, be representative and be active in debates. I am committed to enhancing the health and well-being of our community and to protecting our superb coastal environment.

## STOCKTON Ken

Candidate for Councillor



I believe that my experience in commerce, aviation and hospitality has given me the qualifications to add value and depth into future Flinders Council decision making. I am now able to devote significant time to Council deliberations as well as maintaining interests in Lions Club, Community Shed and Maritime Association. Most of all I have a strong belief in the future of Flinders as one of the best places inn the world to raise a family or enjoy retirement and I hope that my enthusiasm, energy and passion can make a difference in the future of the young, new and old in the community.

## WILLIAMS David

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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# WILLIS Gerald

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Born and bred on Flinders Island, I have a feel for the heritage, culture and background of the municipality. My professional experience includes transport and shipping, having worked at the port of Melbourne, accountancy in a public practice and corporate services, property and insurance management for a listed (NZ) company. My skills include governance, compliance and risk analysis, which are important to the function of councils, and I am also competent in the commercial environment. I would be honoured to serve the community in capacities as a councillor and mayor.



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