



Tasmanian
Electoral Commission

2014
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTIONS



MAKE YOUR MARK



VOTE LOCAL

**Your vote must be received by
10 am on Tuesday 28 October 2014**

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Information

There are 3 elections being held for George Town Council

- 9 Councillors – 19 candidates
- Mayor – 1 candidate
(no ballot required)
- Deputy Mayor – 6 candidates

As well as this booklet, your postal ballot pack contains

- 2 ballot papers (one for councillor positions, the other for deputy mayor position)
- a ballot paper envelope – you must sign this
- a reply paid envelope

This year, for the first time, the entire George Town 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.

Candidates have accepted responsibility for the content of their statements which appear in this booklet.

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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

ARCHER Bridget Kathleen

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor
(Elected unopposed as Mayor)

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First elected to Council in 2009 and elected Deputy Mayor in 2011, I have actively demonstrated my commitment to increased transparency and accountability and responsible financial management. For future success we need a united team with a strategic vision. I believe I have the necessary attitude, enthusiasm and leadership skills required to further those aims and to bring Council and community together to advance our municipality into the future. Please vote 1 to re-elect me as Councillor. Together we can achieve a vibrant and successful future.

ASHLEY Christopher William

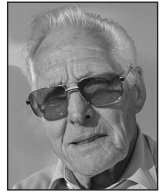
Candidate for Councillor



Taking steps to remedy the reputation of this municipality should be a high priority for the incoming council. If elected I will promote a close, open and honest relationship with the Rate Payers Association, Chamber of Commerce and the constituents of the municipality. I believe we must have transparency in non-confidential council matters with open Council meetings being held after hours to encourage greater public involvement and make it more attractive to potential councillors. I will lobby for increased security, including a higher 24hr police/ populous ratio.

AUSTIN John

Candidate for Councillor



If elected I will support better consultation with the community, ensure accountability for Council actions and importantly careful spending of your money. I will endeavour to promote our community and better it in any way possible. I am a long time resident, have served on committees and boards, played sports and am determined to get the best outcomes with the help of a new Council. I am appalled at the amounts of money that have been spent and wasted over the last few years by the current Council and ex management with no community consultation. Change is needed now!

BARWICK Heather

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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Why? I care I listen am approachable and I voice community concerns at the Council table. 25 years proven experience in all matters of council. Sound knowledge of Local Government Act. Some of my achievements whilst on council \$98,000 upgrade Mt.Direction Historic Semaphore \$405,000 stage 1 York Cove walkway and Life Trail Seniors exercise equipment \$120,000 upgrade skate park - funds gained from State Govt. I am on the Community Safety Advisory Committee Wattle Group. Actively involved in Lulworth Bellingham Hillwood and Weymouth Community Associations. Always working for the community 24/7.

BROOMHALL Roger

Candidate for Councillor



My candidate statement 3 years ago identified the need to implement reforms. The appointment of our GM has continued that process as we find new ways of streamlining operations. While I am not nominating as Mayor I have much knowledge and experience to offer and will continue promoting a stable open Council with informed decisions based on what is best for the entire municipality. I will give a commitment to work with you and continue my strong involvement with the community. I ask for your vote to be part of a team for the future through innovation imagination and inspiration.

BURT Doug

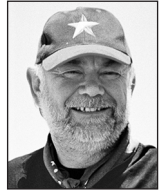
Candidate for Councillor



I seek your number 1 vote in the 2014 election As an experienced independent, no longer working full time, I have the required knowledge to ensure the George Town Municipality is continued to be recognised as a great place to raise a family or maybe to later retire to, we do have a lot to offer across our area Local Govt will undergo much change in the next few years, our council must ensure we do not lose our identity while also exploring cost saving opportunities through resource sharing, a strong professional team, thinking long term with common goals will secure our community future.

CORY Tim

Candidate for Councillor



You will have noticed me walking round the municipality. This is not just for my health, its so I can see first hand the state of our municipality - pavements, road surfaces, cleanliness in streets and vegetation growth etc. Its also so that I can talk face-to-face with anyone who lives in the municipality, listen to concerns and then carry those concerns into Council and facilitate reasonable and necessary changes. My focus in Council has always been reasonable charges for rates and services, security for the individual, health and wellbeing and improved services for children and families.

DAWSON Greg

Candidate for Councillor



Greg Dawson, Organiser of 'George Town Fire Relief Concert' in 2013 and Australia Day Award recipient for Community Service. If you believe George Town's Council needs refreshing with new ideas that preserve our past, and enhance our future; while developing opportunities for our youth and elderly residents. If you would like to see the George Town municipality as a Tidy Town with business, sporting and social activities to be proud of, vote for me. I commit to help make our communities safer, tidier and a nicer place to be.

GEALE Stephen

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



As a lifetime resident of George Town and previously representing to people of the area, I am seeking your number 1 vote to allow me to represent and work through many of the community and business concerns, ideas and opportunities. I am a firm supporter of community consultation and transparency of council discussions and decisions and will always stand up for the people of George Town.

GIBBONS Dean Robert

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Do you want the George Town Municipality to be a more likeable destination? I will actively support projects that will benefit the whole community. I am a member of the Sports Complex Advisory Committee to council. I am a mentoring Councillor on The George Town Young Leaders Group, providing support for our future leaders. I am also a member of the Code of Conduct Panel for Council. I feel that I am suitably qualified to continue to serve the community in a Councillor's position. If re-elected I will continue to be an honest approachable Councillor for the George Town Municipality.

GLISSON John

Candidate for Councillor



Long term resident of George Town, recently retired, committed to making council more responsive to community needs. I offer council a fresh approach with a positive, conciliatory manner, avoiding unproductive personality or factional conflicts. I believe in transparent open council working with the community for the community. I support local business and the development of community assets. Our community needs a clear plan for the future with input from all electors. I support establishing a forum where community can bring forward ideas to seek support from council and the community.

GUNST Brenda

Candidate for Councillor

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George Town electors deserve Councillors who represent their views. The Australian Constitution supports government of the people, for the people, by the people. Ordinary people need to be heard at all levels of Government. Too few women are represented, we need a balance. Too often we find that once elected, Councillors vote without input by their constituents. I want to hear your concerns, work for a holistic, inclusive, functional and happy community. Decisions made must consider all angles without self-interest or secrecy. We need to start now at local level to reconnect our community.

HARRIS Tim

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Since returning home to live all I have heard about council has been anger & frustration at the secrecy and lack of consultation surrounding their processes, I would like to see a return to an open, honest and consultative approach by council to their electors. I would also seek to review management decisions, over many years, that have seen projects that are now no longer used for their original purpose. Also I would seek to review the use of outside contractors on tasks that local contractors or council employees are capable of undertaking. Keep it local!!

McKENZIE Tony

Candidate for Councillor



While running my shop I have experienced the challenges facing local business owners. I have witnessed, and experienced the frustrations in both the business and residential sectors. George Town needs a councillor who will ask "Why" to the decisions that effect the residents and ensure that those decisions benefits them and not done because that's whats always be done. I want George Town to grow as a community and with experience gained from my employments in various community service roles, coupled with my open door approach I will be able to make a beneficial contribution to George Town.

NICHOLLS Richard

Candidate for Councillor

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The councillors that have overseen the decay of the municipality for the last 25 years have let us down! I've had enough of the waste, and a stagnant council headed up by a leadership lacking in vision. I want to see a new direction. I want to see the promotion of the community spirit, the beauty and pride that is so strong within the district. I want to see the payment of my rates not as a tax but as an investment. Now there is an opportunity for every one of us to bring about this change. All you need do is give me a go: absolute change for a brighter future!

O'SIGN George

Candidate for Councillor



With 30 years experience as a Council employee & four years as a Councillor, I have a vast working knowledge of the Council, the municipality, the people and local businesses. Now retired, having previously spent 30 years as a building surveyor for the Council, I am 100% committed to ensuring that Council listens to its customers. I fully support sustainable development and local business, the adoption of a fair & equitable rating system, and all organisations in the community. I am a true team player who will work to ensure that Council offers the best possible services to the municipality.

PARISH Tim

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I am a life-long George Town resident, married to Dianne and am involved in community activities. It has been my privilege to represent you on a Council that has successfully balanced the budget, whilst keeping rate rises to a minimum and at the same time improving services. Responsible management is important in maintaining the viability of George Town council and ensuring our independence so that the concerns of our town, rural and seaside communities will be heard. I ask that you vote 1 for Tim Parish for Deputy Mayor and Councillor.

PARKES Peter

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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I need your help, I want to re-ignite community engagement with a council that people feel connected to, confident in and trust. We deserve a council that's ready to listen and conduct real consultation. I want people to feel proud of their community again and to have an equitable voice in decision making. We need to make sure big decision that effect the entire community are fully explored. We need to engage the youth and let them take ownership of the future, feel proud of their town and give them hope. You can help by giving me your number 1 vote in this year's Council elections.

POOLEY Bob

Candidate for Councillor



I have been a resident of George Town for 30 years and have been involved in many voluntary organisations including presidents of local sporting clubs, Tamar Valley folk festival committees and other community leadership roles. I have a keen interest in politics and have made many contacts lobbying support for various local projects with both state and federal members of all political persuasions. In these difficult times I feel that it is vitally important to develop some new innovative ideas to generate business growth, employment and united community support for our region.

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