



Tasmanian
Electoral Commission

2014
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTIONS

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



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 Southern Midlands Council

- 7 Councillors – 12 candidates
- Mayor – 3 candidates
- Deputy Mayor – 2 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 Southern Midlands 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

BAIN Jo

Candidate for Councillor

[Web link](#)



I have lived in rural Tasmania most of my life, and my appreciation of the place has been honed by my experience working abroad. To keep what we value we need a good planning scheme and the will to support sustainable business; the right to farm over damaging activities such as unconventional mining; build resilient communities. Sustainable tourism and farming enterprises are our pathway to the future. I want to be a Greens Councillor who stands up for all of my community, and to use my professional experiences to assist in the sustainable growth of the district.

BANTICK AR (Tony)

Candidate for Councillor



I have been a Southern Midlands Councillor since 2011. In this time I have been able to assist many rate payers and residents with their concerns. I am pro-development and believe in the removal of red tape, stopping stifling regulations and reducing bureaucracy. One of the biggest complaints I come up against from the general public is the amount of time, money and paper work it takes just to get a simple project off the ground. I will continue to work at trying to reduce this burden. Allow me to continue to voice your concerns by giving me your number 1 vote.

BARNES Richard

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Having chosen to live and run a farm in the Southern Midlands, I would be honoured to represent the community as its next Mayor. My vision is for a Council that listens, so your voice is heard, and for transparency in all Council decisions. Whilst the Southern Midlands has received some recognition as a place to live and do business I believe we can achieve more. We should encourage sensible development to benefit all. We should celebrate and share our cultural and farming heritage. This is an exciting time of positive change, so please help me to help the community realise its full potential.

BATT Edwin

Candidate for Councillor



Edwin grew up at Melton Mowbray. Educated at Kempton Primary School. Studied law and worked many years in that field. He'll bring a wide range of skills and past work experience to Council: farmer, wool classer, barrister, magistrate, coroner, teacher, theatre director, horse trainer etc. He inherited his passion for community service from his father Charles Batt. Edwin's always involved in community activities. He runs the farming enterprise 'Woodlands Wool' with his wife Martine from farms at Melton Mowbray and Lower Marshes. On Council he'll get the balance right with a bit of common sense.

BISDEE Tony

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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The Southern Midlands Council requires both strong and effective leadership to meet the challenges ahead and as your current Mayor and experienced Councillor I seek your number one vote to be re-elected to ensure the retention and improvement of our hospital, ambulance and S.E.S services along with retaining all our local schools and identifying and facilitating job creation opportunities. I am committed to your full time representation to ensure your Council not only represents your views but also provides the affordable services that you require for a safe and inclusive rural community.

CAMPBELL Bob

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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Moving forward building a future by electing myself as Councillor and Mayor you have a companion who detests red tape and believes in putting people first. By progressing agriculture, food security and heritage this in turn will attract business people to set up in the Southern Midlands thus providing jobs for the younger generation. Wider roads and safer roads program needs to be implemented to all our school bus routes. We need to build a strong people friendly council and municipality.

FISH Donald Frank

Candidate for Councillor

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I have worked as a farmhand, shearer and potato grower, earthmoving and logging contractor and now as a farmer with some native forest which is managed for timber. I am chairperson of both the Lake Dulverton Callington Park Management Committee and Council Facilities Recreation Committee and member of the Little Swanport Catchment Management Committee. I supported a free-range layer farm at Mangalore. I am strongly opposed to excessive and unnecessary State, Federal and Council controls on private land. I will do my best to keep rates down. Like to know more? Contact me – 62 555 157

GREEN Alex

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



It has been a privilege to serve as Councillor since 2005. Your support has been greatly appreciated, and I look forward to representing you over the next four years. On your behalf I have chaired a number of Council committees and projects, from economic development strategies to local Council halls. I am the only Councillor to have served continually on the Audit Committee since it was formed. I have demonstrated the drive, focus and competencies necessary to lead the Council into the future. For a strong voice representing you on Council, please support me with your number one vote.

JONES Mark

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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As an already elected member of the Southern Midlands Council for the past 7 years and the last 3 years as Deputy Mayor I believe I will have a full understanding of the issues confronting our community and the challenges to be addressed. I am standing as position of Deputy Mayor again and should I be successful I will be able to continue representing the Southern Midlands Council region and advocating for important issues.

MARSHALL David

Candidate for Councillor



I have lived in the Southern Midlands for over 30 years. For 10 of them I worked as a farmhand at Rockville, York Plains, followed by 22 years with Hydro Tasmania helping manage the water storages. I am now retired to our small farm near Campania where Christine and I raised our two children, Tom and Nicola. For many of their primary years at Campania I served as President of the School Association. I have practical skills and experience in strategic planning and policy development. If elected I will listen; judge all things on merit, and be a thoughtful and impartial voice for the community.

McDOUGALL Rowena

Candidate for Councillor



I believe local government is essential in our community: providing essential infrastructure - community services, roads, waste management; recreational facilities to enable active healthy communities; supporting a diversity of cultural activities. As Council makes decisions that affect everyone, I would like to see more and improved consultation with the community it is part of. Council should be financially responsible, and enable as much as possible, sustainable economic activity to grow our local economies and provide more employment, for example in agriculture, tourism, small business.

WILLIAMS Craig

Candidate for Councillor



I am self employed, cartage fabrication farming earth moving and soon to open a quarry from our property at 1356 Tea Tree Rd, councils don't earn money we give it to them and I know we can get more value for our dollar. give councillors more than the current 4 days to assess developments. We need a full time animal control officer, Campania School farm is for sale I believe council should purchase and set up a light industrial housing and an adequate camping ground for seasonal workers and tourists. I will support land owners and keep farms in Southern Midlands. 0407129562 or 62604404 eve

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