



Tasmanian  
Electoral Commission

2014  
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ELECTIONS



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**VOTE LOCAL**

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**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 West Coast Council

- 9 Councillors – 13 candidates
- Mayor – 4 candidates
- Deputy Mayor – 3 candidates

As well as this booklet, your postal ballot pack contains

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

This year, for the first time, the entire West Coast 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**

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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**

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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**

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

## **STEP FOUR**

### **Validate your vote**

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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**

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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

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**GERRITY** Robyn

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



It has been an honour and a privilege to have represented the West Coast as a councillor for the past 9 years and more recently as Mayor. I have and will continue to support all West Coast towns on an equal basis and work to maintain a financially sound and viable council for our future generations. I am a member of the State Government Economic Working Group and I am vigorously pursuing sustainable projects that will create employment for our region. I have the time, passion and devotion to represent the West Coast and its residents again as Councillor and Mayor.

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**GRUNER** Barbara

Candidate for Councillor



Statement not available

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## **MEDWIN Al**

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Dear West Coasters My name is Al Medwin. I have had the privilege of representing you for the past twelve years and I seek your support as a Councillor and Mayor. My priorities has always been rates, roads, rubbish and ratepayers problems. Strong leadership is my forte, I am not afraid to stand up for what is right and just to represent your interest. My concerns is for the welfare of Senior Citizens who what settles here permanently and to see that services are improved and retained for them.

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## **MURCHIE Doug**

Candidate for Councillor



This year I was the only councillor to vote against a rate increase and stand for greater financial accountability. I have identified measures that can save up to 5% of council revenue and look forward to be able to accomplish these savings. Having operated a successful West Coast business for many years, I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. I believe the West Coast is well positioned to work through the challenges that have recently beset us and I am sure a strong council working as a team can provide the support needed and I am resolute in my commitment to that team.

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**NEWMAN Lindsay**

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



West Coaster born, and raised my family here. I enjoy the lifestyle & worked in mining, fishing & Hospitality, and been involved in many sporting groups. Current serving Councillor, Director of T.S.I.C., T.R.L.F.A. and West Coast Heritage Museum. I have the time, energy & commitment to serve the West Coast. I believe in transparency in management, & support industry which will secure employment. I support sustainable existing and new developments. I am committed to making cost effective decisions. I believe that working together that we can achieve a secure and vibrant future.

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**O'GRADY Lyn**

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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Those who know me well will most often describe me as a straightforward, focussed and ethical person. I bring these traits to the Council table to ensure transparent and honourable decision making. The West Coast is my home - the place where I feel the most connected to my past, my future and my community. Despite recent regional events, I have enormous faith in the West Coast's prospects - just as I have faith in the integrity of the people who make this region their home. Consequently, I seek your support in this very important election.

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## **PITT Shane**

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

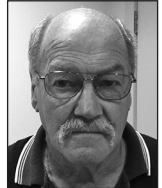


I am very passionate about the West Coast having lived here my entire life. Married with 2 children. Commenced partnership in electrical contracting business in 1993. 25 years involvement in scouting, Public Officer Queenstown Anglers Club, President Queenstown Lions Club and also the Queenstown Club, Chairperson Mountain Heights School Association and the West Coast Futures Committee. If re-elected I will continue with improving services for our region, promoting council's responsibility with economic development and enhance our growth through positive promotion of our regions attributes.

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## **REID Peter**

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I am asking for your support both as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor. I am passionate about the West Coast and have been on Council since 2000 and was elected Deputy Mayor three years ago. In that time I have worked with five general managers also believe I have worked well with the last two mayors and that all towns on the West Coast have benefited greatly in that period. The West Coast faces a very hard and difficult future due to a declining population and rate base. I believe I have the experience to help guide Council to plan and achieve a long term future for all of the West Coast.

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## **RYAN-SYKES** Matthew

Candidate for Councillor

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My wife and I chose to live in Tullah because we have confidence in this region and its hardworking people. I believe in building on what is special about our community, our tourism industry, world-class natural and built heritage, our high quality of life. I believe in strengthening our community, diversifying our economy, expanding public transport, cleaning up litter and planting community gardens. If elected I will be your voice for positive change to grow our community, promoting jobs and small businesses. Vote for the community we deserve. Vote 1 Matthew Ryan-Sykes for West Coast Council.

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## **SHEA** Terry

Candidate for Councillor

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Statement not available



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## **STRINGER** Scott

Candidate for Councillor

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I am 46 years of age, have lived on the West Coast since the age of six. I am committed to the West Coast and I am keen to see it progress. To ensure long term viability and a future for the generations to come, through diversification, social inclusion, and building resilience.

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## **STYLES** Leigh

Candidate for Councillor

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28 years old, motivated and passionate West Coaster. Educated at Strahan Primary & Mountain Heights. Hold a business degree with honours in Human Resource Management. My specialisation is employee retention in remote Tasmania. Work background is tourism, banking and teaching. I care about the West Coast region and its people: young, elderly & families. I am running so that I can make a difference for the people, to be a new voice and face in Council. I am committed to ensuring that local services remain, new and existing businesses are supported as well as being an advocate for the people.

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## **VICKERS** Phil

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



My background is primarily local government with 16 yrs administration & 5 yrs as an elected member. Most recently 15 yrs working both for myself & the private sector. Last year I was contracted to the Wilderness Railway as General Manager with the task of recommencing regular passenger services which I achieved. I am seeking your vote for election as Councillor & Mayor, the challenges facing Council are many. With your support I am confident my proven leadership and management skills will ensure Council continues to be proactive, responsive, and able to meet community needs into the future.

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