



Tasmanian
Electoral Commission

2018 Local Government Elections



MAKE YOUR MARK



VOTE LOCAL

Your vote must be received by
10am on Tuesday 30 October 2018

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INFORMATION

There are 3 elections being held for George Town Council:

- 9 Councillors
 - 20 candidates
- Mayor – 2 candidates
- Deputy Mayor – 5 candidates

As well as this booklet, your postal ballot pack contains:

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

Successful candidates for mayor and deputy mayor must also be elected as councillors to be able to accept these offices.

The mayor, deputy mayor and councillors you elect will serve until October 2022.

Questions? Call 1800 801 701

With changes to Australia Post services, it is important to complete and return your vote now.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these five easy steps:

1 Consider your vote

Each candidate has been invited to provide a statement, for your consideration. Statements are reproduced substantially as supplied by candidates. They are printed in alphabetical order. Note - the names on the ballot papers may not be in the same order. ***Get to know the candidates before you vote.***

2 Record your vote

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

3 Make your vote secret

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

4 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.

5 Post your vote

Post your reply paid envelope straight away. No need for a stamp
or take to your Council office.

**Don't delay –
late votes won't be counted!**

ARCHER, Bridget Kathleen

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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I'm proud of the progress that has been achieved in the past four years. The Council is in a much stronger position. There's increasing investment and development growth and growing interest in the area as a lifestyle choice. I aim to see that progress continue: to position us as a great place to visit, live and invest.

I have the strategic vision, dedication, perseverance and commitment required to achieve that goal and realise all the potential of the area. Let's build on that progress. For continuity, stability and growth please give me your number 1 vote for Mayor and Councillor.

ASHLEY, Christopher

Candidate for Councillor



A vote for Chris Ashley is one for common sense, teamwork and integrity. I have personally supported community driven ideas such as the new pedestrian safety zone on Macquarie St, beatification works and the rectification of safety hazards. I have attended our local community group meetings, and found their vibrancy and can do attitude inspirational.

There are challenges ahead, finance, depreciation, country roads, unemployment amalgamations and revitalising Macquarie Street. Together, we can and must drive this municipality forward in a spirit of collaboration and goodwill.

BARBER, Ben

Candidate for Councillor

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BARRACLOUGH, Chris

Candidate for Councillor

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A vote for me is a vote for more jobs in George Town. I understand the community's needs and I am also passionate about getting it done. I have the professional experience, education and business awareness to make a real difference where it counts the most. Previously I was GM for shopping centres, I know how to boost business in challenging conditions – with your vote, I can do this for George Town. My vision is to totally revamp Macquarie Street into a vibrant and exciting place to shop, enticing new business to fill the empty buildings and in turn, create more jobs for us and our children.

BARWICK, Heather

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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Your vote is important to me and the future of our local community.

I am passionate about the entire municipality of George Town and promote the preservation of its heritage and must visit profile. I strive for good governance and transparency. I am available 24/7 on 03 63821637.

BROOKS, Justine

Candidate for Councillor



If elected, I would proudly represent the broader George Town community in a professional manner at both the Council table and in civic forums by drawing on relevant skills in town planning, project management and local government administration. After managing the recent review which saw over \$1 million wiped off Council's forecasted deficit, I believe now is the time to show leadership and be proactive about planning for growth and a high level of success which will benefit all residents and businesses within the region.

BURT, Doug

Candidate for Councillor

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I believe a stable council team, continuing financial responsibility, nurturing a growing sense of pride in community will see our area prosper. We must continue to build upon our stability, ensuring the municipality and all we do in it will be sustainable into the future.

My position of advocating sustainable economic developments and promoting the benefits that our region has to offer remains unchanged. I am a proud local, who has a continuing desire to serve the community. I seek your endorsement and number 1 vote for the position of Councillor.

CAMERON, Anne

Candidate for Councillor



I am a long-term resident of George Town, and a qualified lawyer. I have many years' experience working in government and with our community. I want our dynamic community, our local economy and our beautiful environment to prosper and grow. We need to strengthen education and employment opportunities, age friendly services and healthy recreation.

I ask for your number 1 vote. With strong, open leadership, robust and collaborative decision making and continuous communication and engagement with our community, together we can build a vibrant, sustainable, prosperous and healthy George Town.

DAIRE, Brent

Candidate for Councillor

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I'm Brent. Married father of 3. I'm a manager in the community sector. I'm a veteran who volunteers with our local veteran's organisation, chair of our neighbourhood watch, and run a youth group for teens. I will fight for you, your rates, your roads and your rubbish removal. Our towns best days are ahead of it. To see them in we need to establish a strategy that includes population targets, linked to services, and a plan to attract businesses and jobs to our CBD, including unlocking our potential for historical tourism. I'll also fight to expand both NDIS services and youth job opportunities.

DAWSON, Greg

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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Please give me your number 1 vote for Councillor and Deputy Mayor, I am a local man with George Town municipalities residents best interests at heart. I commit to working with your choice of Mayor and Councillors to make our area a place families, retiree's and long term residents can be proud of, where we feel safe and welcome in a clean and prosperous community. I will work to encourage growth and employment opportunities while still maintaining our unique local environment. I am a proud George Town boy and need your support again please vote 1 Greg Dawson Deputy Mayor and Councillor 2018.

GEALE, Quade

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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Quade Geale nomination for George Town Councillor. 41 year old professional with a long history of living in the George Town area. Qualified and experienced leader & with vast experience in support of the public sector, employees and stakeholders in a variety of industries. Educated at Star of the Sea and George Town High, with units studied at Tasmanian University, TAFE and more importantly local life George Town life skills. If elected I'll be bring to Council my vast business & managerial skills, strong governance and transparency experience plus my emotion to support the rate payer.

GIBBONS, Dean Robert

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Do you want a Councillor without any vested interests? Do you want an honest and open Councillor? Do you want the George Town municipality to be a more likeable destination? I will actively support any development that will benefit the community. Then vote 1 Dean Gibbons I have been a resident of George Town for the last 33 years I have been employed in George Town for 32 of those years. During this time I have been on many committees also holding executive positions. I feel I am well qualified for a Councillor's position. If elected I will be a strong honest approachable and hard working Councillor.

GLISSON, John

Candidate for Councillor



I am strongly committed to responsible development and progress in our community. I support stable, open Council making sensible well informed decisions on behalf of ratepayers. I believe our community has a bright future and I am committed to work towards reaching its full potential.

Council must work within its budget and make responsible financial decisions. I support Council restructure and asset sharing as a way to, improve the efficiency of the Council, and to minimize future rate increases. Council must represent the entire municipality, not just the town.

HARRIS, Tim

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I bring an array of experiences through a variety of careers from both here and interstate. Returning home six years ago, being elected to Council four years ago, I have seen some significant changes at Council. I have enjoyed the responsibility given to me by the electors to help improve the municipalities livability, in doing so I look at each decision in a considered, reasonable and practical way.

I have no affiliation with any self interest group so I look at all the workings of Council from an independent point of view. I look forward to continuing to serve the community into the future.

KIESER, Greg

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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Did you know the current Council is giving serious consideration to opening a new high security prison in George Town? We've also set the national record for the highest turnover of general managers in Australia. Let's stop the madness and instability. I have 20 years of leadership experience launching companies like Amazon and Dropbox in Australia. I live in Low Head and have been here for 8 years running my own successful technology consulting company. I believe George Town needs the right blend of experienced leadership and innovation. George Town - let's make it happen!

MASON, Winston

Candidate for Councillor

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I have lived in the George Town municipality for the past 60 years, during which I have seen some good times, some very good times and some ordinary times, sadly I believe we are now in the latter. The reasons are many and varied, however with my 25 years working with Comalco Aluminium 15 of which were in a managerial roll, 22 years in self employed retail supermarket business and my association with many sporting bodies both junior and senior I believe I have the background and passion to make George Town a better place.

MICHIELETTO, Andrew

Candidate for Councillor

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NEILSEN, Graeme

Candidate for Councillor



No I won't turn my back on you. Heard from a Councillor lately? Or just at elections! Generous allowances! Oh for the days when Councillors volunteered their services to the community! Choose carefully for the right reasons.

I support local government reform to save your rate dollars not just simple amalgamations. Keep politics out of councils. I retired from Council in 2011. It kept getting worse! No vision; poor governance; costly "revolving door" of 10 general managers in 7 years! Stop the rot! 0418131876 (7am - 7pm) Thank you.

PARISH, Tim

Candidate for Councillor



I welcome progress and I am keen to represent our community. Underpinned by stable rates and improved finances it is now time for Council to concentrate on providing more services to the community. As an example having listened to your concerns I support the continuation of the Piper's River tip, better hours for the George Town tip, and the return of tip tickets. I also strongly believe the budget for street and road repairs should be increased. If you are looking for a progressive Council vote 1 Tim Parish.

PARKES, Peter

Candidate for Councillor

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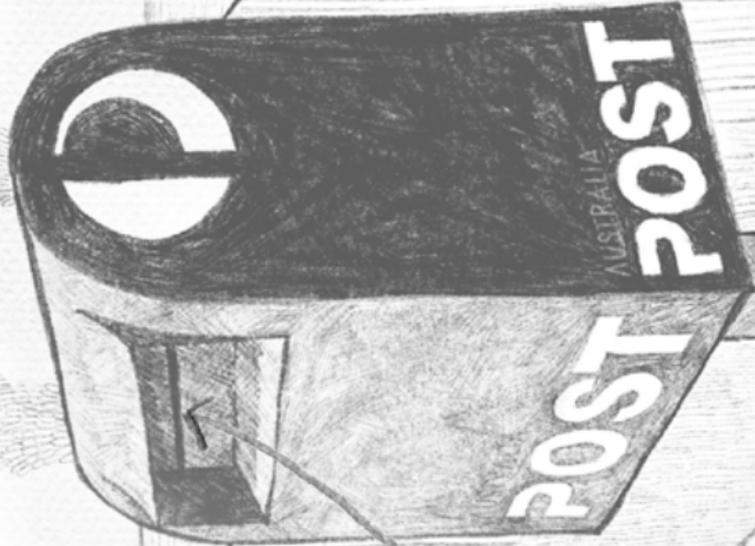
The importance of growth in George Town has never been more important and while we work closely with industry and business to attract investment we must equally invest in our local families with opportunities for better recreational access and sorely needed family play spaces.

As a resident of George Town for over 40 years I am a firm believer in a local voice, and I believe our collective voice will become increasingly important to ensure clear direction. I encourage you to be informed and make your voice heard. I am always happy to talk, listen and be the carriage for your voice!

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