



Tasmanian  
Electoral Commission

# 2018 Local Government Elections



Latrobe Council

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

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# INFORMATION

There are 3 elections being held for Latrobe Council:

- 9 Councillors
  - 13 candidates
- Mayor – 2 candidates
- Deputy Mayor – 4 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.*

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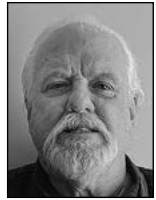
**Don't delay –  
late votes won't be counted!**

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## **ALLISON, Shayne (Cush)**

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Intention is to add new energy, passion for the region, creative ideas with long term sustainable (social, economic and environment) foresight based on our existing natural assets. Supporting local businesses and industry interconnected to community lead planning that fully utilizes and promotes our existing recreational assets.

While giving the community a fair hearing and informed reply to their concerns and enquiries. Demanding a more accountable and transparent Council while offering independent, well researched common sense decision making in the approval process.

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## **BROWN, Graeme Claude**

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I have lived in Latrobe all my life, owned my own business and was Chief of the local fire brigade for 40 plus years. I have also had the honor of being on the Council for the last four years, with the opportunity to help the rate payers and the community, which has been a very rewarding experience.

I would like to continue my work in this municipality which is expanding at a great rate and with your support I look forward to doing so.

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## **FRESHNEY, Peter**

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



As current Mayor and Councillor I seek your support to continue my contribution to the leadership and wellbeing of our community. Despite Council's strong outlook there are many issues that need to be progressed and I would appreciate the opportunity to see our current plans and projects to fruition. It is vital that we prioritise improved communication and ensure decision making recognises community concerns and aspirations. I am extremely proud of all that has been achieved over the past four years but ever mindful of the challenges that lay ahead. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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## **HAWKINS, Darren**

Candidate for Councillor



I am Latrobe born and bred. An active member of sporting clubs growing up, I left at age 19, moving to Mackay (QLD), then to Mount Gambier in (SA) where I lived for 23 years. Am a father of 3 daughters and grandfather of 4 grandsons. My wife and I moved back to Latrobe in 2011. I am employed at Tasrail as Group Leader Resurfacing Machine Operator. Have been actively involved as a member of Sassafras Cricket Club, Latrobe Football Club, and Latrobe Bowls Club.

My desire to join Council is to give something back to a community I have always been passionate about. I have no agenda.

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## MCLAREN, Mike

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Latrobe is a great place to live. As a Councillor of 20 years and a business owner of 24 years I would love to continue making it even better and believe I have the experience and ability to do so. I have a Bachelor of Economics and work on 12 committees within the community. If re-elected I would continue to be part of the Municipal Alliance with Kentish Council giving better service and lower rate increases. The work on flood protection for Latrobe and the rehabilitation of Port Sorell tip site are the vital projects for the next term. Thank you.

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## MASON, Tim

Candidate for Councillor

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My aim is to be an advocate for everyone in our municipality, young, old or in-between. To be a listener of community needs, and to be someone that will negotiate to find and implement solutions. Latrobe needs new people on the Council with new ideas and new perspectives. I look forward to representing our region as a hard-working, motivated and approachable member of your community.

With my background, experience and enthusiasm, I feel that I can bring new ideas, new approaches and new solutions to Council. I am 48 years old, from Northdown, married to Alison, and we have 2 children.

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## MEAD, Vonette

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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With lifelong connections to our municipality I'm passionate about creating positive differences for a healthier, happier & brighter future. As a business owner, volunteer, board/committee member of commercial & recreational groups I encourage diversity & inclusiveness.

While mindful of the big picture, I will always consider the daily needs of residents. Through collaboration, we can proactively design & develop our region responsibly & sustainably. I stand up for what I believe, and with your feedback & support, I will make informed decisions to benefit our whole community.

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## METSKE, Sommer

Candidate for Councillor

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Local Councils need Councillors who can make decisions based on the perspective of all the demographics in our diverse community. Latrobe Council needs young, female, family orientated representation, with broad life experience and a flexible, empathetic and progressive perspective. I am this, as well as approachable, logical and able to think outside the square.

If elected I want to ensure progress in our municipality without losing the essence of why we have chosen to live here. For more information on my story visit my facebook page <https://fb.me/councillormetske>

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## PREBBLE, W Dale

Candidate for Councillor

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Since moving to the Latrobe Council 3 years ago, I have fallen in love with the region, from the bustling shopping strip in Latrobe, the beautiful farming vistas of Moriarty to the sunny beaches in Shearwater. I find myself imagining where the region could be in 5, 10, 15 years' time and am extremely optimistic that my family will grow and give back here happily.

I am married with 3 children and as a family man, that is what I want to bring to Council, an optimism and voice for the young families, like myself, who want a great future for their children here into adulthood.

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## SIMS, Garry

Candidate for Councillor



As an elected member of the Latrobe Council, I want to continue and see the municipality grow and build better community facilities and infrastructures to cater for a greater and progressive future. I strongly support Latrobe to remain sustainable and maintain our own identity.

It always takes a balance between community, environment and economics to determine best Council decisions. I look forward to working and serving another term for Council and would appreciate your vote, so I can contribute and achieve with greater improvements for this and next generations.



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## SPRATT, Phillip

Candidate for Councillor



I'm a father of school age children, living in Port Sorell, and as a farmer turned facilitator I have a love of fresh thinking, new ideas & community input. I also bring a lifetime's experience advocating for community & industry needs across local, state & national levels. I have been deeply involved in many local school parent & community bodies; starting with Moriarty PS & as a founding Director of the Community Bank. I'm completing my 3-year term as President of ACSSO, the national public-school parent body, and am ready to bring my skills, knowledge & experience to the role of Councillor.

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## WICKS, Gerrad

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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I am a 43 year old Latrobe ratepayer who has been privileged to serve you for the past 4 years. I would be honoured to represent you for another term. Wherever you live in the municipality, I will always represent you. Educated in Latrobe, I have lived in Latrobe my whole life and I have worked in Latrobe for over 22 years.

Latrobe is a diverse community, yet we share one goal, to ensure Latrobe remains a great place to live and raise our families. No to amalgamation. No to paid parking. No to wasteful spending. For educated, open, transparent decisions, please vote 1 Gerrad Wicks for Latrobe.

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## YOUNG, Lesley

Candidate for Councillor

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I live and farm at Sassafras and have been a member of Council for 9 years. I have traveled throughout the area looking at issues raised by members of the community and gaining an understanding of the diversity involved. I have been involved several committees including Road Safety Youth Centre, formation of Port Sorell U3A, Camp Banksia, Banksia Centre and organising the Christmas Carols for Latrobe.

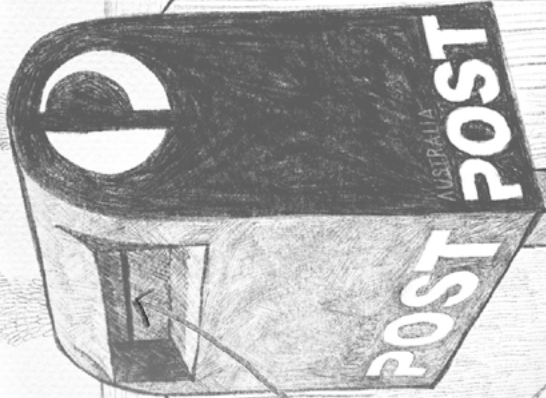
I have had a long involvement in your community with Scouts, Tennis Club, Golf Club, schools, CWA and I look forward to the challenges that come with this growing community and the future of Latrobe.

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