



Tasmanian
Electoral Commission

2018 Local Government Elections



NORTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL

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

INFORMATION

There are 3 elections being held for Northern Midlands Council:

- 9 Councillors
 - 15 candidates
- Mayor – 4 candidates
- Deputy Mayor – 2 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

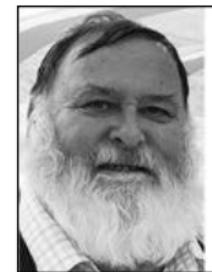
Post your reply paid envelope straight away.
No need for a stamp
or take to your Council office.

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

ADAMS, Dick

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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I was born in Launceston and raised in the Cressy area. I have been part of the community for most of my life and understand the problems and challenges of the industries and the families they support. I believe the quality of life in the Northern Midlands was and is special.

We have to deal with change, but we need to be sensitive to the past and understand that development must reflect the expectations of all who live in this municipality. Now is the time to set a direction that Council should follow in the next four years. I want to lead that change in consultation with the community.

BOLTON, Jennifer

Candidate for Councillor

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I live in Ross where I have sought national heritage listing and flood protection for the Ross Bridge. The Northern Midlands is home to many significant heritage sites that play a vital role in attracting tourists to our area. I believe the Council needs to engage a full-time heritage officer to ensure effective management and protection of these sites. Equally important is our natural environment and agriculture industry. I believe Council should employ a local environment officer who can provide practical assistance with weed control and has knowledge of the native flora and fauna.

BROOKS, Matthew

Candidate for Councillor



Proudly residing in the Northern Midlands all of my life, I am married with three young children and am actively involved with local clubs around the Longford area. Very passionate about the community I live in and a strong voice for issues that do concern people. Common sense thinking and experience in local government will ensure the region will stay strong and sustainable. Working in a team to achieve every opportunity that presents itself is a very important quality to have in the municipality.

CALVERT, Andrew

Candidate for Councillor



I am a family man residing in Longford and hold a senior position in the rural industry.

I am an experienced Councillor who listens and stands up for both town and country. I offer myself for re-election as I am committed to being independent with a practical and balanced approach. I understand the challenge Council faces to deliver value to its ratepayers. Your support is a vote for economic growth and development, respect for our heritage, whilst striving to make Northern Midlands an even better place to live. Vote 1 Andrew Calvert.

CLARKE, Joanne

Candidate for Councillor



I am a local business owner of the Northern Midlands municipality, having been able to hold this position for 19 years, has enabled me to be on top of local issues within the community. In this time I have observed steady growth. Given the opportunity to represent the Northern Midlands and to bring forward new ideas to the Council table. A vote 1 for me will not only give a voice for the businesses of the community it will also give a common sense approach to the everyday issues that arise.

DAVIS, Jan

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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I fell in love with the Northern Midlands – its rural character, unique villages, community spirit and sense of optimism – the moment I arrived here. It's why I choose to live in Perth. I offer an energetic voice and strong leadership to bring people together to create positive changes across the region. We need sustainable growth, sensible financial management, and smart decisions to preserve and enhance the quality of life we wish to see continue into the future. As an experienced advocate, I am ready to serve all ratepayers on Council. I would be honoured to have your support and your vote.

GONINON, Ian

Candidate for Councillor

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I am a proud and passionate Tasmanian who lives in Devon Hills and owns and manages a variety of successful local businesses. As a Councillor I am committed to supporting and representing my local community to ensure it is a place that we, and those after us, can enjoy.

My aim is to continue keeping rate rises to a minimum, strengthening local businesses, encourage the employment of young Tasmanians as well as keep strategically planning our towns for the increased well-being of our great community. Please call 0409 700 099 or www.iangonon.com

GORDON, Leisa

Candidate for Councillor



'Respecting our past embracing our future'; we are creating a positive step forward for our community and our younger people. This also gives us a sense of belonging and offers a constructive role to the growth and development of the region.

As well as running a small business in Conara, I enthusiastically contribute new ideas and show commitment by supporting various boards and committees. By working as a team, it is imperative that we, as a Council, move forward to the benefit of all Northern Midlands residents as we pave the way for the future within this wonderful part of the world.

GOSS, Richard

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Current Deputy Mayor (4 years), Councillor (11 years) Council Executive (7 years) and held the position of Acting Mayor. I contributed significantly to the development of treated water to Cressy, Campbell Town and Ross, entrance roundabout at Longford, upgrade to Cressy Swimming Pool, establishment of Cressy & Longford District Forums, lighting upgrades at all recreation grounds & bike lane (new Midland Highway). If elected, I will canvas for: Longford, Evandale, Perth & Cressy recreation ground upgrades & continuation of walk & bike ways in our community. I live at Longford.

KNOWLES, Mary

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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I live at Gipps Creek with my husband on a deer and fine wool farm. For the past 9 years on Council I have worked tirelessly to enable community projects to happen. I represent the 29 Councils on the Family Violence Consultative Group, am on community boards promoting tourism and economic development with a common-sense approach to getting things done while using rates wisely. I will continue to promote the Northern Midlands as a place for families and progressive development supporting farmers, industry, small business, tourism, youth and infrastructure to keep our towns vibrant and viable.

LAMBERT, Janet

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



An experienced voice making decisions based on common-sense. Passionate about maintaining the unique lifestyle we enjoy. Advocating for minimum rate rises, upgrading infrastructure to ensure each community receives its fair share and Council funds are managed equitably in accordance with budget constraints. Continuation of pensioner rate discounts & supporting towns affected by the bypass. Increased promotion is needed to encourage business / residential growth & local employment opportunities. I want to do all I can to secure our long-term future ensuring we are a strong sustainable Council.

PEART, Kim

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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I am attending the International Astronautical Congress in Bremen, Germany, where I seek opportunities for Tasmania, to advance farming with satellite data, bring space industries to the Northern Midlands, and create amazing youth activities. I look at ways to improve the visitor experience, such as providing on-site interpretation of the Ross Bridge convict art and investing in the surrounding environment, as well as a whole new approach to tourism with the Australian Convict Trail for walking and cycling from the Bass Strait ferry to Port Arthur, via Longford and Ross.

POLLEY, Michael

Candidate for Councillor



Council must assist all our communities to be socially and economically sustainable. My action plan includes to minimise rate increases; help each town receive a fair share of Council's resources; provide walking and bike trails plus improved recreation facilities; ensure an "open for business" attitude towards development and growth; capitalise on our built and natural heritage; make our municipal area a great place to live, work and play.

I have the skills, experience and time to be your strong advocate at the Council table.

READ, James

Candidate for Councillor



I've been a business owner in Longford for the past 13 years. In that time I have employed over 40 locals. In 2016, I was Junior Vice President of the Longford Business and Tourism Association. I love fishing, enjoy volleyball, cooking and socialising with locals and tourists alike.

Please vote for me to be your representative. I will strive to be someone you can communicate with, who will listen and talk to you, and who is part of your community. I will work together with you to help you achieve your goals and face issues within our community.

TUBB, Neil

Candidate for Councillor



Commonly known as Georgie Tubb, a locally born and bred person who attended Longford Primary and Cressy District High School. I spent many years on the mainland working in major companies in the automotive, chemical, electronics and recently in the mining industry which brought me back to Tasmania in 2005. My heart never left Tasmania.

I advocate strong financial management, viable activity centres and quality services for all residents including the elderly and young families to enjoy. I am a new face with integrity and the time and business experience to contribute to Council.

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