



Tasmanian
Electoral Commission

2018 Local Government Elections

SOUTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL



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 Southern Midlands Council:

- 7 Councillors
 - 13 candidates
- Mayor – 5 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!**

BANTICK, Tony

Candidate for Councillor



I have been an elected member with SMC for the past 7 years. I have represented ratepayers & residents with an impartial & fair input into many Council decisions. I have lived in Bagdad/Sth Midlands area my whole life. I am passionate about local issues & being involved in making decisions into the future of this area. Experience in running my own businesses over many years & recently retired, I believe this gives me valuable insight into making the right decisions for our area. I ask that you give me your no 1 vote to allow me to continue to represent you & your views in an unbiased manner.

BATT, Edwin

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



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BISDEE, Tony

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



As an experienced Councillor and current Mayor I seek your support to continue as your full time representative to reinforce the positive progress of your Council for the next term, to not only represent your views but most importantly to provide affordable community facilities and services that we can all participate in and enjoy.

I will continue to lobby State and Federal governments to maintain and upgrade the very important medical & educational facilities in our area. I will continue to seek out economic development prospects that will enhance local employment opportunities.

CAMPBELL, Bob

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Combining the old ways with the digital world we can address many problems. eg: recreation for our youth, affordable housing for seniors, safer roads, advanced planning for Bagdad, jobs for our young, turning waste into value added products manufactured in Southern Midlands.

Bob has a diversified background understanding the need for better marketing and promotion for the Southern Midlands. Bob will work towards making Council more accountable to the people. Elect Bob for Mayor.

DUDGEON, Karen

Candidate for Councillor



I have lived in the Oatlands district my entire life. I worked in banking for 26 years and currently work as an Administrative Officer for the Oatlands District Homes Assoc. and help operate our family farm at Pawtella.

If elected I will work to provide affordable services and support primary producers; local jobs; improved infrastructure; education and childcare services. I will oppose Council amalgamations to ensure we have a strong voice to protect our unique rural lifestyle and am committed to providing effective representation and bringing a fresh approach to local council.

FISH, Donald Frank

Candidate for Councillor



One of the main reasons for seeking re-election is to ensure there is sufficient support within Council to progress the construction of the Oatlands Aquatic Centre. I am also supportive of all appropriate development across the entire municipal area which is reflected in past Council decisions that I have been part of. A lifelong member of the community & a Councillor for the past 15 years, I have a full understanding of the issues that are important to you & the community as a whole. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to represent ratepayers & residents of the Southern Midlands.

GREEN, Alex

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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With over a decade experience as Councillor and Deputy Mayor, I have the knowledge and ability to lead the Southern Midlands through the next term of Council. Dignity needs to be restored to the role of Mayor. Council expenditure needs to be reined in, and energy and focus re-directed to providing core services. Projects that are drifting require new energy. Southern Midlands deserves strong, sensible leadership. I seek your support to build on Council's successes, but also to introduce important changes to meet future challenges. To do this, please vote 1 Alex Green, Councillor and Mayor.

HAY, John

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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A Kempton resident since 2007, I have held executive positions in Southern Midlands community organisations including Green Ponds Progress Association, Kempton Festival, and 7MIDfm 97.1 radio station. Service to the community has always been an important part of my life.

My employment has been mostly in a managerial role or self-employed in a variety of occupations. I was a Glenorchy City Alderman from 1973 to 1976. As a full-time Mayor and Councillor I will be your "voice" on the Southern Midlands Council.

LAUGHER, David

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Do you want to see some fresh thinking on Council? Do you believe we need to bring both experience and expertise to the Council table? Then please give some thought to voting for me as both Councillor, and as Deputy Mayor.

I bring both relevant academic qualifications, as well as many years direct experience as a General Manager/ Chief Executive of councils in regional locations across Australia. I have now retired to Oatlands (my wife's home town) and look forward to opportunities to contribute to our community. Contact me through Facebook on "Vote 1 Laughler" or phone 0428 284 885.

McDOUGALL, Rowena

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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I live and work in Southern Midlands, am actively involved in the local community, experienced working in government and business with a good understanding of how things can be improved. Southern Midlands is a great place to live but there are things we can do to make it even better! More recreational facilities e.g. parks; walking, biking, riding trails; better management of visitor / tourist facilities; sealing more gravel roads; improved communication and consultation with community.

I seek your support to get more done and bring greater openness, transparency and accountability to Council.

MUXLOW, Jenni

Candidate for Councillor

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I am an independent candidate having a strong interest and involvement in community issues wherever I have lived and worked. I have a varied work history: hospitality, serving as Parish Council Clerk to a rural village in England and 30 years as a public servant in the Depts of Justice in Victoria and Tasmania.

Council's decisions of late can be perceived as having divided sectors of the community by a lack of due process or forethought as to the long term health of the region. I believe in strength of community, equity and fairness in decision making.

NICHOLS, Annette

Candidate for Councillor



I have lived with my family and 'menagerie' of animals in the municipality for almost 20 years as a small business owner with a Business Accounting Diploma. I take an active role in the community, local school, sports teams and gun club. I'm currently the local soccer club's Registrar, volunteer with Meals on Wheels and Louis Van. I've played team sports at state, local and social levels. I play and coach club netball and enjoy other sporting and leisure activities.

I will work hard to represent everyday people with everyday issues as a strong independent female voice for our municipality.

WILLIAMS, Craig

Candidate for Councillor

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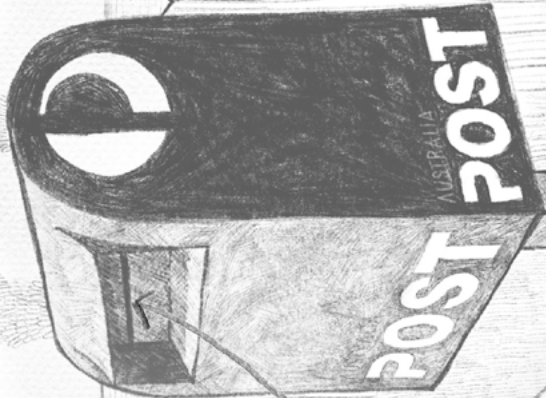
Over the past term the present Council has spent \$50k trying to stop our quarry from expanding to crush rock 5 days a year, we won but at a cost of over \$30k to my wife and I. We need new Councillors, those willing to meet on site with applicants wishing to expand the Southern Midlands not just take the word of planning staff.

Council meetings need to be of an evening to allow better input from working locals. Council needs to maintain roads and drains better or use public tender to get better value for our money. Stop the rezoning of Rural Land Craig Williams 1356 Tea Tree Rd 0407 129 562.

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