



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 West Tamar Council:

- 9 Councillors
 - 22 candidates
- Mayor – 4 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!**

ALLEN, Joy

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I offer you full time active representation with honesty and integrity, I have been your Deputy Mayor for 4 years with extensive Council experience. I will support all members of our community ensuring your voice is heard and that Council is spending rates in an efficient & cost effective way, continuing to encourage Council to work with neighbouring Councils to share resources, to keep costs down. I will encourage community participation and consultation; improvements to essential services & support developments that provide economic benefits to our community. Your vote is important to me.

BRACKEN, Carol

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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I want to contribute to the management of our local assets and have a say in how our rates are spent. I am focused on improving the condition of our gravel roads, continuing the development of recreation and community spaces in Legana, establishing new walking trails in Riverside and enhancing the access to the Tamar river. I am the owner of Tamar Valley Hazelnuts and mother of two children. I have been a Councillor for 7 years and am Chair of the Farmgate Festival. I have over 10 years experience as a project manager. I am approachable and I strive for transparency in governance and finance.

COLLIER, Jim

Candidate for Councillor



Tasmania has too many Councils, too many politicians and too many bureaucrats; I strongly support Council amalgamation and will pursue merger of West Tamar, George Town and Launceston Councils into a single Tamar Valley Council. 29 Councils for our minuscule population is ludicrous!

For many years I have lobbied hard for Tamar River health, increased Cataract Gorge flows, cat management, recreational facilities for West Tamar and an expanding Legana, including boat ramp, floating pontoon, foreshore walking/bike track, skate park and other amenities for Legana's youth.

EDWARDS, Dane

Candidate for Councillor



I would like to represent you and ensure the services the Council provide are of the highest standard and their decision making is transparent. The Council must be more accountable to the current residents and to potential new residents. I support the Council records being readily available, so new property owners are well informed before they purchase. I support weekly rubbish collection and a new link road around Riverside. I propose better access to emergency services such as ambulance and police. Let's make a change, together and I ask for your vote.

FERGUSON, Lynden

Candidate for Councillor

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Serving as your West Tamar Councillor has been a privilege and I love our community. Effective Councils are vital and we need to keep ours that way. I will keep standing for the interests of you (ratepayer), quality services & ensuring that our whole community thrives. My key priorities: keeping rates low, our new school at Legana (100% for this), improving our busy highway, servicing all areas & investing in our young people. I'm a manager & paramedic of 18 years service. I'm 42, married with children and live in Riverside. I will always work hard to make our beautiful West Tamar even better!

GREENE, Jess

Candidate for Councillor

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I'm a proud and active advocate for our community, serving as a Board Member of the Child Health Association, Laurel House, and as Secretary of Playgroup Tasmania.

Safe neighbourhoods, with great facilities, improved street lighting, well maintained footpaths and good roads are my priority. I'll seek increased transparency in decision making and genuine community consultation, because we deserve input on where and how ratepayer dollars are spent. I'll also champion our local produce and tourism potential to take advantage of the visitor economy which will help our local businesses thrive.

GUNTON, Jorden

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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The West Tamar is an amazing place in a stage of growth and we need a new generation to plan for the future. I have been a soldier, a small business owner, and worked within government, not-for-profits, and in private enterprise, as well as volunteering in a range of organisations. Working with the community, not against, I want to achieve: weekly rubbish collection, more support to urban and regional areas, businesses and tourism in the region to grow, and better more inclusive parks, recreational facilities, roads and footpaths. Please vote 1 Jorden Gunton – your voice for our community.

HOGARTH, Russell

Candidate for Councillor

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I am a fifth generation Tasmanian and a honest and reliable resident of the West Tamar for 21 years. I believe our municipality has much to offer, tourism, agriculture, retail, aquaculture, viticulture and retirement. A great place to live, work and visit.

I will work towards the continued beautification of our greatest asset, the magnificent Tamar River and the eradication of the unnecessary rice grass on its banks. The concerns and welfare of ratepayers will be a priority.

HOLMDAHL, Christina

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



For the past four years my role as Mayor and Councillor has been to provide for community health, safety and welfare, to represent and promote its best interests and to ensure order and good governance. It's been a privilege to lead a Council that is held in such high regard in the three levels of government, a Council committed to open dialogue with its community and focused on delivering the highest standards of service to its ratepayers. If re-elected I will work to ensure that continues and as last time I give my full time commitment to the role. I now ask for your vote to continue.

IRELAND, Richard

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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I'm an experienced Councillor with new ideas. An agri-food and tourism precinct in Legana to bring visitors and local jobs. I have some innovative solutions to improving highway traffic. Liveable residential options for retirees and families with the strong sense of community West Tamar is known for. On Council I'm involved in finance, seniors, Christmas with Friends, suicide awareness and many community groups. As an engineer, I can deal with infrastructure issues including recycling. I've lived here 31yrs. I intend to help lead the way in a modern, effective, well managed sustainable Council.

JONES, Don

Candidate for Councillor



If elected I am committed to serving the ratepayers to the best of my ability. I am a retired Magistrate, Chairman of the Launceston Benevolent Society, Director of Action Against Homelessness Ltd and Chairman of Police Review Board. I am aware of the needs of communities and will seek to unify all ratepayers in the interest of our community and encourage development. I will work with Councillors and staff in following best practices of integrity, accountability and transparency in all actions. I will meet with ratepayers regularly and place their issues and concerns before Council.

KEARNEY, Peter

Candidate for Councillor



When you vote one, Peter Kearney, you get a committed, experienced and skilled local Councillor. Together we have seen all the West Tamar become a better place to live and raise a family. Over the next 4 years, things I will advocate for will include completion of the West Tamar Highway upgrade, the new school at Legana, completion of the Windsor Sports hub and the full upgrading of Exeter High School.

My commitment is to advocate and support our local people, community groups and local schools and our young people. Keep good things happening: vote one Peter Kearney. "He gets things done."

LYONS, Geoff

Candidate for Councillor



Geoff Lyons OAM. Member of the WTC since 2014, on Beauty Point-Beaconsfield, Recreation & Community Development, Chair of Emergency Services Committee. Life Member: Launceston Life Saving Club, Surf Life Saving Tas, Surf Life Saving Aust & North Launceston Football Club. Former: Secretary Beaconsfield Hospital, Business Manager/Budget Officer/Media Advisor Launceston General Hospital & Federal MP.

I'm keen to see the completion of the Legana plan, recreation facilities, Beauty Point plan, Exeter and Gravelly Beach plans. I ask for your vote to give me the opportunity to continue to serve you.

MERRIEL, Justin

Candidate for Councillor



Statement not provided.

PATTIE, Marcus

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Do you want new ideas? Is it time for a change? I'm Marcus Pattie, an honest family man from Legana who believes in community and getting things done. I work in disability and suicide prevention; it's taught me not to take life for granted. I've enjoyed volunteer work with the local neighbourhood house, community groups, committees and sporting clubs.

I think our Council can do better, more facilities that are accessible to everyone. The Tamar River has so much potential. This is a special place to live and I commit to work hard for all residents. Please take action and vote this election.

POTTER, Carol

Candidate for Councillor

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After a career in corporate Australia, both in small and large business, I am now a small business owner/operator. My platform is both small business and tourism. Small business is the backbone of successful Tasmania and is a risky venture, a risk primarily shouldered by individuals. Tourism is key to our economy and needs to be managed for sustainability and promoted, especially in the north of the state. Community and environment are essential to a happy, healthy lifestyle – one we need to protect.

Vote for me, I'll do my best to listen to your concerns, represent and promote the West Tamar.

PRICE, Mark

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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SHEGOG, Rick

Candidate for Councillor



Having being your Councillor since 2007 & past Deputy Mayor, I seek your vote for re-election. I am 50, a family man with two adult children and was raised and worked in the West Tamar, now living in Riverside. I'll strive to keep our area vibrant with projects that are relevant & inclusive of all ages & needs, keep rates low, improve services such as green waste, footpaths, & cycle ways. I'll work to keep our community safe & our elderly living independently longer. In my role as a paramedic, & Police Sergeant & Army combat paramedic, I have good leadership, experience & governance skills.

STONE, Rod

Candidate for Councillor

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We need Councillors with innovation and I promise to address the issues that need fixing. Simply I love being local and I cherish opportunity in being a bit "different" to get ahead. I'm 68 years old have recently all but retired selling Beaches n Greens holiday apartments plus promoting WW2 aid 2/40th to a local, Australia wide and international focus for our older war veterans. I'm very proud of those achievements.

We need new blood. I trust my sometimes spoken word is not too abrasive - but really a spade is a spade. Go it alone-vote one Stone.

WIENER, Sven

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Independent thinker. Educated at Exeter Primary, Riverside High, Launceston College, UTas (Engineering). Would like to see West Tamar set up a "No Spray List" like Meander Valley Council has, so residents can say if they want Council to not spray herbicides outside their house. Want Council to watch out for the health and wellbeing of all residents of the West Tamar. The Tamar Valley has some worrying air/water pollution problems as well as soil contamination from historic orchard use.

See which Councillor candidates oppose the Tamar pulp mill project going ahead, at www.pulpmillvotersblock.com

WILKINSON, Victoria

Candidate for Councillor

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Launceston born and bred I have run my own manufacturing business for 29 years, both here and on the mainland. This experience has given me skills to analyse options and cost benefits of Council business. 3 years ago I returned to the West Tamar to care for my father. His passing last year gives me time to contribute and make a positive difference to my community.

I believe in a robust consultative process involving stakeholders, residents, fellow Councillors and WTC staff. I am passionate about the West Tamar and will work to achieve quality services, infrastructure and community engagement.

WOINARSKI, Tim

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

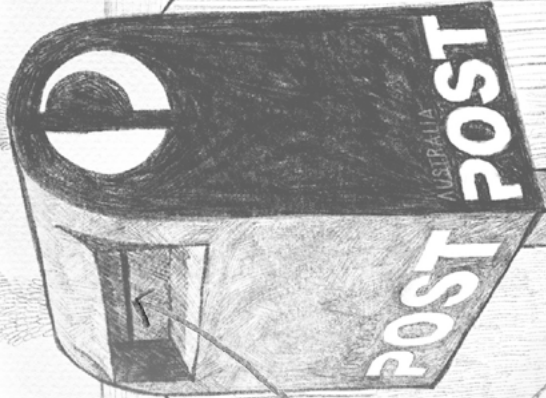


During my time as a member of the Council I have represented the West Tamar with enthusiasm and have been an integral member of the Council decision making team. I am asking for your endorsement to continue to represent our community. During my past seven years on Council much has been accomplished with my involvement. To guarantee a continuation of that good work I ask for your number 1 vote.

I am also asking for your vote for Mayor. I have the skills, experience, energy and ideas to be part of a leadership team to ensure the West Tamar is the most desirable places to live, work and visit.

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