



**Derwent  
Valley  
COUNCIL**

**Local Government  
by-elections 2022**

MAKE YOUR MARK



**VOTE LOCAL**

Your vote must be received by  
2pm on Tuesday 22 February 2022



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# Information

There are 2 by-elections being held for Derwent Valley Council:

- » 1 Councillor – 4 candidates
- » Mayor – 6 candidates

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

- » two ballot papers
- » a ballot paper envelope  
– you must sign this
- » a reply paid envelope

The elected mayor and elected councillor will serve until October 2022.

Questions? Call **1800 801 701**

Postal services now take a number of days, so it is important to complete and return your vote **now**.

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

# Instructions

Follow these five easy steps:

## 1. Get to know the candidates

Each candidate has been invited to provide a statement, photo and web link for your consideration\*. Statements appear in alphabetical order but the names on the ballot paper may not be in the same order.

Supplied candidate web links are included in the pdf version of this booklet at [tec.tas.gov.au](http://tec.tas.gov.au)

## 2. Record your vote

When you have decided how you want 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 stamp needed), or take your vote to the Derwent Valley Council office.

\*Statements are reproduced substantially as supplied by candidates.

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## **BINGLEY Phillip**

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Having retired after 39 years in local government my priorities, if elected councillor and mayor would be to advocate with my fellow councillors that Council annual rates and charges should only increase by no more than CPI for an average family home; that Council re-establish a Visitor Information Centre to support local jobs in tourism; that through the mayor Council provide more support for our local volunteer clubs and groups and less on unnecessary Council bureaucracy; that Council fund the changes to Boyer Oval player facilities to cater for AFLW in accordance with AFL guidelines.

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## **BINNY Peter**

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



[web link](#)

I have 13 years experience as a councillor with extensive knowledge of land development, surveying, valuation, planning & rating which is Council's primary source of income. I have served as a member of the building appeal board, as deputy mayor & acting mayor.

As a successful business owner and land surveyor now a self funded retiree able to devote adequate time to the role of councillor & mayor, I want to see the Derwent Valley become a vibrant place to live and work by restoring pride in the community and Council and ensuring better oversight and management of community assets & facilities.

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## **COSGROVE Jessica**

Candidate for Mayor



I have lived in the Derwent Valley my entire life, I'm your acting mayor and I run a local tourism business. I have extensive professional experience in both local and state government departments. My acquired knowledge allows me to make informed decisions to make our region livable, safe, and sustainable. My passion for our community motivates me to work hard to shape our region into the best place to live, work, visit and invest.

My actions have proved my commitment, professionalism and shown I am inclusive leader. It would be an honour and a privilege to be your mayor.

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## **DRACOULIS Michelle**

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



[web link](#)

I am an artist, curator, small business owner and community volunteer who lives in New Norfolk. I have four children, two of which are grown and a husband who works in hospitality. I take great pride in making a home and raising my family in the Derwent Valley. Through my work with various historic sites I feel that it is important that we remain connected to our past when planning for the future. I know the importance of supporting local business and tourism and will advocate for the Valley and our changing needs.

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## NICHOLSON Tony

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

Photograph  
not supplied

I seek your support for election as councillor and mayor of the Derwent Valley with 14 years prior experience in local government and membership of local community committees has provided me with experience and understanding for these challenging positions as local government is the first line of government in a democratic society.

We have a strong community with a growing population that expects the council to be open, accessible, transparent and an accountable entity. Your vote is important.

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## TRIFFETT Julie

Candidate for Mayor



Hello. I am asking for your number 1 vote for the position of mayor for the Derwent Valley. Having been on Council for seven and a half years, I feel that I have the experience and expertise to be your mayor. I will bring stability to Council, promote the Advocacy Roadmap document, mentor and support my fellow councillors, and be the conjugant between the community and Council officers.

This will be a massive job, but I feel I am ready for the challenge. I would be proud to be your full-time mayor. I will not make promises that I cannot keep, but I will listen to the community. Thanks.

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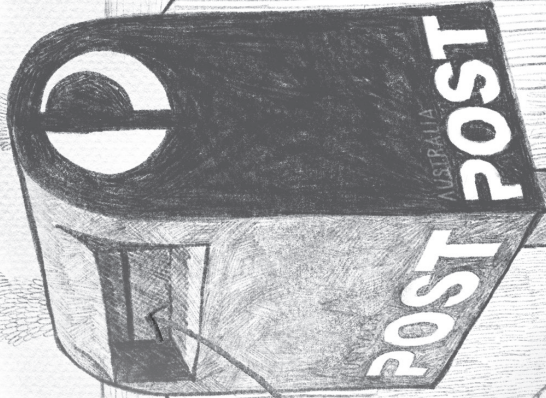
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