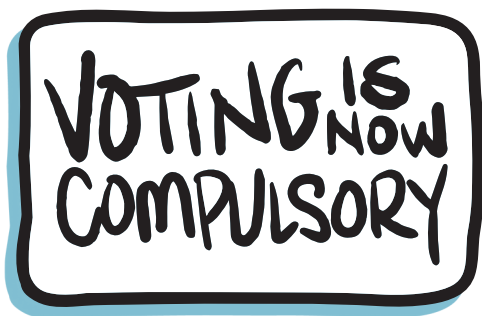


SOUTHERN  
MIDLANDS  
COUNCIL



# Local Government elections



Your vote must be received by  
2pm on Tuesday 25 October 2022

MAKE YOUR MARK



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# Information

There are 2 elections being held for Southern Midlands Council:

- » 7 Councillors – 8 candidates
- » Mayor – 1 candidate (no ballot required)
- » Deputy Mayor – 4 candidates

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

- » 2 sheets of paper (one for councillors, the other for 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 2026.

Questions? Call **1800 801 701**

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

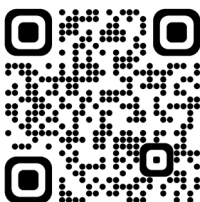
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**Don't delay – late votes  
won't be counted!**

Scan for the online version of this booklet containing candidate web links where provided, or go to:  
[www.tec.tas.gov.au/candidates](http://www.tec.tas.gov.au/candidates)



# Instructions

Follow these five easy steps:

## 1. Get to know the candidates

Candidates were invited to provide a statement and photo for your consideration\*.

Statements appear in alphabetical order but the names on the ballot papers are rotated.

The online version of this booklet contains web links where provided by candidates.

## 2. Record your 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.

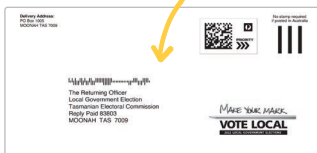
## 4. Validate your vote

Sign your ballot paper envelope — **your vote won't be counted if you don't sign.**



The image shows a 'Ballot Paper Envelope' with a 'Voter's Declaration' section. The declaration includes instructions: 'I join the voter named on this envelope' and 'I confirm the ballot paper is this envelope'. Below this is a 'Sign here:' field with a handwritten signature in orange ink. A yellow arrow points to the signature, and a yellow scribble is next to it. Below the signature, there is a note: 'If your name or address has changed, please write your new details below.'

Then put your ballot paper envelope in the reply paid envelope and seal it.



The image shows a 'Reply Paid Envelope' with a QR code, a barcode, and a 'No stamp needed' label. Below the QR code and barcode, there is text: 'The Returning Officer Local Government Election Tasmanian Electoral Commission Reply Paid 89603 MOONAH TAS 7009'. To the right, there is a 'MAKE YOUR MARK VOTE LOCAL' logo.

## 5. Post your vote

Post your reply paid envelope straight away (**no stamp needed**), or take your vote to the Southern Midlands Council office.



\*Statements are reproduced substantially as supplied by candidates.

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## **BATT, Edwin**

Candidate for councillor, mayor



Edwin has the right mix of local government experience, qualifications, work and community connection to be mayor. He has a longstanding connection to this district through farming, family, school, arts and junior football. He has 8 years on Council, 4 as deputy mayor.

Meeting challenges of roads, rates and rubbish are first priority. But Edwin will lead a dynamic Council that, transparently, can partner with community and business to deliver important projects, always with an eye to financial responsibility. A lawyer and readily contactable, Edwin will continue to be a strong advocate for locals.

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## **BISDEE, Tony**

Candidate for councillor



As an experienced councillor, former mayor & deputy mayor, I seek your support to continue the important work & administration of your Council. Your Council is experiencing an exceptional growth in the building of new homes & in the tourism sector. I am committed to ensuring that your Council supports this growth with the provision of the necessary standard of affordable services required & continue to encourage economic & residential development for the benefit of residents in Southern Midlands.

I am committed to ensuring your Council provides efficient governance & affordable services.

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## **BLACKWELL, Donna**

Candidate for councillor



Originally from Kempton I now live in Elderslie with my husband, who is a fourth-generation farmer.

I have a broad base of experience working in private, state government and volunteering in the not-for-profit sector. My knowledge and personal skills are gained from 45+ years in a diverse range of positions, including banking, customer service, marketing, management, and general life experience. I will work towards common goals in the community to improve conditions and services.

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## **CAMPBELL, Bob**

Candidate for councillor, deputy mayor



Living in the Southern Midlands for more than 21 years, with the population growing, wise decisions have to be made re housing (especially affordable and social housing), getting roads upgraded and gravel roads sealed. We need to establish new industries.

Hence Bob's prime focus will be housing, roads, industry and working with the people to deliver good outcomes as was the case with the Swanson Bridge over the Little Swanport River. Bob's persistence saved Council over one hundred thousand dollars! For progress give Bob your number one vote.

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## **DUDGEON, Karen**

Candidate for councillor, deputy mayor



My first 4 years as a councillor have been very rewarding. The experience I have gained, has given me the confidence to also stand for the position of deputy mayor. If re-elected I will continue to put emphasis on being approachable to all community members. Through my many voluntary roles in the community, I feel I have a very good understanding of the issues that are important over the whole municipality. Please consider me for your no. 1 vote for deputy mayor and councillor.

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## **FISH, Donald Frank**

Candidate for councillor



I decided I would like another term as councillor for Southern Midlands Council. Presently I am chairperson of the Community Shed, Facilities & Recreation Committee, Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Committee & Council representative on the Parattah Progress Assoc. With Callington Park Committee, I was able to get a toilet built near the play equipment. I am a supporter of the Bagdad Community Club Master Plan & planned hotel in Oatlands. I will do all I can to keep rates low.

As my farm is now managed by my sons I have more time for Council. I am experienced & a hardworking voice of reason.

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## McDOUGALL, Rowena

Candidate for councillor, deputy mayor



[web link](#)

I am seeking re-election for a second term, to continue to advocate for, and to represent, individuals & the community in Council decision making, to ask questions, develop solutions, & to provide a cooperative, common-sense approach. My aim: a pro-active Council responsive to community needs, embracing new ideas & opportunities but respectful of the past, that consults with the community, that is accountable, transparent & financially responsible. I am running for deputy mayor, as in the past 4 years I have put forward many initiatives & demonstrated I can get things done. I ask for your support.

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## MILLER, Fraser

Candidate for councillor, deputy mayor



[web link](#)

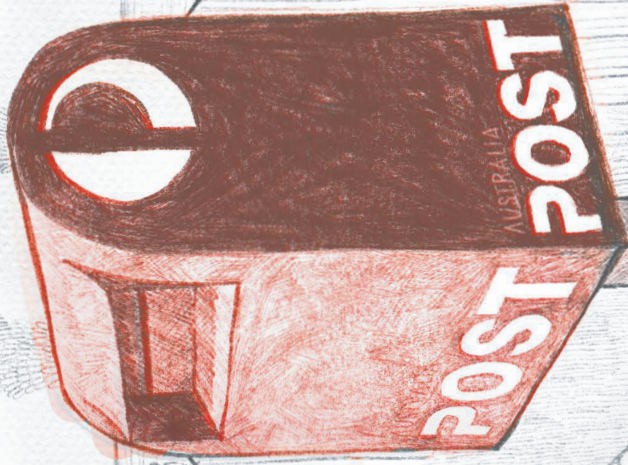
Fraser is a farmer, an experienced business leader and a proud Southern Midlands resident. As the owner and operator of sheep and cattle property Mount Baines Colebrook, Fraser employs local people, trades with local businesses, and provides traineeships to young people looking to develop careers in finance, distilling, farming and animal husbandry. His vision for the Southern Midlands is for the region to embrace its agricultural heritage, while investing in improved infrastructure that will create new economic opportunities for local people and businesses into the future.

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