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Electoral Commission

2014
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ELECTIONS



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VOTE LOCAL

**Your vote must be received by
10 am on Tuesday 28 October 2014**

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Information

There are 3 elections being held for Huon Valley Council

- 9 Councillors – 16 candidates
- Mayor – 3 candidates
- Deputy Mayor – 5 candidates

As well as this booklet, your postal ballot pack contains

- 3 ballot papers on one fold-out sheet
- a ballot paper envelope – you must sign this
- a reply paid envelope

This year, for the first time, the entire Huon Valley Council is being elected for a four-year term. The mayor, deputy mayor and councillors you elect will all serve until 2018.

Successful candidates for mayor and deputy mayor must be also elected as councillors to be able to accept the office of mayor or deputy mayor.

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Instructions

Follow these five easy steps...

STEP ONE

Consider your vote

The candidates have provided statements for your information. They are printed in alphabetical order in this brochure. Please note that the names on the ballot papers may not be in the same order.

Get to know the candidates before you vote.

STEP TWO

Record your vote

When you have decided how you wish to vote, number all the boxes on each ballot paper from 1 onwards in the order of your choice.

STEP THREE

Make your vote secret

Put your completed ballot papers in the ballot paper envelope and seal it securely.

STEP FOUR

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.

STEP FIVE

Post your vote

Post your reply paid envelope straight away. No stamp is needed.

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

Questions? Call 1800 801 701

BURGESS Andrew

Candidate for Councillor

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I have lived and worked in Geeveston all my life. I have worked as an electrician and orchardist and am owner of Huon Valley Hardware at Geeveston. I am Chairman of the Geeveston Community Development Association and work with community members in the Huon Valley, encouraging business development and job opportunities. I would like the opportunity to help enhance the environmental and industrial development of the local area and to support development and sustainable growth of the Huon Valley. I have community and business experience and will make a strong contribution if elected to Council.

COAD Peter James

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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If elected I will provide strong leadership, connect with the whole community and innovate for real progress. A lifetime Huon resident; I have proven leadership motivation and commitment; long council experience (councillor and deputy mayor); served on industry and government boards; and been a successful small business owner-operator. I will work for economic development, township revitalisation, improved roads and infrastructure, environmental sustainability, youth employment, seniors, sports and culture, better communications and community services. I will guarantee value for your money.

EASTLEY Lydia

Candidate for Councillor

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Huon Valley born and bred, I grew up in Dover and returned several years ago after travelling both the mainland and overseas with the Navy. I now work in Dover and Geeveston. There is enormous potential in this area and I'm so proud to call this stunning place home. My interests within the Huon are preventative health, tourism, sustainable development and supporting small business but my overall aim is to be a voice for the community which I so love. Youth, enthusiasm and positivity are what I will bring to this position.

HERON Bruce

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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I am enthusiastic about the Huon Valley and the lifestyle it affords its residents and visitors alike. I believe to maintain this lifestyle it is necessary to balance the management of our environment and commercial activities to maintain and develop a diverse range of industries and businesses in a sustainable way. Serving as a member of the council for almost 16 years I still have the same enthusiasm if not more so for representing the Huon Valley and its people. The Huon Valley is my home and I will always work to make the Valley a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

HIGGINS Michael

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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The Huon Valley has been my home for 25 years. Having operated several local businesses, including Huon Bush Retreats, I understand the issues facing regional businesses. I have a strong community focus and value a Huon Valley that promotes and develops local initiatives whilst maintaining our close connection with nature. Currently, as the manager of Geeveston Community Centre I work with the community to rebuild options, focusing on sustainable, locally owned enterprise. Through this work, I engage across all stakeholder levels from Government to individual residents.

LANGE James

Candidate for Councillor

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James is a 29 year old husband and father of three who resides in Ranelagh. James works for the Federal Government and has been employed there for the last 7 years, prior to that he worked for a prestigious accounting firm. James holds a Bachelor of Business, Masters in Taxation, Certificate IV in Government (Project Management) and is an associate member of CPA. James possesses a high level understanding of governance issues and is well equipped to represent you as Councillor. James' background in finance and regulatory adherence will strengthen the strategic development of the Huon Valley.

MACKINTOSH Ian

Candidate for Councillor

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I'm standing for council to improve the services it delivers. I'm organised, honest and capable of seeing things from different points of view. I've 15 years' experience as an IT pro in the health sector. We need councillors open to debate, who represent their community and are prepared to consider new ideas. I'm passionate about this place; the quality life, brilliant producers, businesses, markets and community. With thoughtful financial and environmental management from Council this place will only get better. I am a Greens member. Vote 2 for me as Councillor and vote 1 Rosalie Woodruff.

PAUL Ian

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I consider that the Huon Valley is still the best place to live and raise a family. Council is in a strong financial position Council must be leaders in our community. We need to retain the mentor-ship pathways program. Our youth need direction and support as well as education. Encourage sustainable industries and business, ie a brand from the Huon so we can showcase our unique valley and provide employment. The Huon has so much to offer . We must base our decision making void of political ideals and ambitions. I am proud to live where I do and I have the Huon at heart.

POULTON Gina Frances

Candidate for Councillor



Award winning small business owner in Huonville, State and National basketball representative, highly respected fitness industry leader, former member of the Tasmanian Institute of Sport Board and experienced teacher. I offer the Huon Valley an energetic and driven candidate who has a real understanding of the current issues faced in our community. I stand to apply my experience to boost recreational opportunities within the region and work to improve the health, wellbeing & fitness of the community. I will pursue improvements for disability services and infrastructure for the Huon Valley.

ROBERTSON Amy

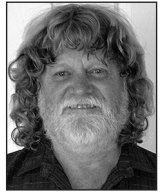
Candidate for Councillor



First elected 10 months ago as your Councillor, I have three young children and a background in forestry. I've applied my experience in strategic planning and governance with my passion for community engagement and natural resources, and am keen to improve financial efficiency, and create formal advisory links between service users and decision-makers. I'm a communicator and have plenty of sense. I can, do and will talk to any and everyone, to research and negotiate the best solutions. I'm not afraid of a challenge, and want to bring our community together – with all of its diversity.

RUZICKA Pavel (Pav)

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



My name is Pavel (Pav) Ruzicka, I have worked in the forest and mining industry all my life. I am currently developing and building an open garden style nursery. I am a member of the Huon Resource Development Group and have recently been appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Council for forests. My experience and connections will help me serve the rate payers of the Huon Valley to ensure greater diversification for small businesses, a strong voice for better regional infrastructure and a firm direction in the wise use of this great valley's natural resources. Your vote connects me with you.

SMITH Liz

Candidate for Councillor



Let's reform our council by electing well-qualified and open-minded candidates with progressive ideas. For years, an "us-and-them" mentality has seen the majority voting as a block without discussing the merits of issues openly in council meetings. This time, you can elect a new council that is diverse and inclusive. Let's elect a caring kind of council that works co-operatively with other councils and with the wise, experienced and knowledgeable residents who have so much talent to contribute to our valley's wellbeing. My contacts: phone 62951759 or email smiliztas@gmail.com

STUDLEY Ken

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



Securing our future. Ex Elite SAS Soldier, 20 years Army service and returned veteran of several conflicts including Afghanistan. 10 years further experience as Company Director at TPR Huonville. Ken is a 4th generation Huon Valley resident. "I can provide senior leadership and be a strong voice for positive change in the Huon. We must protect our way of life in this beautiful valley and continue to partner with business and industry to provide a future for generations to come. I will always put the interests of the Huon Valley residents first. I will stand up for the silent majority".

VENNING Polly

Candidate for Councillor

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Respecting the past focused on the future. People ask me what I stand for in these elections. Easy, I stand for you. My job as a Councillor is to listen to what you, the voting public knows is required. Put to me a strong, intelligent practical argument that will benefit the Huon and I will be determined & focused in supporting you. I will not back down. Bringing my experience as a successful business person, board member & director with the ability to have logical, respectful and persuasive discussions, I ask for your vote to support a healthy economy and boost job opportunities in the Huon.

WILSON Mike

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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Having served on Council for over thirteen years, and with over forty years experience in developing and managing many local businesses in the community, I have the experience and ability to provide effective leadership, strive for a cooperative and supportive development environment, and unite the community through celebrating its diversities. Striving for a prosperous community, I believe the Huon Valley deserves and is capable of a strong future. I am committed to leading the community to take full advantage of the opportunities available. Together, we can achieve results.

WOODRUFF Rosalie

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



I have five years' experience on council. My record shows I am open to new ideas. I vote for the community to have a real say on projects. I vote against waste (of money and resources), cronyism, and bad environmental management. I am standing for Deputy Mayor to improve council's services which support community and businesses to thrive. I will focus on good environmental management, new industry development, youth employment and getting the best available expertise for council's financials. I am a Greens member. Vote 1 for me as Councillor and Deputy Mayor. Vote 2 for Ian Mackintosh.

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