

## Tasmanian Electoral Commission

### 2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS





# **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 Sorell Council

- 9 Councillors 15 candidates
- Mayor 3 candidates
- Deputy Mayor 4 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 Sorell Council is being elected for a fouryear 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.

#### **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.

#### 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

## ARNOTT David

Candidate for Councillor

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I am a married father of 5 and have lived in the Sorell Municipality for the past 40 years working as both a leading aviation fire fighter based at the Hobart Airport and also running my own small business. Over the years I have been on DF Sea Rescue and DF Junior Soccer committees and involved in scouts. At present I sit on the committee of both the Sorell junior & senior cricket clubs. Whilst I have no personal agenda in running for council, I do have a strong desire to give something back to the municipality in which I live. I am an easily approachable person who is keen to listen & help.

## BUNYAN Robyn

Candidate for Councillor



Living in Midway Point for 22 years and working at the Sorell School has given me a good insight of community expectations of Council spending ratepayer funds in the proper areas. Priorities such as roads, streetscape, lighting, parks, recreational and sporting facilities. Through involvement with STJFL and local footy I have helped develop Pembroke Park into a first class facility. With the South East Irrigation scheme nearing fruition farming and economic benefits will flow into our district. Please give me opportunity to represent your Council. Have a say in the future of your community.

## DE WILLIAMS Deborah

#### Candidate for Councillor

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My name is Deborah, and I'm seeking your support to become your local representative. I have been your Tasmanian Australian of the Year and you might know me as the lady that ran around Australia with her dog for breast cancer awareness. Our municipality is a great place to live and I believe with my 'can do' attitude, business background and charity experience I can positively contribute to Council and explore the opportunities for our growing community whilst preserving what makes our region unique. Please read more about me at deborahdewilliams.com.au.

## DEGRASSI Kerry

Candidate for Councillor



Once more I ask for your vote to continue as your Councillor. I am an independent thinker who believes in teamwork, transparency and consultation. My work record as your representative shows proven, long-term commitment to community and putting people first. In the last 2 years councillors have worked collaboratively and made the hard decisions required for the future sustainability of our area. We are on the right path, with councillors, staff and residents now willing to work together. We can still do better and with your vote I will continue to advocate for a vibrant, caring community.

## DUNBABIN James Francis

#### Candidate for Councillor



James F Dunbabin - standing for Councillor I am asking the people of Sorell Municipality to consider me for re-election as I believe that we have many wonderful assets which need further development. I am fully supportive of the recent changes to Council's structure and operation allowing better service delivery and sustainability. I have lived in the municipality all of my life being a farmer for most of that time; I have also been a member of Sorell Rotary Club for 16 years and I would describe myself as being pro community and business with a fairly common sense attitude.

## EVANS Graeme

Candidate for Councillor



I am a family man and work part time. I have university qualifications in science and education. I am involved in many community and sporting groups, including Sorell Lions, Sorell Football and Tennis Clubs, Sorell Historic Society, Bream Creek Show and Sorell School and I am not politically aligned. Since being elected as a councillor I have worked hard in sensible and rational debate at council meetings, to help maintain high quality council planning, services and facilities, while keeping costs to a minimum. If elected, I will continue helping residents and community groups.

## GALA Vlad

#### Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



Our community needs leadership and renewal with a wholesale look at the operation of Council. I support reducing red tape, improving sewerage infrastructure, better planning processes and protecting our pristine natural environment. Many people in our local community battle to make ends meet and I will ensure that ratepayers are getting value for money and better services by proposing a review into the way rates are applied and the costs of water bills. As a successful business owner and community volunteer I have the proven ability to bring new ideas and make a difference. Vote 1 Vlad Gala.

#### HOLLOWAY Matt

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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Sorell Council needs fresh representation and new ideas. Sorell is a gateway town that needs growth and opportunities while protecting the rural way of life which makes our community great. I want to introduce flat rates instead of AAV assessed rates, review the cost of water and apply water bill exemptions for pensioners and community groups. I support removing red tape around water and septic tanks, allowing the choice to opt-out of southern water and the introduction of a local benefits test on all council contracts to protect local business and grow our region. Vote 1 Matt Holloway

## LEACH Rob

Candidate for Councillor



I have lived in the area for 30 years and have watched the community grow in strength and numbers with new businesses opening and infrastructure growth. Robyn and I have 7 children, and are aware of the community needs and also recognise that there are still improvements needed. We operate a small business (Subway), which gives me the opportunity to speak with many in the community. I believe councillors remain an important part of the democratic system representing the interests of all residents. Decisions should ensure that everyone involved are given an opportunity to express their views.

#### McDONALD Brett

#### Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor



A council's role is not about saving baby seals living in the rainforest. It should fix your roads, build footpaths, collect refuse and do its best to keep the rates down. Amalgamations are inevitable, but through resource sharing and restructure we have placed Sorell in an excellent working and financial position along with a greater capital works programme. I do not advocate rate rises. Rate rises can be kept to a minimum with greater efficiencies and development through residential and commercial growth. Your number one vote for me will continue the progress of your Sorell Council.

### RANSON Andrew

#### Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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My name is Andrew Ranson and I am running for council and deputy mayor, if elected I will bring energy, transparency and business experience. I have been involved in real estate and property development. My experience in business and customer service includes turnaround and change management. I believe in council amalgamations as long as our communities receive strong representation. I strongly believe in community consultation from government and business. As an individual with a strong focus on solutions, I look forward to exploring them with you as a councillor and deputy mayor.

## REYNOLDS Natham

Candidate for Councillor, Deputy Mayor

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Hello, I'm 32yo, married, proud father of 2 young children and operate a small local business (Sorell Nightrider). I would like to see the Sorell municipality grow, not just in population, but in popularity. Creating more work for local businesses and possibly opening the door for more employment. I want to provide people with opportunities, whether it be work, sport/recreation, hobbies, events or life changes. I'm passionate about sport and encourage junior participation leading to a healthy lifestyle. I would be proud to represent the people in creating a stronger council, a wiser council.

## TORENIUS Carmel

#### Candidate for Councillor, Mayor

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Carmel, former Mayor has the vision, energy and a heightened desire to continue working with her community. A loyal advocate for the municipality, sometimes outspoken but always transparent and upfront. Patron of many community groups indicates support, trust and a belief in her sincerity. "If elected I will focus upon: employment initiatives, improving Sorell traffic flows, services to the southern beaches, improved youth facilities, a centre for the arts and the district's historical memorabilia, keeping rate increases to a minimum, and creating of culture of inclusion and innovation."

## VINCENT Kerry John

Candidate for Councillor, Mayor



I am asking you to re-elect me as Mayor and Councillor so the united Council I lead can keep delivering sustainable results. We are seeing significant investment in new homes, businesses and agriculture right across our district. Two years ago when I first ran for Mayor I promised to be open and honest; attract investment; seek better infrastructure; support community and sporting groups; focus on jobs; work constructively with council staff; cut red tape; and keep costs down. I've delivered on those commitments and I again ask for your vote so we can keep getting the job done.

## WHITE Lindsay

Candidate for Councillor



I have decided to stand again for Council to give my continued support for what we have achieved over the last four years. I will continue to support business development and capital works in Sorell as well as improved sporting facilities. I shall continue to push for a new visitors information centre incorporating our history, heritage, art, craft, produce and local identities to be built and run as a commercial enterprise. I have lived, worked and played sport in Sorell my entire life. Member of the Sorell Business Council. Chair of the East Coast Fire Management Committee.



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