



Tasmanian  
Electoral Commission

# 2018 Local Government Elections



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

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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 Launceston City Council:

- 12 Councillors (Aldermen)
  - 32 candidates
- Mayor – 8 candidates
- Deputy Mayor – 8 candidates

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

- 2 sheets of paper (one for aldermen, 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 aldermen to be able to accept these offices.

The mayor, deputy mayor and aldermen 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.*

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

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## **BLAKE, Ann**

Candidate for Alderman



I am an independent candidate committed to ratepayers receiving value for their annual rates & charges. While the Local Government Act 1993 allows Council to use rates to fund cultural activities, I feel that when spending our money Council should give priority to maintaining roads & footpaths, managing rubbish removal from private & public spaces, and providing all other basic services to a high standard for ratepayers in every suburb.

If elected I will bring to the role of Councillor the knowledge & skills gained as a legal researcher for twenty years and primary teacher for fourteen years.

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## **BOWEN, Mathew**

Candidate for Alderman



I am passionate about Launceston and Northern Tasmania's future. I have owned and run a successful multi-award-winning CBD business for 12 years. I previously worked in advertising and marketing including North West Manager for The Examiner and former Cityprom Board member. I support: council amalgamations, first 90 minutes free parking, Tamar River clean up, fairer rates, maintaining the Gorge's natural beauty, CBD safety and keeping politics out of Council. I will use common sense and listen to all stake holders to achieve the best outcomes for ratepayers of Launceston and surrounding areas.

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## **BRADY, Thane**

Candidate for Alderman



I stand as a truly independent candidate with a voice for change representing ratepayer's interests and community welfare. Having been a ratepayer since age 18, raised family, operated businesses and volunteered for decades in our Launceston community I am well qualified to represent you. I have a proven track record of standing up for my community and I seek your support in helping me increase our voice at the LCC table. I've been upfront about my personal and professional background and my ideas listing all on my Face Book page Thane Brady for LCC.

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## **COOPER, Leon**

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor

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My original photo and candidate statement was considered not appropriate for the TEC to publish.

This photo and statement can be viewed on my Leon Cooper for Launceston City Council Facebook page.

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## COX, Jim

Candidate for Alderman

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Jim was first elected to the Launceston City Council in 2011 after a 20-year career in State Parliament, retiring in 2008. He held several ministerial portfolios including Local Government, Police and Emergency Management, and Infrastructure. Prior to that he had had a successful career in radio and television.

Jim was born and educated in Launceston where he spent most of his working life and as a resident and ratepayer believes that he can continue to bring experience and independence to the Council. Last year, Jim was made a member of the Order of Australia for his work with road safety.

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## DAKING, Nick

Candidate for Alderman

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I'm a 39 year old local business owner, married with 3 children and have a finance and engineering background. For many years I worked with an international funds manager, specialising in financing property developments across the country.

I've spent the last 9 years building and managing hospitality businesses within Launceston and currently own Sporties Hotel and Henry's Bar & Restaurant. Through my businesses I take great pride in sponsoring many charities and local sporting organisations. I have also been a Board member of the Tasmanian Hospitality Association. [www.nickdaking.com.au](http://www.nickdaking.com.au)

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## DAWKINS, Andrea

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor

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If elected, I will continue to represent the views of Launceston's progressive residents. We can look forward to an exciting future, in the municipality, if we continue to value the broader community in decision making. Council provides an opportunity to consider many issues important to residents. Visibility and encouragement of women in leadership positions, waste management and waste reduction, equity in food security, planning for climate disruption, setting building height limits and preserving the Cataract Gorge for locals and visitors alike, are all important to me.

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## FINLAY, Janie

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor

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I will lead Launceston to be more innovative, create new opportunities for the next generation, become increasingly connected and leverage our strengths to be more creative and vibrant. I will drive development and at the same time make sure we maintain the essence of what makes Launceston unique. Strong leadership, experience and energy. I am a successful business woman and high level strategic thinker who gets things done. I naturally engage with, understand and represent the diverse needs of individuals, families, community and business leaders. Vote 1 Janie Finlay for Mayor and Alderman.

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## FITCH, Basil

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor

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Achievements: 12 years hands-on experience in local government. Secured Ravenswood-Waverley link road and their Fire Brigade, finance for Over 50's Club, bowling green and Ravenswood (Eastside) Shopping Centre. Fixed collapsing LCC sewerage-storm water pipes in York, Margaret and St John streets. Reservoir built in West Launceston. At St Leonards, the athletics centre and BMX bike track, netball centre and picnic grounds and so much more.

I will pursue a \$100 rate remission from Taswater's \$3m dividend. Vote for accountability & transparency. Ratepayers 1st, 2nd and 3rd. For more, please go to 'Basil Fitch Journal' on Facebook.

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## GIBSON, Danny

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor

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Danny Gibson is seeking your number 1 vote. Passionate, independent, hardworking and experienced. Over the past seven years, I have demonstrated an open-minded approach and an independent voice on Council. I have a genuine willingness to listen and learn. I am committed to Launceston and committed to the hard work required to shape a vision that celebrates our heritage and ignites our passion and opportunities for the future. For energetic and effective representation, please consider giving me your number 1 vote for Alderman and Deputy Mayor.

Danny.Gibson@launceston.tas.gov.au / 0407 096 597.



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## GROAT, Daniel

Candidate for Alderman

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I am a 42yo father of 2. I am a Branch Supervisor and also a cricket umpire for Cricket North. I am also secretary for the Northern Tasmanian Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association. We need fresh faces with new ideas in Council and that is why I have decided to stand at this election.

Some of the things I am standing for at this election are a review of parking fees including less parking meters, keep any rate rises to an absolute minimum or on hold and attract new business to the CBD. We need to take care of our history but also embrace the future.

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## HARRIS, Alan

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor

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I'm proud to live, work & am a passionate member of the Launceston community & it's time to step up. I bring a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience gained over 40 years as a Senior Executive in Telstra, Federal politics & aged care and as a Rotarian for 15 years. I have held many leadership roles, love helping others & achieving results. An independent, I bring new ideas & strong leadership, I support 90 minute free parking in CBD Council car parks & new pedestrian zones, new bridges across the Tamar, improved traffic flow, revitalising our suburbs, more public toilets vote 1 Alan Harris.

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## LIMB, Ryan

Candidate for Alderman

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“Progressive direction, entrepreneurial flair and a passion for cultural and creative industries.”

Our beautiful city is full of opportunity and excitement! I’m a Director of Party in the Paddock and Operations Manager of Junction Arts Festival, with a background in hospitality, tourism and events. My strengths are positive leadership, strategic development and creative solutions. My independent representation will be dynamic with a unique approach to problem solving and innovation. With my voice, Launceston can expect real resolutions on community issues. Vote 1 Ryan Limb for a fresher start!

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## McKENDRICK, Robin

Candidate for Alderman



My family and I live and have grown up in Launceston. I will fight for fairer rates, a better road system, improved health care at the LGH, future developments, youth and jobs. I am also very passionate about keeping AFL in Launceston. My experience and knowledge of current issues and future developments allows me to ensure that Launceston continues to be the best city for us all. Positive, forward thinking common sense decisions will be my priority. I will be available for you 24/7. Please vote 1 Robin McKendrick.

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## McKENZIE, Hugh

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor

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I am committed to being part of a strong team leading Launceston into the future - because Launceston matters. In addition to my 7 yrs experience as an independent Alderman, I bring from my 35 yrs in business, and as a partner of KPMG, strong governance, financial and problem solving skills. These, with my strong sense of social justice and years of community involvement, provides a balanced approach to Council decisions, actions and accountability. I am passionate about making a contribution to Launceston, and I seek your support to continue the work I have begun, and am yet to undertake.

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## MADDEN, Gary

Candidate for Alderman

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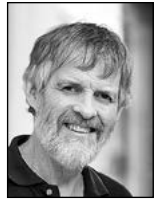
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## POTTER, Bruce

Candidate for Alderman

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A hard working, practical, family man with common sense and business experience, having owned and operated the iconic Royal Oak for years, employing many staff. Authorised by Rosemary Armitage I promise if elected I will genuinely listen to you and be your voice. I am eager to work for you and will not let you down. Launceston must be safe, affordable and liveable for us all with a clean Tamar River - no more reports, and easy parking in the CBD and around the hospital. Rates cannot continue to rise. Council must live within its means with a fair go for ratepayers. Please vote 1 Bruce Potter.

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## PREECE, Krista

Candidate for Alderman

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I have a background of promotional work, retail, hairdressing in the CBD and small business. I currently work in Specialist Clinic at the Launceston General Hospital, giving me a more intimate view of our community and its needs. As an independent candidate I will actively support those in our suburbs and their businesses, whether on wheels or behind household doors. I will support our CBD, food tourism, arts and sporting events. I am an involved and practical person, an active voice in my own suburb and I would like to support you in yours. I want to invest personally in Launceston's future.

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## ROE, Brian

Candidate for Alderman

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I have a passion for community service, for Launceston and its people. I have a vision for Launceston as a smart city with a healthy and active population, as one of Australia's foremost events cities and one which thinks deeply about planning for current and future generations. We need intelligent solutions to traffic congestion and future housing development, preserving open space and farmland and reducing costs of service connection and delivery. Working all over the world has exposed me to countless potential ideas and solutions to make Launceston an even better place to live and work.

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## SALT, Bob

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor



I have lived and worked in Launceston most of my life. I am passionate about our local community and believe Launceston is a beautiful place to live, work and raise a family. I am the father of Amelia and the poppy of Frankie and Louie. I currently operate a statewide business.

Communication is key, if we want to continue to ensure Launceston is a vibrant and welcoming city to visitors and locals. I am a good listener and problem solver who will not give up until the job is done. I volunteer for many local community organisations. I make the promise that "I will listen and work for you."

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## SANDS, Ted

Candidate for Alderman

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I love the city of Launceston, the people, natural beauty, history and lifestyle. It is the reason I continue to be involved, contributing and making a difference. I have actively worked and cared for the community as a police officer, on the board of St Michaels Association, volunteering with Red Cross and as an Alderman.

Proudly progressing Launceston with sensible development, supporting the arts, sporting and social organizations. Listening and working to gain results for individuals or the whole community. I prefer face to face contact to understand issues and to keep in touch.

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## SHERRIN, Joshua

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor



It's time to make a difference. Together we can fix up the Councils priorities and focus on what matters! Our schools and hospitals aren't getting enough funding and not enough is being done to encourage local business. Enough is enough! I will put pressure on our Council to put the needs of the people first, and to make sure our economy is growing while preserving our wonderful natural environment. I will also aim to fix our broken IT services and websites. If you care about which way we're moving forward then vote for someone who will ensure your voice is heard!

Help make Launceston thrive.

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## **SOWARD, Rob**

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor

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Rob Soward brings 9 years of experience as an elected Alderman including leadership of key committees such as Northbank & Heritage Forest. These are amongst the most exciting developments in Nth Tas used by many thousands of people. He is committed to supporting responsible development that creates jobs in our community and has always supported key developments for our city. Rob enjoys the opportunity to assist many in our community and asks for your support. Please re elect Rob Soward so he can continue making our community a safe and exciting place to live with jobs and opportunity for all.

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## **SPENCER, Paul**

Candidate for Alderman

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I am a self-employed electrician and have been for the last 42 years. My customers would describe me as a “get in and get the job done” man. I strongly believe in supporting local businesses. I support cleaning up the Tamar River, solving LGH car parking problems, fixing traffic issues at Invermay, keeping rate increases to a minimum (no higher than CPI) and decreasing Council debt.

I am outspoken, passionate and hard-working. I am approachable and very down-to-earth. Vote 1, Paul Spencer, for a dedicated Alderman who will listen to you and who will get in and make things happen.

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## **SPRINGER, Damien**

Candidate for Alderman

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I actively contribute to the city through my work within a local Rotary club and my position on the board of the Launceston Basketball Association. I have a passion for helping those around me and I hope to instil this value in my young son. Growing up here I have seen firsthand all the opportunities that this beautiful city can offer, joining the Council is another way I can give back to Launceston and its people. I see myself as a pragmatic thinker with ability to negotiate for the best outcome, a vote for me is an investment in the future of Launceston.

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## **STOJANSEK, Karina**

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor

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I've had the honour of being an Alderman for 3 years and am a local business owner. With over 25 years senior management experience, I feel I make a valuable contribution to the local community. I am honest, passionate and have demonstrated strong leadership ability.

My vision is for Launceston to become an inclusive, dynamic, culturally rich, thriving city where people choose to come and live, work and raise their families. A city that values its built heritage and natural beauty and promotes its uniqueness! We need strong, competent leadership for this wonderful city to grow and prosper.



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## **SWEENEY, Tegan**

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor



Our Council is out-of-touch! Roads and footpaths are in disrepair while rates and charges are being wasted. Launceston is being neglected! I will be a Mayor who engages with all areas of the community. I will focus on creating job opportunities while prioritising social issues such as public health and housing. My background in animal care has taught me to focus on others and to put the common good ahead of my own. I will push for more support in the areas of mental health, including drug and alcohol abuse.

Vote for a positive future with me and help Launceston grow!

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## **TAPSELL, Mark**

Candidate for Alderman



For 16 years I have owned a small welding/sheet fabrication business called Aluman based in Youngtown. I am married and have three daughters and a son. We need to apply more commonsense and less self interest when making decisions pertaining to the future of our city. Rates must remain affordable and any rises kept to a bare minimum. Families are doing it hard enough. My passion is to support our local small businesses in order to maximise their full potential and growth within our region. I remain a strong supporter for recreational fishing and it's worth to our economy.

Vote1 Mark Tapsell.

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## VAN ZETTEN, Albert

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor



Our city is built on passionate people and as Mayor, I'm blessed to work with them. I commit to continue to listen and consult with the Launceston community. In my time as Mayor, the Council has been strong, stable and results focused.

We are experiencing enormous positive change and I am seeking your support to stay the course. I believe it is important to continue the vision the council has planned through projects like the City Deal. This includes The City Heart project. Vote 1 Albert Van Zetten for Mayor and vote 1 for Alderman, proven service and commitment for the city.

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## WALKER, Tim

Candidate for Alderman, Mayor

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Ex-ABC journo, now adviser to Sen. Peter Whish-Wilson. I stand for protecting the Gorge from future developments, transparent council, returning water flows and cleaning up Tamar, keeping the North East Railway for c'mnty run passenger train, free hard waste collect & more free tip days to stop bush dumps, CBD recycling+green waste collect, a c'mnty solar plan, Tas AFL team, long term traffic plans/bridge/tram/cycleways, support LGH, no loss of Uni courses, protect L'ton built heritage, limit CBD build heights, always Aboriginal land, nature, peace, arts and fun. [www.facebook.com/timforalderman](http://www.facebook.com/timforalderman)

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## **WILLIAMS, Emma**

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor

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With four years' experience as an incumbent Alderman for Launceston, I also bring my background in environmental and community-based roles to decision-making, representing local values at a local level. I'm proud, as a Greens candidate, that Launceston is leading in areas such as waste management and cultural development. As Launceston continues to grow, we need direction that incorporates our natural, heritage and social values — vision that I can bring my skills and experience to.

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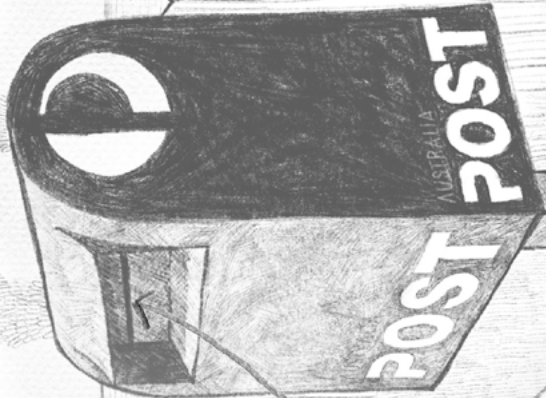
## **WOOD, Simon**

Candidate for Alderman, Deputy Mayor



I am focused on creating the right conditions for small businesses to flourish for families to stay in our city. I have a background in retail, having worked for 20 years in a statewide family business. This has given me a real and practical understanding of how the local economy operates. In my role as Launceston Alderman, I have worked to build our regional prosperity and I am keen to continue to work hard to keep up the momentum. On a personal level, I am married to Zoe and help run her osteopathy practice in Newstead, while we raise our two children Lucy, 10, and Alexander, 5.

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