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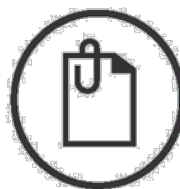
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**21 February 2017**

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**Greater Shepparton City Council**



**ELECTION  
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## Letter of Transmittal

20 January 2017

Peter Harriott  
Chief Executive Officer  
Greater Shepparton City Council  
90 Welsford Street  
Shepparton Vic 3632

Dear Mr Harriott

Pursuant to clause 14 of Schedule 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, I submit this report on the Greater Shepparton City Council general election held in October 2016.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warwick Gately', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Warwick Gately AM  
Electoral Commissioner

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## Introduction

The Greater Shepparton City Council general election was held on 22 October 2016 by postal voting.

The election was conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), as the statutory election service provider to Greater Shepparton City Council in accordance with clause 1 of Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (the LG Act)*.

### About the Victorian Electoral Commission

The VEC is an independent and impartial statutory authority established under the *Electoral Act 2002 (the Electoral Act)*. The VEC conducts Victorian State elections, local government elections, certain statutory elections, commercial and community elections, conducts boundary reviews, electoral representation and subdivision reviews, and maintains the Victorian electoral enrolment register. The VEC's electoral education and research programs work to engage and inform all Victorians who are entitled to enrol and vote in the democratic process.

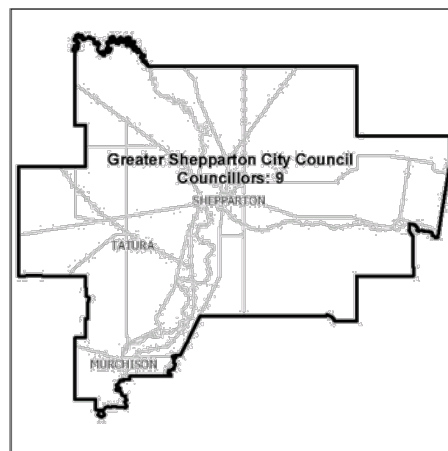
The Electoral Commissioner is Warwick Gately AM and the Deputy Electoral Commissioner is Liz Williams. The Commissioner reports to the Victorian Parliament in relation to the VEC's activities.

The Commissioner and Deputy are assisted by an Executive Management Group to deliver the functions of the VEC. The Local Government Program Manager, Keegan Bartlett, oversees the VEC's local government electoral activity and chairs the Planning Group, comprised of activity and project leads from across the organisation. The Executive Management and Planning Groups jointly met each weekday morning for the duration of the 2016 local government elections timeline.

### About Greater Shepparton City Council

Greater Shepparton City Council is comprised of nine councillors elected from an unsubdivided municipality. The structure was last reviewed through an electoral representation review in 2015. The next scheduled review of Greater Shepparton City Council is required before the 2028 local government elections.

**Figure 1** shows the electoral structure of Greater Shepparton City Council.



**Figure 1.** The electoral structure of Greater Shepparton City Council at the general election held on 22 October 2016.

### Key changes

#### *Changes in legislation*

The electoral provisions in the LG Act were amended in 2015 to clarify responsibilities for preparing and conducting local government elections, strengthen provisions in relation to the eligibility of candidates, and consider the powers of the Returning Officer. In July 2016, the Victorian Government also made the new Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2016 (**the Regulations**) to come into effect in time for the 2016 local government elections.

#### *Extended postal vote receipt period*

The Regulations provided an extended period for postal votes to be received and accepted by the Returning Officer during the week after Election Day. This changed the VEC's timeline for completing the counting of ballot papers and the availability of results for all contested elections.

#### *Introduction of the candidate questionnaire*

The Regulations also introduced a set of prescribed questions that candidates were invited to answer through the candidate questionnaire.

#### *Changes to indication of preferences*

In August 2016, the Legislative Council disallowed Regulation 38 of the Regulations. This removed the opportunity for candidates at elections held by postal voting to lodge an indication of preferences for inclusion in the ballot pack mailed to voters.

**Election timeline**

Deadline fixed by the Registrar for council primary enrolment data .....	Monday 11 July 2016								
Entitlement date .....	4.00 pm on Friday 26 August 2016								
Opening of the election office to the public .....	Wednesday 14 September 2016								
Certification of the voters' roll and opening of nominations .....	Thursday 15 September 2016								
Close of nominations .....	12 noon on Tuesday 20 September 2016								
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Declaration of the election .....	2.00 pm on Monday 31 October 2016								

**Bordered** dates relate to contested elections only.



## Voters' roll

The VEC prepared the Greater Shepparton City Council voters' roll for the general election under section 8(2)(c) of the Electoral Act and in accordance with section 24 of the LG Act. Pursuant to section 24(6) of the LG Act, the Registrar, Melanie Davidson, certified the voters' roll on 15 September 2016.

The certified voters' roll for the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election included 44,971 enrolled voters.

### Composition of the roll

The LG Act specifies that the voters' roll for a local government election is formed by combining two separate lists of voters:

1. **The Victorian Electoral Commissioner's (EC's) List of State electors.**  
The EC's List made up 95.07 percent of the Greater Shepparton City Council voters' roll.
2. **The Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) List of council-entitled voters.**  
The CEO's List made up 4.93 percent of the Greater Shepparton City Council voters' roll.

Refer to **Appendix 1** for a further breakdown of the Greater Shepparton City Council general election voters' roll.

### Amendments to the voters' roll

In accordance with section 24A of the LG Act, the Registrar was able to amend any error in the preparation, printing or copying of the voters' roll, or correct any misnomer or inaccurate description of any person, place or thing on the voters' roll. If the amendment relates to a CEO's List voter, the Registrar must obtain the approval of the Council's Chief Executive Officer.

The Registrar made 16 amendments to the Greater Shepparton City Council voters' roll.

## Advertising and communication

### Advertising

The VEC published a series of statutory notices in relation to the Greater Shepparton City Council general election. These notices are required by the LG Act and contain critical information relevant to each point of the election timeline. Refer to

**Appendix 2** for further information in relation to the statutory advertising.

A statewide advertising campaign complemented the statutory advertising. The campaign concentrated on maximising the promotion of local government elections across the key areas of enrolment and voting. Coverage included major metropolitan and regional newspapers, metropolitan and regional radio, ethnic print and radio media, and social media.

The VEC also ran interactive advertisements on Facebook. These advertisements targeted geographic areas as well as demographic segments of the population that typically have low participation rates. In addition, Google search advertising was used to direct enquiries to VEC information online.

### Accommodating voters with special needs

The VEC worked with a number of partners to provide suitable communication services for blind and low vision voters, voters with disability, and culturally and linguistically diverse voters.

### Blind and low vision services

The VEC worked with Vision Australia and Blind Citizens Australia to provide election information to blind and low vision voters. This included making large print and audio files available for download, 'BrowseAloud' functionality of the VEC website, and assisted reading equipment at all attendance election offices and the Melbourne City Council election office. Braille and large print ballot material was also available on request.

### Interpreting services

In addition to in-language information presented through ethnic print and radio media as part of the statewide advertising campaign, the VEC engaged the Victorian Interpreting and Language Services' Language Link to provide a telephone interpreting service for multi-language telephone enquiries. The VEC advertised direct lines for 20 languages other than English and a general line for all other languages.

### Media liaison

The VEC's media liaison program principally featured staged media releases aimed to highlight key milestones during the election timetable and capitalise on existing general news coverage. More information on the VEC's media release schedule is available at **Appendix 3**.

Two media briefing sessions were held for media outlets from across Victoria; an in-person media briefing was held on 1 August 2016 and an online webinar media briefing was held on 3 August 2016. The webinar was also accessible to council officers and could be downloaded or accessed at a later time for those who were unable to participate live. The media briefing summarised the planning and timeline for the 2016 local government elections, and also provided a specific update in relation to the availability of election results in light of the extended postal vote receipt period introduced to the Regulations.

Media outlets were provided with a media information booklet that outlined the election timeline and key messages, and provided the VEC's head office media contacts. The VEC's communication team supported each Returning Officer as the primary media spokesperson in relation to each election.

#### Telephone enquiry service

The VEC operated a local telephone enquiry service at the election office from 14 September 2016 until the close of voting at 6.00 pm on 21 October 2016. The types of calls related to:

- voting entitlements and obligations
- enrolment questions
- ballot pack had not been received
- ballot material was spoilt or destroyed, so replacement ballot material was required
- a voter advising that he or she was overseas or interstate, and
- queries regarding the content of the ballot pack.

The telephone enquiry service was supplemented by an overflow call centre at the VEC's head office. The overflow call centre received calls made directly to the VEC's head office line (131 VEC or 131 832) and diverted calls from the election office when the lines were at capacity.

A breakdown of the daily number of calls received by the telephone enquiry service and the overflow call centre in respect to the Greater Shepparton City Council general election is available at **Appendix 4**.

#### Returning Officer

The VEC maintains a pool of trained senior election officials located across the State to fill election management roles that occur for State and local government elections. Additional election-specific

training is provided to relevant senior election officials prior to each election management appointment.

In accordance with section 3 of the LG Act, the Electoral Commissioner appointed Mick Bastian as the Returning Officer for the Greater Shepparton City Council general election. The Electoral Commissioner appointed Alan Taylor and Sally Nayler as Deputy Returning Officers for the election.

#### Election office

The Returning Officer established an election office at 272B Maude Street, Shepparton. The election office was leased by the VEC.

The election office was open to the public from 14 September 2016 until 21 October 2016. The election office was open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm weekdays, except on public holidays. Opening hours were extended on 20 October 2016 (9.00 am to 8.00 pm) and 21 October 2016 (9.00 am to 6.00 pm) to allow for last minute voting enquiries.

#### Candidates

Nominations for the election opened at 9.00 am on 15 September 2016 and closed at 12 noon on 20 September 2016. Nomination forms were required to be lodged by candidates in person at the election office. A \$250 nomination fee applied.

#### Information for candidates

Candidates were able to access the VEC's information about the process of nominating and becoming a candidate for the election from 8 August 2016, when the VEC's *Candidate Handbook* was published online. From early September, candidates were able to access a candidate information kit, which included the *Candidate Handbook*, as well as a number of other relevant forms and documents.

The Returning Officer conducted one information session. Approximately 15 attended the session. The presentation at the session summarised critical aspects of the *Candidate Handbook* and the election timeline.

#### Candidates in the election

The election involved a total of 29 candidates.

A ballot draw was held shortly after the close of nominations on 20 September 2016 to determine

the order of candidates' names on the ballot paper (see **Appendix 5**).

Further information about the candidates, including candidate statements and photographs (where lodged), is available at **Appendix 6**.

#### Candidate questionnaire

In addition to a statement and photograph, candidates were able to lodge their answers to a set of prescribed questions in accordance with the Regulations. The Returning Officer accepted questionnaire submissions lodged by 26 of the 29 candidates at the election.

Voters could access candidates' answers to the candidate questionnaire through the VEC website, or by requesting a hardcopy from the Returning Officer.

### Voting

#### Early votes

The Returning Officer may issue an early vote upon request by an enrolled voter if the request is reasonable. Requests for early votes could be processed from 21 September 2016, the day after nominations closed, until the general mail out. Due to the timing for early votes, some early voters may not have had access to the candidates' statements, photographs, or candidate questionnaires.

The Returning Officer issued 45 early votes.

#### General mail out

The VEC mailed out 44,986 ballot packs between 4 October 2016 and 6 October 2016. This included two ballot packs that were redirected to alternative addresses by voters that had applied to redirect their ballot pack before 15 September 2016.

In accordance with the Regulations, no more than 35 percent of ballot packs were mailed out on any one day during the mail out period. All ballot packs were mailed out using Australia Post's priority paid service.

Refer to **Appendix 7** for a daily breakdown of the ballot packs mailed out on each day during the general mail out.

Following the general mail out, the Returning Officer also issued 826 replacement ballot packs to enrolled voters that advised they had not received,

destroyed, or spoilt their general mail out ballot pack.

#### Unenrolled declaration votes

Unenrolled declaration votes were issued to persons that did not receive a ballot pack and whose name could not be found on the voters' roll and who believed that they were entitled to be enrolled for the election. The unenrolled ballot pack includes a declaration that was required to be completed by the person to be assessed by the Returning Officer prior to admitting the ballot pack for counting.

The Returning Officer issued one unenrolled declaration vote and it was admitted to the count.

#### Return of ballot paper envelopes

Completed ballot paper envelopes returned inside the reply-paid envelopes were returned using Australia Post's priority paid service. The VEC's arrangements with Australia Post allowed returned mail to be pre-sorted and could be collected by the Returning Officer or delivered to the election office from a nearby postal facility or distribution centre.

The Returning Officer received 28,512 returned ballot paper envelopes through the post by the close of voting at 6.00 pm on 21 October 2016.

For the 2016 local government elections, the Regulations allowed for the Returning Officer to admit returned ballot paper envelopes received by post before 12 noon on 28 October 2016 if satisfied that the vote had been posted prior to the close of voting. The Returning Officer received 7,209 returned ballot paper envelopes during the extended postal vote receipt period.

In total, the Returning Officer admitted 35,056 ballot paper envelopes to the extraction and counting process. Any ballot paper envelopes not signed by the voter or, in the case of unenrolled declaration votes, where an entitlement was not found for the person, were set aside and not admitted to the extraction and count.

By the close of voting, 957 ballot packs had been returned to the Returning Officer as return-to-sender mail. Most of this mail was due to the addressee having left the address.

## Results

### Extraction

Following the close of voting, the extraction of ballot papers occurred at the election office beginning on 22 October 2016. Extraction of all admitted replacement and residual ballot paper envelopes was completed on Friday 28 October. The extraction process involved separating the declaration flaps containing the voter's details from each admitted ballot paper envelope, and then extracting the contents from the envelopes. This two-stage process maintains anonymity and ensures the number of envelopes is tracked for ongoing reconciliation.

Any returned ballot paper envelopes found not to contain a regulation ballot paper or contained more than one ballot paper were required to be rejected and could not be counted. There were 75 returned ballot paper envelopes rejected during the extraction activity.

Following the extraction of ballot papers from the returned ballot paper envelopes, a total of 34,981 were submitted for counting.

### Counting

#### Computer count

Ballot papers for the election were counted by computer data entry using the VEC's computer counting application at GO TAFE, Shepparton Campus, 152–200 Fryers Street, Shepparton. The application distributes preferences using the proportional representation method once data entry of ballot paper preferences is complete. The Returning Officer invited candidates and their scrutineers to attend an information session on the computer count process, which was held at 6.00 pm on 20 October 2016 in the Council Boardroom, Greater Shepparton City Council, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

Following the completion of data entry, the provisional results were calculated at 5.00 pm on 30 October 2016 at the election office. The provisional results were published to the VEC website as they became available.

For a breakdown of the results, refer to **Appendix 8**.

### Declaration of results

The results of the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election were declared at 2.00 pm on 31 October 2016 in the Council Boardroom, Greater Shepparton City Council, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

The VEC website was updated following the declaration to reflect the elected candidates from the election.

## Election statistics

### Turnout

As a percentage of the total enrolment for the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election, the number of ballot papers counted (formal and informal) was 77.79 percent. This is compared with an average turnout of 75.67 percent for all postal elections across the State at the 2016 local government elections (excluding Melbourne City Council). Greater Shepparton City Council recorded a turnout of 80.10 percent at its last general election in October 2012.

Refer to **Appendix 9** for further information on turnout, including a breakdown by enrolment category.

### Informality

The informal vote recorded at the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election was 11.99 percent, compared with 6.06 percent for all postal elections across the State at the 2016 local government elections. Greater Shepparton City Council recorded an informal rate of 9.53 percent at its last general election in October 2012.

## Complaints

### Type of Complaints

At local government elections, complaints generally fall into two broad categories:

- 1. The conduct of participants in the election.**  
Complaints about the conduct of candidates and other participants in the election, at times alleging a breach of the LG Act or local laws.
- 2. The administration of the election.**  
Complaints about the conduct of the election and services to voters.



The majority of complaints at the 2016 local government elections were related to category one, often where the complainant alleged inappropriate or illegal action by another person or group associated with the election.

### Complaints process

The VEC operated a streamlined complaints process that had been developed in consultation with local councils and enforcement agencies. The process required complaints to be lodged, in writing, and was processed through the VEC's head office in Melbourne.

Each complaint was evaluated and an appropriate course of action was determined. Complaints alleging a breach of the LG Act, for example, were forwarded to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate. Complaints about the VEC's services or the behaviour or actions of VEC staff and election officials were the responsibility of the VEC. In these cases, the VEC investigated the matter and determined the most appropriate response.

### Complaints received

The VEC received three written complaints in relation to the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election. Of these complaints one related to the administration of the election, one related to the conduct of a participant in the election and one related to a possible breach of local laws.

## Post-election activities

### Storage of election material

All records from the election are required to be kept by the VEC safely and secretly in accordance with Regulation 117 of the Regulations.

### Refund of nomination fee

Nomination fees were refunded to eligible candidates in December 2016. Eligible candidates included those who were elected or who received at least four percent of the first preference vote. Any forfeited nomination fees were remitted to Greater Shepparton City Council in December 2016.

### Courts and tribunals

There were no applications to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal disputing the results of the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election.

### Non-voter follow up

In accordance with Division 7 of Part 3 of the LG Act, the VEC has commenced its compulsory voting enforcement following the 2016 local government elections. Any person who was required to vote at the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election and failed to vote will be issued with an apparent failure-to-vote notice. A person who does not respond to that notice or does not provide a satisfactory response to the notice may be fined.

Following the conclusion of the notices, the VEC will lodge the file of any remaining non-voters with the Infringements Court. A non-voter who is issued with a notice may also request for the matter to proceed directly to court.

## Evaluating the VEC's services

The VEC is committed to providing high quality election services to its local government clients. Through the VEC's formal feedback and debriefing program, the VEC is able to gauge its performance and seek advice for future local government election projects.

### Feedback from Greater Shepparton City Council

Through its contact officer at Greater Shepparton City Council, the VEC has invited feedback on its services. Further feedback may also be provided to the Local Government Program Manager by emailing [LGProgram@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:LGProgram@vec.vic.gov.au).

### Internal debriefing activity

The VEC has commenced its internal debriefing activity following the 2016 local government elections.

In due course, the VEC will publish a consolidated report on its performance and key statistics from the elections. A copy of this report will be forwarded to Greater Shepparton City Council.

Greater Shepparton City Council

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**Schedule 1: Record of ballot papers**

Greater Shepparton City Council election	
<b>Ballot papers printed</b>	
Victorian Electoral Commission	54,000
Returning Officer	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,058</b>
<b>Ballot papers issued</b>	
General mail out	44,986
Replacement votes	871
Unenrolled declaration voters	1
Spoilt	Not applicable
Unused	8,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,058</b>
<b>Declarations returned</b>	
General mail out admitted to the count	34,253
Replacement votes admitted to the count	802
Unenrolled declaration voters admitted to the count	1
Returned declarations unable to admit to count	665
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,721</b>

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## Schedule 2: Certification statement

I certify that Schedule 1 of this report on the conduct of the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council general election is a true and correct account of the number of ballot papers issued, returned and not used in this election.



Warwick Gately AM  
Electoral Commissioner

**Appendix 1: Breakdown of the voters' roll**

Greater Shepparton City Council	
Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 12 of the LG Act	42,754
Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	2,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,971</b>



## Appendix 2: Public notices


### Schedule of public notices

Greater Shepparton City Council election	
<b>Notice of entitlement</b> (see Appendix 2.1 for example)	
<i>Shepparton News</i>	6 August 2016
<i>Shepparton Advertiser</i>	10 August 2016
<i>Kyabram Free Press/Tatura Guardian</i>	10 August 2016
<b>Notice of election</b> (see Appendix 2.2 for example)	
<i>Shepparton News</i>	3 September 2016
<i>Shepparton Advertiser</i>	31 August 2016
<i>Kyabram Free Press/Tatura Guardian</i>	31 August 2016
<b>Voting details notice</b> (see Appendix 2.3 for example)	
<i>Shepparton News</i>	1 October 2016
<i>Shepparton Advertiser</i>	28 September 2016
<i>Kyabram Free Press/Tatura Guardian</i>	28 September 2016
<b>Reminder notice</b> (see Appendix 2.4 for example)	
<i>Shepparton News</i>	15 October 2016
<i>Shepparton Advertiser</i>	19 October 2016
<i>Kyabram Free Press/Tatura Guardian</i>	19 October 2016
<b>Notice of results</b> (see Appendix 2.5 for example)	
<i>Shepparton News</i>	19 November 2016
<i>Shepparton Advertiser</i>	16 November 2016
<i>Kyabram Free Press/Tatura Guardian</i>	16 November 2016

## Appendix 2.1: Notice of entitlement for Greater Shepparton City Council

## Greater Shepparton City Council election

**Your Council, Your Vote**



**GREATER  
SHEPPARTON**

**You must be enrolled to vote**  
An election will be held for Greater Shepparton City Council in October 2016. To be able to vote, you must be enrolled by 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August 2016.

**Am I enrolled to vote?**  
You are already enrolled for this election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on 22 October 2016 **AND**
- you live in the City of Greater Shepparton **AND**
- you are on the State electoral roll for your present address.

Or if:

- you own a property within the City of Greater Shepparton but don't live in the municipality.

You may also be enrolled to vote for this election if you pay rates for a residence or corporation within the City of Greater Shepparton. If you enrolled directly with Greater Shepparton City Council for a previous election you will need to renew your application if you wish to be enrolled for this election.

**How can I check my enrolment?**  
If you are an Australian citizen you can check your enrolment details at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

If you have any other voting entitlement, contact the council on (03) 5832 9700.

**How do I enrol?**  
You must enrol by 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August if you are an Australian citizen, living in Victoria, aged 18 or over on 22 October 2016, and:

- you are not on the State electoral roll or
- you have lived at your present residential address for at least a month and have not updated your enrolment details.

Complete an enrolment form online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) or pick one up at any post office or Australian Electoral Commission office and return it to the Victorian Electoral Commission by 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August.

If you are not on the roll for this election, but you do pay rates in the City of Greater Shepparton, you may be eligible to apply to be enrolled with council. Please contact the council on (03) 5832 9700 for more information.

**Enrol before 4.00 pm  
Friday 26 August 2016**


**Register for SMS  
and email alerts at  
[vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)**

**For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service:**

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- Босански 9209 0191 Bosnian • 粵語 9209 0101 Cantonese
- Hrvatski 9209 0102 Croatian • داري 9209 0193 Dari • Dinka 9209 0119 Dinka
- Ελληνικά 9209 0103 Greek • Italiano 9209 0104 Italian
- ភ្នំ 9209 0192 Khmer • 한국어 9209 0194 Korean
- Македонски 9209 0105 Macedonian • 國語 9209 0106 Mandarin
- فارسی 9209 0195 Persian • Русский 9209 0196 Russian
- Српски 9209 0107 Serbian • Soomaali 9209 0108 Somali
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Authorised by W. Gately, AM, Electoral Commissioner, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria. 620864.A

Appendix 2.2: Notice of election for Greater Shepparton City Council

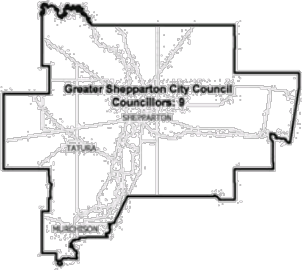
## Greater Shepparton City Council election

### Your Council, Your Vote



#### Vote by post this October

**Voting**  
Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the Greater Shepparton City Council election from Tuesday 4 October 2016. Your completed ballot material must be in the mail or hand delivered to the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday 21 October.



Greater Shepparton City Council  
Councillors: 9

**If you will be away:**  
If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 26 August, your ballot pack can be redirected by writing to:  
Returning Officer  
Greater Shepparton City Council election  
c/- Victorian Electoral Commission  
Level 11, 530 Collins Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Please include the address for redirection.  
Alternatively, you can fax your request to (03) 9620 1568 or scan and email it to [redirections@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:redirections@vec.vic.gov.au).  
Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request. Requests for redirection must be received by Thursday 15 September.

**Large print and braille ballot papers**  
Large print or braille ballot papers are available for blind and low vision voters who register by Tuesday 13 September. To register, call (03) 8620 1122 during business hours.

**How to nominate as a candidate**  
To nominate as a candidate you must complete a nomination form and lodge it, together with the \$250 nomination fee, in person with the Returning Officer. Nomination forms can be lodged during business hours from Thursday 15 September until 12 noon on Tuesday 20 September at:  
272B Maude Street, Shepparton

To help reduce waiting time while nominations are processed, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) and pre-complete your nomination form using the Candidate Helper. The Candidate Helper will be available from Thursday 1 September. Print your pre-completed form, sign it and lodge it with the Returning Officer along with the \$250 nomination fee.  
Call the Returning Officer from Wednesday 14 September on 1300 587 259 to make a nomination appointment.

**Candidate information session**  
When: 6.00 pm on Monday 12 September  
Where: Greater Shepparton City Council  
90 Welsford Street, Shepparton  
Candidate Information Kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at this session.


**Mick Bastian**  
Returning Officer


**Nominations close 12 noon**  
**Tuesday 20 September**

**Register for SMS and email alerts at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)**

For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service:  
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 - Ελληνικά 8208 0103 Greek - Italiano 8208 0104 Italian - 8208 0182 Korean - 한국어 8208 0184 Korean - Македонски 8208 0106 Macedonian - 8208 0106 Mandarin - 8208 0196 Persian  
 - Polski 8208 0198 Polish - Português 8208 0107 Serbian - Srpski 8208 0108 Somali - Español 8208 0109 Spanish - Tigrinya 8208 0110 Turkish - 8208 0111 Vietnamese  
 - All other non-English languages 8208 0112

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Appendix 2.3: Voting details notice for Greater Shepparton City Council

## Greater Shepparton City Council election

### Your Council, Your Vote



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**How to vote correctly**

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**How to return your ballot material**

Post your completed ballot paper using the reply-paid envelope provided, or hand-deliver it during office hours to: 2728 Maude Street, Shepparton.

**Voting is compulsory**

Voting is compulsory for voters who were on the State roll at 4.00 pm on Friday 26 August 2016.

**Enrolled residents may be fined if they do not vote — this includes homeowners and tenants.**

You are encouraged to vote (but won't be fined if you don't) if:

- you are aged 70 years or over **OR**
- you live outside this council area **OR**
- you applied directly with Council to be on the roll.

**Mick Bastian**  
Returning Officer  
2728 Maude Street, Shepparton  
Tel: 1300 587 259 for general enquiries

Office hours:

- 9:00 am to 3:00 pm weekdays until Wednesday 19 October
- 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday 20 October
- 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Friday 21 October


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Appendix 2.4: Reminder notice for Greater Shepparton City Council

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**Returning Officer**  
272B Maude Street, Shepparton  
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Appendix 2.5: Notice of results for Greater Shepparton City Council

## Greater Shepparton City Council election

### Declaration of results



The following candidates were elected to the Greater Shepparton City Council at a general election held in October 2016:

- O'KEEFE, Kim (1st elected)
- SUMMER, Fern (2nd elected)
- ABDULLAH, Seema (3rd elected)
- GIOVANETTI, Bruce (4th elected)
- PATTERSON, Dennis (5th elected)
- OROSZVARY, Les (6th elected)
- ADEM, Dinny (7th elected)
- SUTTON, Shelley (8th elected)
- HAZELMAN, Chris (9th elected)

Further details about the results are available at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au).

**Mick Bastian**  
**Returning Officer**  
Monday 31 October 2016



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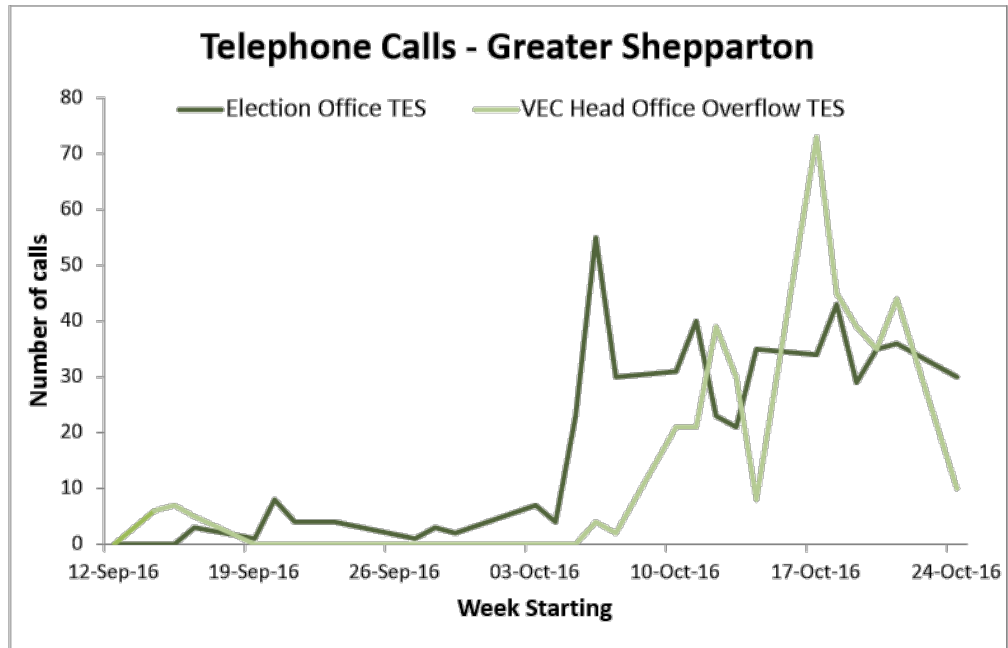
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### Appendix 3: Schedule of media releases and advisories

Greater Shepparton City Council election-specific media releases and advisories	
<i>Enrol to vote in the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council election</i>	8 August 2016
<i>Last chance to enrol for the 2016 Greater Shepparton City Council election</i>	22 August 2016
<i>Call for candidates for the upcoming Greater Shepparton City Council election</i>	5 September 2016
<i>Ballot packs mailed this week for Greater Shepparton City Council election</i>	3 October 2016
<i>Voting closes soon for the Greater Shepparton City Council election</i>	17 October 2016
<i>Results information and invitation to the media: Greater Shepparton City Council (media advisory, not for publication)</i>	24 October 2016
Statewide media releases and advisories	
<i>Victorians urged to enrol for upcoming council elections</i>	8 August 2016
<i>Ground breaking app gives voters with a disability a voice</i>	9 August 2016
<i>Older Australians urged to update enrolment for council elections</i>	10 August 2016
<i>How young people can have their say in the upcoming council elections</i>	10 August 2016
<i>Last chance to enrol for Victorian council elections</i>	22 August 2016
<i>Enrolment closes tomorrow for October's council elections</i>	24 August 2016
<i>Nominations open soon for Victorian local council elections</i>	5 September 2016
<i>Accessing candidate information for the 2016 Victorian local council elections</i>	15 September 2016
<i>Nominations are in for the October council elections</i>	20 September 2016
<i>Voting deadline this week</i>	17 October 2016
<i>Results timeline for Victorian local council elections (media advisory, not for publication)</i>	19 October 2016

### Appendix 4: Daily telephone enquiries

The following graph shows the number of telephone calls recorded by the election office telephone enquiry service as well as those received by the VEC's overflow call centre and tagged as relating to Greater Shepparton City Council during the 2016 local government elections.





**Appendix 5: Final list of candidates in ballot paper order**

## Greater Shepparton City Council election

- NEFF, Steve
- ABDULLAH, Seema
- RAFIEE, Shoukat
- HAZELMAN, Chris
- PATTERSON, Dennis
- PATANE, Sam
- LADSON, Ben
- LAWLOR, Mark
- LINTON, Darren Bruce
- MACKALI, Nejat
- VAN DEN AKKER, Troy
- TEASDALE, Diane
- SUTTON, Shelley
- SUMAILI, Rashidi
- SUMMER, Fern
- DAY, Tom
- SMULLEN, Fran
- ADEM, Dinny
- SYED, Imran
- LITTLE, Bruce William
- KELLY, Jason Marcus
- MOORE, Dallas
- SCHUBERT, Rod
- HANCOCK, Brett William
- HOULIHAN, Jenny
- GIOVANETTI, Bruce
- OROSZVARY, Les
- BROPHY, Anthony
- O'KEEFFE, Kim

**Appendix 6: Candidates' statements and photographs**

Greater Shepparton City Council election		
Total number of candidates at close of nominations	Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement	Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph
29	29	29

Appendix 6.1: Candidate statement leaflet for Greater Shepparton City Council election

**YOUR VOTE MUST BE IN THE MAIL OR IN THE HANDS OF THE RETURNING OFFICER ON OR BEFORE 6.00 PM ON FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016**


Late votes cannot be included in the count.

See ballot paper envelope for voting instructions.

**VOTING IN THIS ELECTION IS BY POST**

Alternatively, you may hand-deliver your envelope during business hours to:

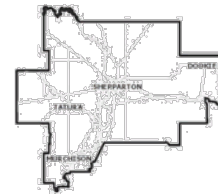
1778 Maude Street  
Shepparton



**GREATER SHEPPARTON**

**2016 Council Election**

Voting and candidate information leaflet



**Greater Shepparton City Council**

**THIS IS A POSTAL ELECTION ONLY.**  
Your ballot paper is attached to this leaflet.

**Voting is compulsory for residents**  
For further information visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) or phone 1300 587 259 during business hours.



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**NEFF, Steve**

Your vote. Your voice. Your gate way to council. I am well known in the community for many years of fundraising work with beny street, relay for life, give me 5 for kids, Santa for the Gv Hospital on xmas day and christmas alone lunch. I have been involved with many local football teams and aware of importance to promote positive team work to achieve success. I have the capacity, desire and ability to continue to serve our community in my role as a councillor. I think independently am a team player and aim achieve the best results for rate payers. I have the ability and mind set to make informed and correct decisions based on the information in front of me. I have passion, enthusiasm and commitment needed for this role. I am prepared to work within guidelines, policies and procedures to achieve results. My positive vision for the community's future development includes economic prosperity and correct governance. By celebrating and enhancing the feasibility of our community. I look forward to promoting and developing Greater Shepparton strategic goals. Contact me if you have any questions. 0400314858 Steve Neff. Your vote your voice Your gate way to council.

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**ABDULLAH, Seema**

I am a Project Manager with 20 years of local and international work experience in IT, Healthcare and Government. My qualifications include Masters in Information Systems from London School of Economics and Masters in Business Administration. I have worked lived in Pakistan, the UK, Malaysia and Melbourne before moving to Shepparton in 2009. I have two teenage children and my husband is a surgeon here. I am proud to call Shepparton home as I have developed close connections here due to the wonderful people that I have socialised and worked with. I believe in good governance, unity and respect for diversity. I want to bring a fresh approach, passion and enthusiasm to help enhance Greater Shepparton - it deserves to be a safe, youth friendly, environmentally attractive and economically prosperous region. We need more women on council, not just two. Come on Greater Shepparton, we can do better! As your councillor I would ensure a voice for all, including our senior citizens who have made our community what it is today. I can assure you of a compassionate and hard-working approach, with a vision for the future of our region. Competent, Caring and Committed. Vote I Seema for Greater Shepp

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**RAFIEE, Shoukat**

Dear ratepayers of greater Shepparton, my name is Shoukat Rafiee. I wish to contribute my best efforts to the wonderful multicultural area. I have lived for 9 years. My objective is to assist local residents to improve the standard of community services delivered here, especially local business and sports for young generation, ensuring good town planning outcomes, better roads, prompt multicultural relationship, safer neighbourhood, and gaining more local business. By profession I am an community worker and doing my own business and doing some interpreting work, and I am a family man I am married I have 3 kids, I am volunteering for multicultural communities. It is a great time for a change balanced representation! Vote I for Shoukat Rafiee, your voice for Greater Shepparton.

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**HAZELMAN, Chris**

Its time to stop the internal Council scandals. Its time to stop the waste of vast amounts of money on Council disputes that return absolutely nothing to the ratepayers. Its time to elect Councillors who can work as a team with senior management and the community to deliver a range of quality services that meet the needs and expectations of residents. Its time for the next Council to show leadership by building the partnership relationships with state and federal governments, with regional authorities, the Committee for Shepparton and our community to advocate strongly for the services that we need. Such as improved health services, better regional passenger rail, much better local road infrastructure, a revitalised CBD and investment in recreational and cultural facilities which collectively can facilitate a truly creative environment for Greater Shepparton. Government imposed rate capping is a good thing and will force Greater Shepparton to be more accountable and focus on delivering the core essential services to a high standard such as the public infrastructure we use on a daily basis including our deteriorating local road networks. Its time to think about a new beginning where the Council is working vigorously and solely for the public good.

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**PATTERSON, Sam**

I am renominating because I am truly excited about the future of Greater Shepparton and I would love to be part of the team of Councillors that are tasked with seeing this future transpire. Continuing to advance the opportunities for the municipality is foremost in my aims and as a team we need to drive it. Major ticket items like the bypass and train services still restrict our regions growth and we must continue to advocate strongly for these improvements. New infrastructure like the inland rail line to Brisbane and potential large scale solar farms are all projected opportunities for the region and we must continue to encourage investment. The talk is all but over for the Mall and I believe the answer is in a partial opening to traffic and parking while retaining some of the current aspects to promote a cafe culture. What this council needs is a group of Councillors that have vision for the future and a sense of what is right for the present. I have proven that I have the strength to stand up for what I believe is right and as a team member I can respect everyone's views.

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**PATANE, Sam**

I was born and raised in Shepparton and have operated my own business in the health and fitness industry for the past 19 years. During that time, I have gained a grass roots understanding of the needs and aspirations of the diverse community in which we live, work and call home. I hold a strong sense of community spirit with a high level of integrity and common sense. As a father, I desire a flourishing municipality and a healthy environment for future generations. I will take the steps to ensure that life is restored to the heart of the city. I see the revitalisation of the CBD, including the mall as a major priority. As a business owner, I understand the importance of spending locally to ensure a strong economy and keeping jobs in our community. I intend to be the voice of all people of our municipality. I will work towards minimising rate increases and trimming red tape to enhance growth and development. It is time for ratepayers to vote for change. I believe that the councillors need to work together as a team in conjunction with the public in order for Greater Shepparton to move forward and prosper.

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**LADSON, Ben**

I am a 30 year old local teacher tired of our council wasting rate-payer's money, continually increasing rates to make up for their shortfalls. Rate capping was brought in because council mentality was spend, spend, spend, which has seen residential rates almost triple in 10 years. I am against the proposed SAM and believe if enough like minded candidates are elected, it could be overturned. Greater Shepparton desperately needs a drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, and I would be pushing for a suitable site for ACSO in Greater Shepparton ASAP. Public toilets have also caused quite the stink in the region, amongst numerous other things controlled by council, all of which I'm happy to discuss. My vision for Greater Shepparton is one with happy and healthy residents, with our council continuing the great work of growing Greater Shepparton as a sporting hub in regional Victoria. I am passionate about encouraging people to make the most of the services on offer, such as the Activities in the Park program. Your vote for Ben Ladson is a vote for an honest, transparent candidate with a conservative approach. It's time to put a leash on council spending! Facebook @ Ben Ladson: 0417629780; ben.ladson@hotmail.com

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**LAWLOR, Mark**

Mark lives at Merrigum and has worked as a farmer, rural contractor and local government business systems sales executive. He spent 22 years serving the community on government boards in the Victorian Water Industry until 2013 and 5 years as Chairman of Goulburn Valley Water based in Shepparton. Mark also served a term as Chairman of the Victorian Water Industry Association representing all 19 corporations in Victoria to government and other agencies. Mark holds a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management, has been president of the Merrigum community group working cooperatively with Council, spent over 25 years as a CFA volunteer and has worked on Landcare projects in his local area. Mark believes the role of a Councillor includes providing sound governance, strategic direction and policy setting for the organisation and working to engender trusting and respectful relationships between Councillors, staff and the community. He believes the most important contribution the Council should provide is to describe an exciting vision for the regions future and to work steadily to achieve that vision. Mark looks forward to working with government at all levels particularly our newly elected Federal Member, Damian Drum to secure funding for projects like the freeway bypass for Shepparton.

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**LINTON, Darren Bruce**

Having closely watched council for a decade as a Shepparton News journalist, I now edit a national magazine in an unrelated field, which has removed any conflict. I have written often that people with the capacity to serve their community should seek election. It is easy to condemn and criticise, it is more important to try to make a positive contribution. I offer no more than this, a commitment to deal in facts and to make decisions based on the available evidence in the best interests of the majority of the community and the future prosperity of Greater Shepparton. Each Council decision, delay or dispute sends a message to the community. Over time confidence in the good governance of the municipality has been undermined which has a direct impact on important private sector decisions to invest and create jobs. Our Council needs nine members strong enough to make the right decisions, not the popular ones or those dictated by a noisy minority. No single issues, no wreckers, no expensive squabbles. We need sensible people with strong vision, good governance and a determination to drive prosperity. I put myself forward as one of those people and respectfully seek your vote.



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**MACKALI Nejat**

Our elders are neglected! We have a responsibility to ensure that our seniors receive the best of care, feel safe and respected at all times within their community. In dealing with the authorities for 25 years, one gains a conclusive insight into Council behaviour. My goal is to encourage further private and Government investment into the Goulburn Valley Region. Increasing housing stock and all associated care services to our seniors, is my reason for entering the Council Chamber - Elders First!

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**VAN DEN AKKER Troy**

Growing up I have always been passionate about Greater Shepparton, where after moving to study, I chose to return home to complete my Bachelor of Accounting. I have been an active member in organising events and with my passion for the region, I would love to have the opportunity to do more for the area. I am standing so that you can have your voice heard regarding this municipality. I will fight for hard rubbish pick up, work with industry professionals to become a leader in the fight against drugs by building a rehabilitation centre, develop more youth and multicultural education and events, work to further develop all our towns while not putting existing businesses at risk and work with those involved to find a solution in reviving the CBD. If elected I will fight to make sure that all decision are for the benefit of all Greater Shepparton residents. This is the time to bring in fresh ideas and bring a change for a better future while maintaining the core values that built this region. If this is what you're looking for in a candidate, then Vote 1 Troy Van Den Akker.

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**TEASDALE Diane**

If we are to prosper again Shepparton and all small surrounding towns must be encouraged to support local business so that they can create sustainable employment for our young families. Shepparton and district needs to re-focus. My family helped build Shepparton into a great place to live and work and I would like to help rebuild and make it great again. Having attended Council meetings for many years I believe we must put the local back in Local Government. Wasting the hard earned money of ratepayers needs to stop, as does the power given to the CEO and staff to spend without the knowledge or approval of Council. Spending needs to be carefully monitored so that maintenance enables better value for all money spent. I do not support the development of the Art Museum. I will work towards more accessible cleaner toilets and well maintained public gardens, using local people. I will work to convince Councillors to gift part of the freight centre land to develop a drug rehabilitation centre. We are a diverse racial mix but if we live as one culture in one nation we can also have harmony. It is up to you if you want change.

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**SUTTON Shelley**

Less talk more listening and more action is what I promise. I will explore ways to remove the parking meters and bring the CBD alive again. I will investigate how to fast track projects for a greater local economy and greater future for absolutely everyone. I will encourage new businesses to move to Greater Shepparton by working with them and offering incentives that will meet their requirements when economically feasible. This will create more jobs and more opportunity for everyone. Greater Shepparton has exceptional potential, we just need a proactive, big thinking Council with big picture thinking and actions. I have spoken to many ratepayers and they have told me what they want and that is real value for their rates and real results that will make for a Greater Shepparton. Our Council can be great but only if you vote in the candidates with confirmed skills. I have run businesses, I have worked in Council and I have travelled and seen what works. I will be your Council contact, I will listen to you and I will help you. Vote for me and make Greater Shepparton even greater. Please don't hesitate to phone me on 0438553429

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**SUMAILI Rashidi**

My family and I are proud to call Shepparton home for the last 11 years. I am highly involved in community service and am project Manager for Future Voices Incorporated, a critical program supporting young people to close the unemployment gap. Inspired by my Christian values, I am strongly committed to achieving social justice. I seek your support to serve the community and to build a stronger, vibrant and more connected municipality, whilst maintaining financial sustainability, transparency and accountability in Council's decision-making. My professional and educational background well equip me to serve as a Councillor. I hold a Bachelor of Human Services. In Africa I was a school teacher and also managed the family's mineral (gold) and fishery business. I have participated in leadership programs such as Victoria University Leadership and Fairley Leadership. I have extensive experience as a board member and have recently been appointed to the Hume regional Advisory Council to the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship. As your Councillor, I will stand up for social issues, take a community based approach to decision-making and fight for our region's economic future. Understanding international trends and opportunities supports the expansion of tourism, industry, farming innovations and social enterprise development.

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**SUMMER Fern**

I'm Fern Summer, local nurse and Councillor for the last four years. I'm running for a second term because I believe ratepayers deserve to be heard. Too often Councillor decisions are made behind closed doors, but with me, what you see is what you get. I was integral in establishing Shepparton's first off-leash dog park and was the only dissenting Councillor who spoke up against the Shepparton Art Museum (SAM). I've developed a thick skin and feel I've become an effective, experienced and transparent representative - someone who can challenge Council recommendations to deliver better community outcomes. Costly investigations, restructures and school-yard bickering have gotten in the way of good decision making. Council has enormous capacity for positive change but tend to support those in bubbles made by an elite few. We must prioritise community groups, social services, small towns, footpaths around schools, empowerment of young people and small business infrastructure. With the right team, Council can achieve all of this and more, but that depends on your vote. We must elect ratepayers who can break the chain of corporate control and move forward together as a proud and prosperous collective. Please contact me on Facebook, Twitter, visit my website [www.fernsummer.com](http://www.fernsummer.com) and Vote SUMMER.

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**DAY,  
Tom**

Dear residents of Greater Shepparton my name is Thomas Day. As a young Aboriginal man I want to work closely with our community to create a place we are all proud to call home, one where all residents can actively participate in its growth towards an improved future. My vision for our community is one of prosperity where all residents voices are heard and acted upon. I have the energy and enthusiasm to represent the people of Greater Shepparton. My objective is to be a voice for the voiceless, towards the improvement of the standard of our community in the areas of good town planning, job creation and economic development. Together lets ensure that the overall wellbeing of our community is our number one priority and that our community is represented through a well thought out, well balanced, grass roots approach. Now is the time for more action and less talk.

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**SMULLEN,  
Fran**

Greater Shepparton has been my lifetime home; a place that has grown a lot since my childhood, a place that has shaped me, my interests, my family and my work. For over thirty years I have been a social worker in not-for-profit health and wellbeing organisations, and in private practice. My background in social work and community development enables a deep understanding of factors that impact on individuals, families and communities. Experience and knowledge of the city's social context, are key strengths. I bring as a candidate to council, primary values underpinning my practice include integrity, honesty, respect for others, and social justice. I am a good listener and a strong advocate, qualifying me to be a committed councillor. My vision is of a municipality of opportunity for everyone, proud to belong and call Greater Shepparton home, where safe and attractive community spaces, and economic opportunities are shared. My business practice is flexible allowing time and energy to devote to council responsibilities. If elected, I bring a commitment to work collaboratively with fellow councillors, contributing to an informed decision-making process based on research, genuine community consultation and commonsense to ensure Greater Sheppartons prosperity into the future. Community, Inclusiveness, Diversity

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**ADEM,  
Dinny**

I was born in Shepparton, and live with my wife Rita on a rural property in Shepparton East. I have two daughters, and two granddaughters. Raised on a farm, I have also worked for large retail corporations, as well as owning and operating family owned businesses. My vision is to advance Greater Sheppartons national and international reputation, as a producer of world-class agricultural products. A thriving economy based on water security and jobs for all, can establish Greater Shepparton as the most liveable regional city in Australia. After two years on Council, one as Mayor, I feel I have offered an independent, considered and balanced view to all matters before Council, resulting in a more settled and focused organisation. With a strong sense of social justice, and a genuine empathy for the individual, I encourage and support community input into all Council matters, so the voices of all may be heard. My goal for Council is to become even more transparent and accountable; with robust but respectable debate to ensure responsible decision making for the genuine greater good. I seek your vote to allow me to diligently continue my hard work towards making Greater Shepparton, Victoria's premier regional city.

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**SYED,  
Imran**

I am running for council because I love Shepparton. Putting Shepparton first means putting the people in our community first, because they are the essence of the community. I chose Shepparton to live and raise my family, I am proud to call Shepparton home, and I am committed to protecting and improving the community that I live in. This town needs a drastic new approach, before its too late. If we do things the way that theyve always been done, then things will remain the way that theyve always been. I will work towards less wastage of rate payers money, education, youth engagement and employment, better services for migrants and senior citizens, shelter for domestic violence victims, revitalising Shepparton CBD, funding public housing and inclusive community development. It takes someone with the vision to lead Shepparton to sound management and prosperity. I can fulfil those needs with my experience in health care, not-for-profit sector, community and leadership development. I have also served as Victoria police chaplain and AFL Multicultural ambassador. I will represent your interests. I will listen and be accountable to you. Vote I Imran Syed this October, and youll be voting a promising new future for this town.

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**LITTLE,  
Bruce William**

I have resided in Shepparton for 50 years. During that time I have been the managing director of three very successful companies. I would like to see Shepparton given a good spring clean. The footpaths are a mess, if elected I would be the councillor for the working man, and for the person with common sense, you are the ratepayer, you are in charge, for major issues the council should go to the ratepayers for their opinion. The council should be more transparent and should not hold meetings behind closed doors. I would also like to see the hot line to the legal advisors, good and bad, torn out.

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**KELLY,  
Jason Marcus**

Having lived in Greater Shepparton for the majority of my life, I am passionate about our community, the people who live in it and the many opportunities we have to make Shepparton an even greater place to live. In order to fully realise our enormous potential, the people of Greater Shepparton have a unique opportunity at this election to choose nine councillors who will work together as a team to achieve a shared vision for the betterment of the entire community. An opportunity to elect nine like-minded representatives who will freely debate issues but ultimately support the consensus without the bickering and infighting that results in negative public perceptions. As a member on many boards and committees of educational, sporting and advocate organisations across Greater Shepparton, I have the governance knowledge and collegiate approach to work with fellow councillors and staff to achieve our goals. It is time to diminish the red tape that currently hinders our development and stop the waste of money on outside consultants and unnecessary internal investigations agreed to by a select few, well away from public scrutiny. I possess the team-oriented leadership and vision needed, right now on our council. Vote 1. Jason Kelly.



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**MOORE,  
Brett**

Honest, transparent and decisive is the type of council Greater Shepparton needs. I have a Bachelor of Business and Diploma of Education. I have worked as a Financial Accountant for a Publicly Listed Company with income over a \$100 million. I was required to prepare the multi-departmental annual budget so I can easily identify where the waste is hidden in a budget. I am currently employed as a Bank Manager where everyday I analyse information, talk to people and take action these are the skills I can bring to the Council. Safe, vibrant and progressive is the type of community where my wife and I want our 4 young children aged 4 to 14 years to grow up, obtain their education surrounded by friends and family then gain employment of their choice in Greater Shepparton.

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**SCHUBERT,  
Rod**

Its your money! The rate money is your money and when your rates are invested with Council you must demand a real return on your rate investment! Lets share the money my goal is to ensure all towns receive fair share funding lets make every town great! This is not a popularity contest! Shepparton is set to be great, so you must vote wisely and only those candidates who have a proven skill set that our Council needs. I have a proven track record of turning poor performing businesses into great businesses! I have business sense, common sense and a vested interest in our city and towns. I'll make the tough decisions! Delete the waste and trim the fat our Council has wasted millions of dollars of your money on foolish investigations and expensive consultants. I will trim the fat and delete the waste! I will cut the red tape and install systems that fast tracks progress for business, developers, permits, clubs, and every ratepayer! Big business, big events Greater Shepparton can be the event and business capital of regional Victoria. I ask for your vote to make this happen and happen fast!

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**HANCOCK,  
Brett William**

Brett Hancock Sales Executive at Chikott Real Estate, Senior Vice President Goulburn Valley Umpires Association and Head coach for the AFL Diversity Academy Shepparton. Like many other members of the community I have complained that council is not listening to us. I'm therefore keen to play my part in the future direction of Greater Shepparton. We need to promote new business and industry to Greater Shepparton. The high speed rail and Shepparton East West bypass needs to be a priority to increase safety in the CBD. While spending wisely in the current rate capping environment to insure the development of the community. Putting the mail under cover with solar panels as the roof structure to met the green house emission targets. Parking is the single biggest issue affecting people's willingness to shop in the CBD. Our diverse culture should be embraced and their ideas actively listened to. Youth unemployment is a major problem. Work shops for contractors on how to submit tenders for local and State government contracts. Green bins are a total disaster and a rate increase by stealth, a tax discouraging composting at home. Council needs to be more efficient and more transparent.

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**HOULIHAN,  
Jenny**

The knowledge and relationships I have established during my three terms on Council are considerable and I look forward to using that experience to assist the next council. Some projects that I have worked to achieve are the redevelopment of Victoria Park Lake, Community Plans for every town, Aquamoves Water Splash Park, Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton, Chinese Gardens in Monash Park, more detailed information in council meeting agendas, improved consultation to ensure all communities are heard and the establishment of the Women's Charter Alliance Committee. My role as Mayor for 4 years, including representation on regional bodies, allowed me to advocate for Greater Shepparton in a wider context. My major goals for the next four years will be to support our industries and agriculture (including water security); support community plans and aspirations; value and protect our rivers and bushland; increase tourism, continually improve public open space (parks, botanic gardens and shared pathways); increase support for maternal and child health; support the development of Shepparton's CBD (including the Mall as a pedestrian-friendly food, cafe, and arts precinct); increase the use of solar energy and support our rural and urban heritage. Find me on Facebook. Email: [jennyhoulihan@gmail.com](mailto:jennyhoulihan@gmail.com)

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**GIOVANETTI,  
Bruce**

I'm Bruce Giovanetti, I'll cut the waste and I'll get business moving back to Shepparton. I have spoken to many ratepayers in Shepparton and they've told me what they want. They want better value for their rates, and they want Council to cut the waste, cut the red tape and they want Councillors who will stand up for the ratepayers and not just be a rubber stamp. Council has too many costly consultants, too many costly investigations and too many costly white elephants, like the \$16 million dollars wasted so far on the GV Link. We must cut the red tape to allow business to grow, to employ more of our own young people! I have a proven track record as a CEO in the Health & Disability industries, I have the experience of being a Councillor. I do have the skill set and I will work to create a united Council team. Shepparton is set to be great, and with your vote you have my word that I will do my very best to fast track success for you.

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**OROSZVARY,  
Les**

I have lived in Greater Shepparton for almost 29 years. I am married with adult children and have grandchildren. I am a current councillor and am seeking re-election for my 2nd term. I've smashed through some roadblocks and I've got some runs on the board but I don't kid myself there's more hard work to be done. So together let's roll the sleeves up and finish what we started. I have unfinished business. My first term was littered with wasteful investigations launched by people attacking my integrity. They are gone I am still here. What I continue to bring in my second term if elected is integrity, honesty, accountability, passion, leadership and knowledge. I know the problems I can fix them and I have an unshakable belief in the great future of our community. I can work with anyone and everyone that has the community first last and always in their decision making. I have no single issue agenda but believe in the fairer rates principle under rate capping, tackling the issues of better health, education and sporting facilities, greater incentives and encouragement to capture new industry, remove red tape, challenge process listen to the community and use commonsense.

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**BROPHY,  
Anthony**

Anthony Brophy for Greater Shepparton Leadership, Integrity, Common sense. I am passionate about my community. The Greater Shepparton community that I have lived, worked and volunteered in virtually all my life. My work experience in government, retail and service industries has provided me with the sound foundations needed to take on the role of Councillor for Greater Shepparton. Backed up by volunteer roles, such as Chair and President of various educational and sporting boards, committees and associations in our region, it has provided me with a vast network and an understanding of what is needed to strengthen and grow Greater Shepparton. I will dedicate myself to transparent, accountable and strong governance. Imperative to this is the relationships between Council and the community, built on trust, and where solutions are developed together. I will work towards improving processes of consultation to ensure that all voices are heard. My experience to advocate to at all levels of government and the corporate sector will enable me to fight for greater investment in our community. We need sustainable and concentrated economic development. We need better Council engagement with business, farmers and residents. We need change. With your vote, I can become the change we need!

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**O'KEEFE,  
Kim**

The community is frustrated and disappointed with the current council with rate payers money wasted on pointless investigations, and a council that is not united. It is time for change and time to get the right team of people working hard to get this community back on track. I know I can lift this community with my results driven attitude, business experience, and passion to support my community. I have lived in Shepparton all of my life and I am the 5th generation. I am married to Brendan, I have two daughters Emma and Olivia. I have ran my own business for 28 years in the service and training industry. My husbands menswear business is 60 years old and my daughter Emma opened a women's fitness centre 2 years ago. We have invested our lives and future in a town we love and believe in. I am a volunteer for look good feel better for women with cancer, and previously for the make a wish foundation and the shine program for teenagers. I also recently ran a successful fundraiser for the dairy farming industry. I have made a difference in the community. I will make a difference on council.



**Appendix 7: Daily breakdown of the general mail out**

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4 October 2016	5 October 2016	6 October 2016	Total
15,295	15,295	14,396	44,986

**Appendix 8: Result information**

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<b>Enrolment:</b>	44,971
<b>Formal votes:</b>	30,786
<b>Informal votes:</b>	4,195 (11.99% of the total ballot papers)
<b>Voter turnout:</b>	34,981 (77.79% of the total enrolment)

Candidates (in ballot paper order)	First preference votes	Percentage
NEFF, Steve	1,017	3.30%
ABDULLAH, Seema	1,536	4.99%
RAFIEE, Shoukat	219	0.71%
HAZELMAN, Chris	1,408	4.57%
PATTERSON, Dennis	1,798	5.84%
PATANE, Sam	569	1.85%
LADSON, Ben	993	3.23%
LAWLOR, Mark	1,019	3.31%
LINTON, Darren Bruce	627	2.04%
MACKALI, Nejat	82	0.27%
VAN DEN AKKER, Troy	170	0.55%
TEASDALE, Diane	500	1.62%
SUTTON, Shelley	1,319	4.28%
SUMAILI, Rashidi	385	1.25%
SUMMER, Fern	2,318	7.53%
DAY, Tom	351	1.14%
SMULLEN, Fran	470	1.53%
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ADEM, Dinny	1,800	5.85%
SYED, Imran	633	2.06%
LITTLE, Bruce William	266	0.86%
KELLY, Jason Marcus	554	1.80%
MOORE, Dallas	837	2.72%
SCHUBERT, Rod	1,186	3.85%
HANCOCK, Brett William	415	1.35%
HOULIHAN, Jenny	1,670	5.42%
GIOVANETTI, Bruce	2,223	7.22%
OROSZVARY, Les	1,897	6.16%
BROPHY, Anthony	937	3.04%
O'KEEFFE, Kim	3,587	11.65%

#### Successful candidates

- O'KEEFFE, Kim (1st elected candidate)
- SUMMER, Fern (2nd elected candidate)
- ABDULLAH, Seema (3rd elected candidate)
- GIOVANETTI, Bruce (4th elected candidate)
- PATTERSON, Dennis (5th elected candidate)
- OROSZVARY, Les (6th elected candidate)
- ADEM, Dinny (7th elected candidate)
- SUTTON, Shelley (8th elected candidate)
- HAZELMAN, Chris (9th elected candidate)

**Appendix 9: Election participation statistics**

Greater Shepparton City Council election		
Enrolment category	Participation Note participation records marks on roll and can vary from turnout (total ballot papers counted)	Statewide postal election comparator for 2016 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council)
Voters enrolled through section 12 of the LG Act	80.87%	78.51%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aged 18 to 69 years old on election day</li> </ul>	80.80%	78.28%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aged 70 years and over on election day</li> </ul>	81.20%	79.73%
Voters enrolled through sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	39.74%	55.54%
<b>Council total</b>	<b>78.84%</b>	<b>75.67%</b>



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