



ELECTION REPORT

Greater Shepparton City Council

General Elections 2012

To Greater Shepparton City Council

Pursuant to clause 14 of Schedule 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, I submit this report on the Greater Shepparton City Council General Elections 2012.

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Introduction

On Monday, 23 July 2012, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) was appointed by Greater Shepparton City Council to conduct the election. Election day was specified as the fourth Saturday in October — Saturday, 27 October 2012.

About the Victorian Electoral Commission

The VEC is an independent and impartial statutory authority established under the *Electoral Act 2002*. The VEC conducts Victorian State elections, local council 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.

Although the VEC has a statutory responsibility to provide enrolment information for the preparation and maintenance of the municipal voters roll, the VEC is not the statutory service provider for local council elections. The VEC's local council election services are offered pursuant to clause 1(2)(c) of Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), whereby councils may appoint an electoral commission to conduct their election. The VEC has worked in partnership with Victorian local councils to develop its local council election services over the last 20 years and has conducted all local council General Elections in Victoria since 2004.

The Acting Electoral Commissioner is Ms Liz Williams.

About the City of Greater Shepparton

The City of Greater Shepparton is an unsubdivided municipality with a total of seven councillors.



The election

Voting in the election closed at 6.00pm on Friday, 26 October 2012. The key dates involved with the election were:

Exhibition roll date	Thursday, 19 July 2012
Roll exhibition period	Monday, 27 August 2012 to Friday, 31 August 2012
Entitlement date	4.00pm on Friday, 31 August 2012
Certification of the municipal voters roll	Thursday, 20 September 2012
Opening of nominations	Thursday, 20 September 2012
Close of nominations	12 noon on Tuesday, 25 September 2012
Close of statements and photographs	12 noon on Wednesday, 26 September 2012
Close of indication of preferences	12 noon on Friday, 28 September 2012
Dispatch of ballot material	Tuesday, 9 October 2012 to Thursday, 11 October 2012
Close of voting	6.00pm on Friday, 26 October 2012
Election day	Saturday, 27 October 2012
Declaration of the results	3.00pm on Monday, 29 October 2012

Municipal voters roll

The VEC was engaged by Greater Shepparton City Council to prepare the municipal voters roll. The VEC appointed Mr Paul Strickland as the Registrar for the preparation of the municipal voters roll.

The Registrar was responsible for merging the voters roll, preparing the exhibition roll, correcting any duplicates, errors or omissions identified during the production of the roll, preparing the roll for certification by the Chief Executive Officer, and finally, providing the roll to the Chief Executive Officer for certification and to the Returning Officer for the purposes of conducting the election.

Composition of the roll

The Act specifies that the municipal voters roll for a council 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 94.40 percent of the Council's municipal voters roll.

- 2. The Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) List of council entitled voters.**

The CEO's List made up 5.60 percent of the Council's municipal voters roll.

Exhibition of the roll

The exhibition roll was on display at one location from Monday, 27 August 2012 to 4.00pm on Friday, 31 August 2012. The display location nominated by Council was Greater Shepparton City Council offices.

Entitlement date

The entitlement date for the election was at 4.00pm on Friday, 31 August 2012. After the entitlement date, any updates to the roll received from Council were applied to the roll. The roll was also updated to reflect any changes to the Victorian electoral roll since the production of the exhibition roll.

Certification of the roll

On Thursday, 20 September 2012, in accordance with section 24(6) of the Act, the Chief Executive Officer of Greater Shepparton City Council certified that the municipal voters roll had been prepared in accordance with the Act. The certified voters roll was then made available for public inspection at the Council's offices until 30 days after the election.

A copy of the voters roll on CD was also available to each candidate after signing the declaration on the nomination form. The declaration requires each candidate to only use the roll for the purpose of conducting their election campaign and it — along with any copies made of it — must be destroyed or returned (to the Chief Executive Officer) within 30 days of the declaration of the result of the election.

Roll statistics

The municipal voters roll for the election was comprised of 43,372 voters, including:

EC's List	CEO's List	Total
40,944	2,428	43,372

Advertising and communications

Public notices

The Act requires the following public notices to be published at prescribed times during the election timeline:

- a notice of entitlement;
- a notice of election;
- voting details advertisement; and
- a notice of the results of the election.

Greater Shepparton City Council also required a voting reminder notice, which was published in addition to the statutory requirements.

The newspapers nominated by Council were *Shepparton Adviser*, *Shepparton News*, and *Tatura Guardian*.

A sample of each public notice is shown in **Appendix 1**.

Appearance schedule of public notices		
Notice	Newspaper	Publication date
Notice of entitlement	<i>Shepparton Adviser</i> <i>Shepparton News</i> <i>Tatura Guardian</i>	Wednesday, 8 August
Notice of election	<i>Shepparton Adviser</i> <i>Shepparton News</i> <i>Tatura Guardian</i>	Wednesday, 5 September
Voting details	<i>Shepparton Adviser</i> <i>Shepparton News</i> <i>Tatura Guardian</i>	Wednesday, 3 October
Reminder notice	<i>Shepparton Adviser</i> <i>Shepparton News</i> <i>Tatura Guardian</i>	Wednesday, 17 October
Notice of results	<i>Shepparton Adviser</i> <i>Shepparton News</i> <i>Tatura Guardian</i>	Wednesday, 14 November

Statewide advertising

The VEC conducted a statewide advertising campaign to complement the statutory advertising campaign. This program concentrated on maximising the promotion of local council 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.

VEC website

All information and notices regarding the election featured on the VEC's website through a dedicated webpage specific to Council (vec.vic.gov.au/sheppartonelection.html). Content was updated at each phase of the election cycle and included information about:

- enrolment;
- inspecting and objecting to errors in voters lists;
- nominating for election;
- applying to redirect a ballot pack;
- requesting a replacement ballot pack; and
- election results.

Placemats

The VEC prepared laminated, A3-sized election information guides (placemats) for the Council's reception and telephone staff to use when answering questions from the public. The first placemat related to the enrolment period and was provided to Council on Monday, 4 June 2012. The second, which replaced the first and related to voting during the election period, was provided in the week beginning Monday, 17 September 2012. The electronic files of both placemats were also provided to the Council.

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 (CALD) 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 Vision Australia centres across the State. Braille and large print ballot material was also available on request.

CALD services

The VEC engaged the Victorian Interpreting and Language Services' (VITS) 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. See *Ballot material* for information on the VEC's multi-language voting instruction leaflet.

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. The VEC organised two media briefing sessions for early September. Media outlets from across Victoria were invited to attend, either in person at the VEC's head office in Melbourne or they could dial in to a conference call.

Media outlets were provided with a media information booklet that outlined the timetable, key messages, and the VEC's head office media contacts. The VEC's communication team supported the Returning Officer who was the primary media spokesperson for the Council's election.

Media releases relating to Greater Shepparton City Council General Election 2012	
Headline	Release date
Enrolling to vote at the 2012 Greater Shepparton City Council election	Wednesday, 8 August 2012
Cut off date for enrolment fast approaching	Friday, 24 August 2012
Call for candidates to stand for Greater Shepparton City Council	Monday, 10 September 2012
Postal election for Greater Shepparton City Council	Tuesday, 11 September 2012
Ballot papers reaching voters this week	Monday, 8 October 2012
Voting closing for Greater Shepparton City Council election	Monday, 22 October 2012

Telephone enquiry service

The Returning Officer operated a local telephone enquiry service from Wednesday, 19 October 2012 until the close of voting at 6.00pm on Friday, 26 October 2012. The types of calls received were relating to:

- voting entitlements and compulsory voting 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 that were directly to the VEC's head office line (131 VEC or 131 832) and diverted calls where the Returning Officer's telephone enquiry service lines were busy.

Figure 1 shows the number of telephone calls that were recorded by the Election Office telephone enquiry service and those received at the overflow call centre that were tagged as relating to Council during their operation.

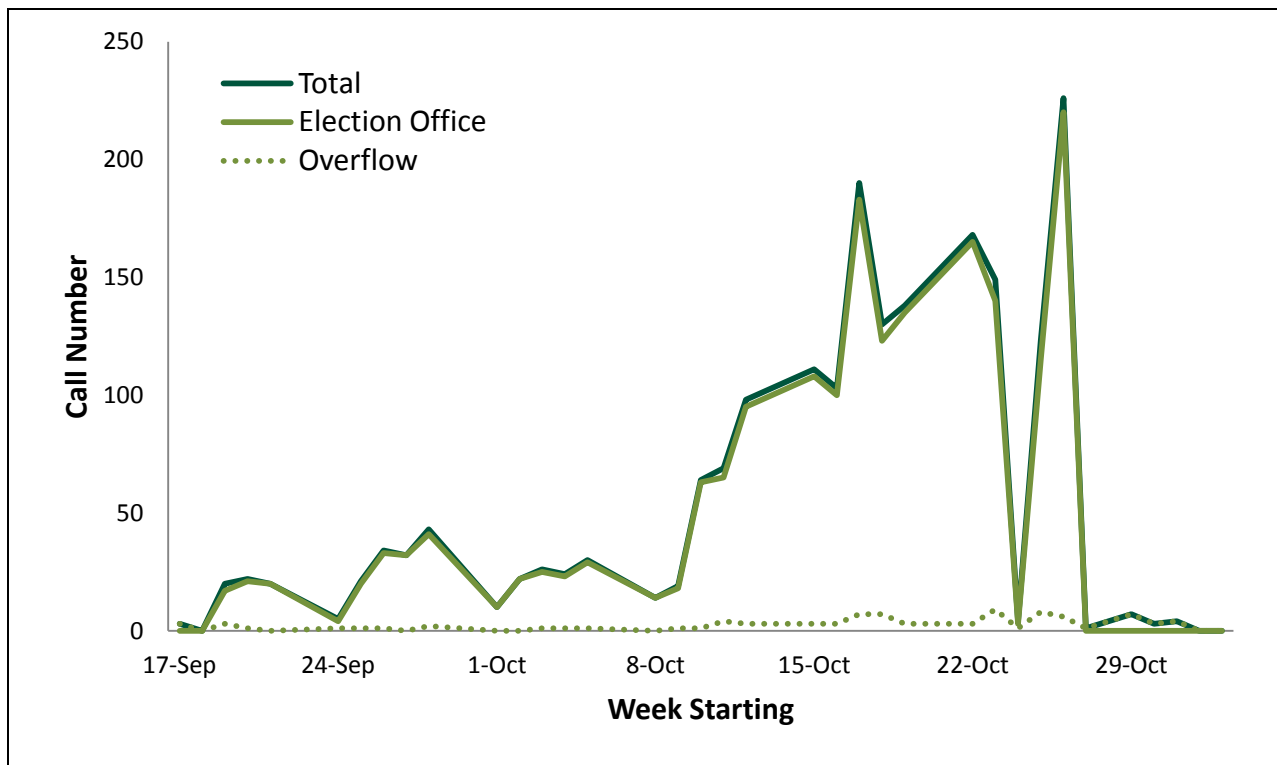


Figure 1. Telephone enquiries received by the Returning Officer telephone enquiry service and the overflow call centre that were tagged as relating to Greater Shepparton City Council (by date).

Interpreter services for non-English language speakers were available through VITS. The election office for the 2012 elections received five calls utilising this service.

Returning Officer

In accordance with clause 1(2)(c) of Schedule 2 of the Act, the VEC appointed Mick Bastian as the Returning Officer for the Greater Shepparton City Council General Election 2012. Mr Bastian was selected from the VEC's group of fully trained senior election officials.

Deputy Returning Officer

In accordance with clause 1(3) of Schedule 2 of the Act, the Returning Officer appointed Jane Ezard as Deputy Returning Officer for the election.

Election office

The election office was leased by the VEC and was located at 2/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton. The office opened to the public on Wednesday, 19 September 2012 and closed at 5.00pm on Monday, 31 October 2012. The business hours for the election office were 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, except Thursday, 25 October 2012 (9.00am to 8.00pm) and Friday, 26 October 2012 (9.00am to 6.00pm). The election office was open on Monday, 29 October 2012 for any late election enquiries.

Candidates

Candidate information

The Returning Officer conducted one information session for prospective candidates at 6.30pm on Monday, 17 September 2012. The session was conducted at Council Board Room, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton. Approximately five people attended the information session.

A candidate information kit was prepared and made available to prospective candidates at the information session, from the election office, and by request over the telephone. The kit included:

- a copy of the VEC's *Candidate Handbook* and *Scrutineer Handbook*;
- a nomination form;
- a form for the appointment and declaration of a scrutineer;
- a form for submitting a candidate statement and indication of preferences;
- sample candidate statement leaflet;
- a pamphlet produced by Local Government Victoria with information on candidates' legal obligations;
- a sample form for the election campaign donation return; and,
- key election dates.

Online candidate helper

An online candidate helper was available on the VEC's website from Friday, 14 September 2012. The helper allowed prospective candidates to pre-populate their nomination and candidate statement lodgement forms and, once a ballot order was determined, their indication of preferences lodgement form. Forms completed online could be saved and/or printed before lodging each form with the Returning Officer (in person).

A high number of candidates completed their forms through the online candidate helper. A unique barcode included on the pre-populated form could be scanned by the Returning Officer and data uploaded into the election management system to save candidates time when processing these forms at the election office.

Nominations

Nominations opened at 9.00am on Thursday, 20 September 2012 and closed at 12 noon on Tuesday, 25 September 2012. The Returning Officer received 26 nominations (listed below).

The Returning Officer was responsible for the receipt of each candidate's \$250 nomination fee. The nomination fee was held in a special bank account for the duration of the election period. The nomination fee was refunded to each candidate that was elected and/or received at least four percent of the total first preference votes ((schedule 3 s 24(b)) see 'Post-election activities').

Following the close of nominations, a ballot draw was conducted to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot paper. The draw was conducted using the VEC's randomised computer animated ballot draw application.

The candidates¹ were as follows:

Candidates
BARIMA, Eugenie
OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander
SKINNER, Andrew
LITTLE, Bruce William
LONGO, Leonard
HAZELMAN, Chris
HOPSON, James
POLAN, Michael
TRICARICO, Tyler
O'CONNELL, Pat
CHRISTOE, Ian
BUTLER, Noel
PARAMESWARAN, Menon
PATON, David
ADEM, Dinny
PATTERSON, Dennis
FALSETTA, Adrian
SUMMER, Fern
RADITSAS, Leanne
HOULIHAN, Jenny
RYAN, Kevin Gunna
KELLY, Jason Marcus
SANDFORD, Llew
MUTO, Milvan
CASSISE, Tony
TEASDALE, Diane

Candidates' statements and indications of preferences

The period of the lodgement of candidates' 150 word personal statements and photographs closed at 12 noon on Wednesday, 26 September 2012. The period for the lodgement of candidates' indications of preferences closed at 12 noon on Friday, 28 September 2012.

The candidates' statements, photographs, and indications of preferences were published in a leaflet attached to the ballot paper in the same order as the candidates' names appeared on the ballot paper. Where a candidate did not submit a statement, photograph or indication of preferences this was clearly indicated on the leaflet.

¹ Where an election was contested at the close of nominations, the candidates are listed in ballot paper order.

Record of submission of candidates' statements, photographs, and indications of preferences			
Candidates	Candidate statement	Photograph	Indication of preferences
26	25	25	26

Ballot material

Ballot pack contents

Each ballot pack for the 2012 election contained a ballot paper, candidate statement leaflet, multi-language voting instruction leaflet, ballot paper envelope, and a reply-paid envelope.

Ballot paper

The ballot papers produced for the election were printed on marked security paper. The ballot paper listed the candidates in ballot paper order as determined at the ballot draw. The ballot paper was joined to the candidate statement leaflet by perforations, making it easy for the voter to remove and return to the Returning Officer in the supplied envelopes.

A sample of the ballot paper is provided in **Appendix 2**.

Candidate statement leaflets

The leaflet included information to voters about the election and the personal statements lodged by candidates accompanied by their photograph and indication of preferences (where applicable). The candidates were listed in ballot paper order. Standardised formatting applied to the printing of each personal statement.

A sample of the candidate statement leaflet is provided in **Appendix 3**.

Multi-language voting instruction leaflet

Council requested that a multi-language voting instruction leaflet accompany the ballot material mailed to voters. The leaflet contained voting instructions in 20 languages, other than English, and the phone numbers for the telephone interpreting service.

Ballot paper envelope

The VEC provided an opaque ballot paper envelope for the return of each voter's completed ballot paper. The ballot paper envelope featured a declaration flap, on which the name of the Council, the voter's name and entitlement address (except for silent electors), the voter's postal address (if different) was printed, and the barcode and voter entitlement code to assist with marking the voter off the voters roll. The declaration flap included the space for the voter to sign and date the declaration to certify that they were the voter named on the envelope, they had enclosed their completed ballot paper in the envelope, and they had not already voted in the election.

Additionally the name of the Council was printed below the envelope flap to assist in recognising the council should the flap have been removed by the voter or during the extraction process.

Reply-paid envelope

The reply-paid envelope was designed to securely allow pre-sorted return of the ballot paper envelope. The reply-paid envelope could be posted at any Australia Post post box in Australia. Coloured thumbprints matching the colour of the ballot paper were printed on the outside of the reply-paid envelope to assist in identifying any missorted mail.

Voting

Redirection of ballot material

The Returning Officer received seven applications for ballot material redirection by the close of redirections on roll certification day.

Early votes

The Returning Officer issued 39 early votes before the general mail out of ballot packs.

General mail out

Ballot packs for all voters enrolled on the Greater Shepparton City Council municipal voters roll were lodged with Australia Post and mailed out at random between Tuesday, 9 October and Thursday, 11 October 2012. Ballot packs were posted to no more than 35 percent of voters on any one day during the mail out period. Of the 43,372 voters on the roll, there was one voter with incomplete postal details or had died since the entitlement date.

Tuesday, 9 October 2012	Wednesday, 10 October 2012	Thursday, 11 October 2012	Total
14,746	14,746	13,879	43,371

Replacement votes

The Returning Officer issued 720 replacement ballot packs. Replacement votes were issued to voters who notified the Returning Officer that their ballot material had been lost, spoilt, destroyed, or not received.

Unenrolled declaration votes

The Returning Officer issued six unenrolled declaration votes. Unenrolled declaration votes were issued to persons whose name could not be found on the Council municipal voters roll and who believed that they were entitled to be enrolled for this election. The ballot pack included a special ballot paper envelope with declaration flap.

When the unenrolled declaration vote was returned, the information on the declaration flap was sent to Council and the VEC to check the person's voting entitlement. Only once their entitlement was confirmed could the returned ballot paper envelope be admitted to the count by the Returning Officer.

Return of ballot paper envelopes

The VEC established a reply paid service through Australia Post to ensure mail was pre-sorted on return. Returned mail could be collected or delivered from a postal facility or distribution centre close to the election office. Ballot paper envelopes could also be hand-delivered directly to the election office.

The Returning Officer received 35,337 returned ballot paper envelopes by the close of voting at 6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012. Each returned ballot paper envelope was progressively recorded, checked for the presence of a signature, and marked off the Council roll. The returned ballot paper envelopes were stored securely until the close of voting.

Any ballot paper envelopes not signed by the voter or, in the case of unenrolled declaration votes, not accepted by the Council and/or VEC, were set aside and not admitted to the count.

Figure 2 records the return of ballot paper envelopes from the mail out period until the close of voting at 6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012.

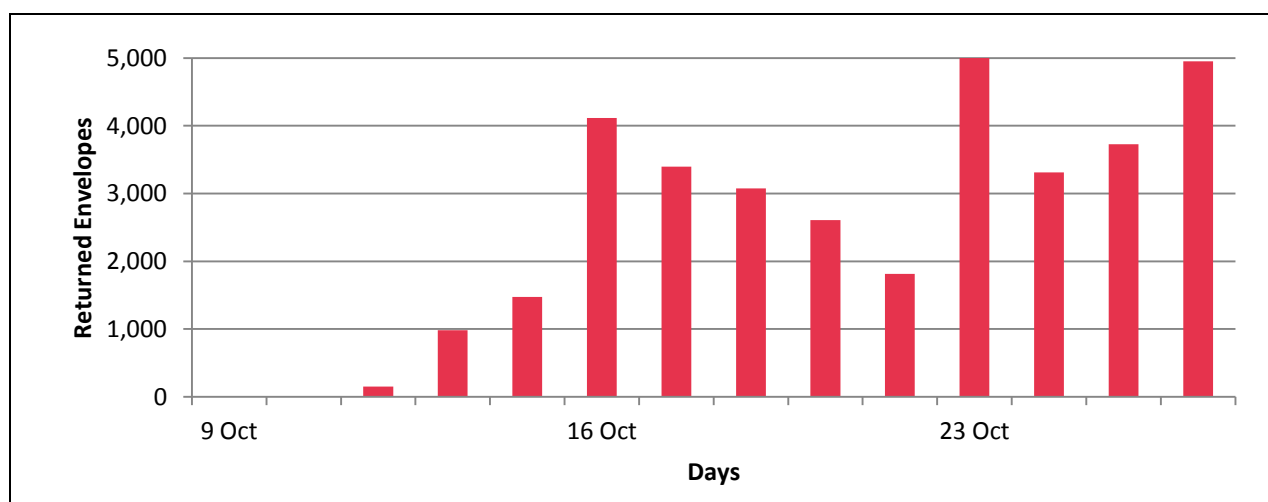


Figure 2. Returned ballot paper envelopes from Wednesday, 10 October to Friday, 26 October 2012.

The return of ballot paper envelopes can also be broken down into the categories of voters based on their entitlement as shown in the table below. The figures include all ballot paper envelopes marked as returned whether or not they proceeded to further scrutiny.

Entitlement	Returned (%)
State enrolled voters (enrolled through section 12 of the Act)	82.6%
— aged 18 – 69 years old on election day	83.6%
— aged 70 years and over on election day	77.3%
Council enrolled voters (enrolled through sections 13-16 of the Act)	54.9%
Municipality total	81.1%

A further 726 ballot paper envelopes were received in the week following the close of voting. These ballot paper envelopes were securely stored and were not opened by the Returning Officer. Ballot papers returned after the close of voting cannot be admitted to the count.

By the close of voting at 6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012, 1,015 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

The extraction of ballot papers occurred at the Council Board Room, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton from 9.00am on Saturday, 27 October 2012.

The process of removing flaps containing voters' details and extracting ballot papers from the envelopes was structured to maintain voter anonymity and ensure ballot paper accountability.

Computer count

The election result was determined using the proportional representation counting method. The VEC conducted a computer count of ballot papers at Goulburn Ovens TAFE – Shepparton campus, 152-200 Fryers Street, Shepparton.

An information session on the computer count process was held at 6.30pm on Thursday, 25 October 2012 at the Council Board Room, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton. The information session provided candidates and their scrutineers with an explanation of the VEC's computer count application.

Details of the first preferences for each ward are shown in **Schedule 2**.

Provisional results

The provisional results were published on the VEC's website on Sunday, 28 October 2012.

Declaration of results

The results of the Greater Shepparton City Council General Election 2012 were declared by the Returning Officer at 3.00pm on Monday, 29 October 2012 at the Council Board Room, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

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

Name	Order
OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander	1 st elected
MUTO, Milvan	2 nd elected
HOULIHAN, Jenny	3 rd elected
SUMMER, Fern	4 th elected
PATTERSON, Dennis	5 th elected
RYAN, Kevin Gunna	6 th elected
POLAN, Michael	7 th elected

Voter turnout

As a percentage of the total enrolment for the Greater Shepparton City Council General Election 2012, the number of ballot papers counted (formal and informal) was 80.10 percent. This is compared with 82.45 percent at the Council's last General Election in November 2008.

Informality

The informal voting rate was 9.53 percent, compared with 6.98 percent at the Council's last General Election in November 2008.

Complaints

Types of complaints

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

1. The administration of the election.

Complaints about the conduct of the election and services to voters.

2. A possible breach of the Act.

Complaints about the conduct of candidates and other participants in the election.

The majority of complaints fall in category two, often where a complainant is alleging an inappropriate or illegal action by another person or group to do 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, with the Returning Officer who then forwarded the complaint through to 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 Act, for example, were forwarded to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate. If possible, the VEC sent an acknowledgement to the complainant and the person(s) or group(s) that were the subject of the complaint to inform them of the action that had been taken. Where a complaint was forwarded to an enforcement agency, the VEC's involvement with the complaint ceased at the time it was forwarded as the VEC and the Returning Officer did not have jurisdiction on the matter under the Act.

Complaints about the VEC's services or the behaviour or actions of VEC staff and election officials was the responsibility of the VEC. In these cases, the VEC investigated the matter and determined the most appropriate response.

The Returning Officer for the elections received six written complaints. The nature of the complaints are detailed below:

Written complaints received by Returning Officer		
Date	Nature of the complaint	Action taken by VEC
Wednesday, 10 October 2012	Authorisation of election material	Referred to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate
Thursday, 11 October 2012	Allegation of misleading or deceptive statements	Referred to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate
Friday, 12 October 2012	Allegation of misleading or deceptive statements	Referred to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate
Friday, 12 October 2012	Complaint regarding the content of a news article	Referred to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate
Monday, 15 October 2012	Complaint regarding the content of a news article	Referred to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate
Friday, 19 October 2012	Two issues, including a complaint regarding the content of a news article and an appeal against a decision of the Returning Officer	The first issue was referred to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate The second issue was investigated and a response was provided to the complainant

Post-election activities

Storage of election material

All ballot papers and forms used at the election were stored securely at the election office and sealed in security boxes during transit to and from the extraction and counting venue. Election materials were delivered to the Council in archive boxes in the week ending Friday, 2 November 2012 for safe and secret storage by the Chief Executive Officer according to Regulation 114 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2005.

As the VEC has been appointed to conduct compulsory voting enforcement for the Council (see 'Non-voter follow up'), materials gathered during this process will be returned to the Council at the conclusion of enforcement.

Refund of nomination fees

Nomination fees were refunded between Friday, 23 November 2012 and Tuesday, 27 November 2012 to all candidates who were elected or received at least four percent of the total first preference votes cast at the election. The forfeited nomination fees of 16 candidates were remitted to the Council on Tuesday, 27 November 2012. Nomination fees were forfeited by candidates who did not receive at least four percent of the total first preference votes cast and were not elected.

Courts and tribunals

No applications were lodged for a Municipal Electoral Tribunal inquiry into the election.

Non-voter follow up

The Returning Officer will prepare and certify a list of non-voters and provide this to the prosecution officer.

The VEC has been contracted by Council to conduct compulsory voting enforcement and an appointment of Prosecution Officer has been received. The enforcement process will continue through most of 2013 and will be completed in time for Council to lodge outstanding infringements with the Infringement Court should you decide to do so.

Evaluation of services

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

Feedback from the Council

Charmaine Morel, the VEC's contract manager for the Greater Shepparton City Council General Election 2012, had ongoing communication with Council officers during the preparation and conduct of the election. On behalf of the VEC, Ms Morel sought feedback from the Council through the VEC's debriefing form.

The Council's feedback included:

Areas that were performed well:

- Communication with the Returning Officer and Contract Manager.
- Pre meeting with Contract Manager
- Providing updates.

Areas that can/should be improved:

- Assistance with the Contract
- The communication between the VEC and the MAV
- Another meeting with the contract manager prior to the commencement of the election.

This feedback will be used to assist the evaluation of the VEC's 2012 Local Government General Elections program and for planning future local government engagements.

Internal debriefing program

A debriefing session with the Returning Officer was held on Friday, 23 November 2012 at Nirebo Motel, 251 Hare Street, Echuca.

The VEC's senior management group, election planning group, and each business unit met to reflect on the delivery and performance on the VEC's local council election services.

Schedule 1: Certified record of ballot papers

Greater Shepparton City Council	
Issued by the Victorian Electoral Commission	44,832
Printed by the Returning Officer	60
Total	44,892
Reconciliation	
Issued at general mail out	43,371
Issued to voters in special circumstances (early votes)	39
Issued to voters for replacement votes	720
Issued to unenrolled declaration voters	6
Not issued by Returning Officer	756
Total	44,892

Certification statement

I certify that this **Schedule 1** of this report on the conduct of the Greater Shepparton City Council General Election 2012 is a true and correct account of the number of ballot papers used in the election.

Liz Williams
Acting Electoral Commissioner

for Mick Bastian, Returning Officer

Schedule 2: Election results

Greater Shepparton City Council (7 vacancies)

Enrolment: 43,372
Formal votes: 31,428
Informal votes: 3312 (9.53% of the total votes)
Voter turnout: 34,740 (80.10% of the total enrolment)

Candidate	First preference votes	Percentage
BARIMA, Eugenie	938	2.98%
OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander	4,195	13.35%
SKINNER, Andrew	261	0.83%
LITTLE, Bruce William	497	1.58%
LONGO, Leonard	114	0.36%
HAZELMAN, Chris	1,985	6.32%
HOPSON, James	437	1.39%
POLAN, Michael	2,235	7.11%
TRICARICO, Tyler	771	2.45%
O'CONNELL, Pat	1,710	5.44%
CHRISTOE, Ian	816	2.60%
BUTLER, Noel	262	0.83%
PARAMESWARAN, Menon	609	1.94%
PATON, David	445	1.42%
ADEM, Dinny	796	2.53%
PATTERSON, Dennis	2,257	7.18%
FALSETTA, Adrian	663	2.11%
SUMMER, Fern	1,782	5.67%
RADITSAS, Leanne	826	2.63%
HOULIHAN, Jenny	2,415	7.68%
RYAN, Kevin Gunna	2,478	7.88%
KELLY, Jason Marcus	1,457	4.64%
SANDFORD, Llew	44	0.14%
MUTO, Milvan	2,659	8.46%
CASSISE, Tony	150	0.48%
TEASDALE, Diane	626	1.99%

Please note:- all percentages have been rounded to two decimal points.

Appendix 1: Public notices

Appendix 1.1. Notice of entitlement

Greater Shepparton City Council Elections *Your Community Your Opportunity*



Are you enrolled to vote?

You must be on the voters roll by 4.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2012 to be eligible to vote in October's local council elections.

You are already enrolled for this election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday, 27 October 2012; **AND**
- you live in the City of Greater Shepparton and you are on the State electoral roll for your present address; or
- you own property in the City of Greater Shepparton, don't live in the municipality, and you are the first or second-named person on the Council's rate records*; or
- you enrolled through Council for this October's elections.

*If you own more than one property in the municipality, you may specify to Council the property for which you wish to claim entitlement by 4.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2012.

You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday, 27 October 2012; **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, including any changes to your postal address.

How do you enrol?

Download an enrolment form from vec.vic.gov.au, or pick one up at any post office, Centrelink or Australian Electoral Commission office, and return it to the Victorian Electoral Commission by 4.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2012.

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you are a non-Australian citizen who lives and pays rates in the City of Greater Shepparton; or
- you pay rates on a property you occupy in the City of Greater Shepparton and have no other voting entitlement within that municipality, e.g. you are a shop tenant and are either named on the Council's rates records to receive the rates notice or have the written consent of the owner to vote in their place; or
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates in the City of Greater Shepparton and have no other voting entitlement within that municipality.

If you meet the above criteria and wish to enrol, contact Greater Shepparton City Council on (03) 5832 9700 for a special enrolment form.

Checking your enrolment

You can check your enrolment details during business hours from Monday, 27 August to 4.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2012, at the following location:

- Council Offices,
90 Welsford Street, Shepparton

You can object to errors in the roll until 4.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2012 by writing to:

Paul Strickland
Registrar for the Voters Rolls
Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne Vic 3000

***The roll for council elections closes at
4.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2012***

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

• 9209 0190 Amharic • 9209 0100 Arabic • 9209 0191 Bosnian • 9209 0192 Cambodian • 9209 0101 Chinese (Cantonese)
• 9209 0102 Croatian • 9209 0193 Dari • 9209 0119 Dinka • 9209 0103 Greek • 9209 0104 Italian
• 9209 0194 Korean • 9209 0105 Macedonian • 9209 0106 Chinese (Mandarin) • 9209 0195 Persian
• 9209 0196 Russian • 9209 0107 Serbian • 9209 0108 Somali • 9209 0109 Spanish • 9209 0110 Turkish
• 9209 0111 Vietnamese • All other non-English languages 9209 0112

1300 805 478 or vec.vic.gov.au

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Appendix 1.2. Notice of election

Greater Shepparton City Council Elections *Your Community Your Opportunity*



Postal election this October



Voting

Ballot packs will be mailed to enrolled voters from Tuesday, 9 October. Your completed ballot paper must be in the hands of the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012.

If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday, 31 August 2012, your ballot pack can be redirected by mailing a request to:

Returning Officer
Greater Shepparton City Council elections
Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins St
Melbourne Victoria 3000

Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign the request. Alternatively, you can fax your request to (03) 9277 7126.

Your request must be received by Thursday, 20 September 2012.

How to nominate as a candidate

A completed nomination form, together with a \$250 nomination fee, must be lodged in person with the Returning Officer from 9.00 am on Thursday, 20 September to 12 noon on Tuesday, 25 September 2012 at:

2/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton

To help reduce waiting time while applications are processed, prospective candidates are encouraged to pre-complete their nomination form online using the 'Candidate Helper' at vec.vic.gov.au from Friday, 14 September. This form must then be printed out and lodged with the Returning Officer along with the \$250 nomination fee.

Call the Returning Officer from Wednesday, 19 September 2012 on (03) 5822 0203 to make a nomination appointment.

Candidate information session

When: 6.30 pm, Monday, 17 September
Where: Council Board Room, 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Candidate Information Kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at the information session.

Mick Bastian Returning Officer

2/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Tel: (03) 5822 0203

Office opens: 9.00 am, Wednesday, 19 September 2012

Nominations close at 12 noon on Tuesday, 25 September 2012

Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters with low vision who register by Tuesday, 18 September 2012. To register, call (03) 8620 1114 during business hours.

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

• 03 9209 0190 Amharic • 03 9209 0100 Arabic • 03 9209 0191 Bosnian • 03 9209 0192 Cambodian • 03 9209 0101 Chinese (Cantonese) • 03 9209 0106 Chinese (Mandarin) • 03 9209 0102 Croatian • 03 9209 0193 Dari • 03 9209 0119 Dinka • 03 9209 0103 Greek • 03 9209 0104 Italian • 03 9209 0194 Korean • 03 9209 0105 Macedonian • 03 9209 0195 Persian • 03 9209 0196 Russian • 03 9209 0107 Serbian • 03 9209 0108 Somali • 03 9209 0109 Spanish • 03 9209 0110 Turkish • 03 9209 0111 Vietnamese • All other languages 03 9209 0112

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Appendix 1.3. Voting details

Greater Shepparton City Council Election *Your Community Your Opportunity*



Watch out for your ballot pack

Ballot packs containing voting material will be mailed to enrolled voters from Tuesday, 9 October 2012. If you do not receive your ballot pack by Wednesday, 17 October, call (03) 5822 0203 during business hours.

How to return your ballot paper

Post your completed ballot paper using the reply-paid envelope or hand-deliver it to the Returning Officer at:

- 2/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Your completed ballot paper must be in the hands of the Returning Officer by **6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012**.

Candidates

Candidates who have nominated to stand for election are included in the voting material and online at vec.vic.gov.au

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for voters who were on the State roll for this election on Friday, 31 August 2012.

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 the municipality; or
- you applied to Council to be on the roll.

How to vote correctly

For your vote to count, you must complete your ballot paper correctly. Put the number **1** in the box next to the candidate you most want to see elected, then number **ALL** the other boxes in order of your preference. You must number **EVERY BOX** and only use each number once.

Mick Bastian Returning Officer

2/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton

9.00 am - 5.00 pm weekdays

9.00 am - 8.00 pm Thursday, 25 October

9.00 am - 6.00 pm Friday, 26 October

Your vote must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012

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

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Appendix 1.4. Reminder notice

Greater Shepparton City Council Election *Your Community Your Opportunity*



Ballot packs containing voting material were mailed to enrolled voters from Tuesday, 9 October 2012.

If you have not received your ballot pack, call the Returning Officer on (03) 5822 0203 immediately to arrange a replacement.

How to return your ballot paper

Post your completed ballot paper using the reply-paid envelope.

You can also hand deliver your ballot material to the Returning Officer during business hours at:

- 2/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton

All hand delivered ballot papers must be submitted inside the declaration envelope provided in your ballot pack.

Candidates

The candidates who have nominated to stand for election are listed in the ballot material and online at vec.vic.gov.au

How to vote correctly

For your vote to count, you must complete your ballot paper correctly.

Put the number **1** in the box next to the candidate you most want to see elected, then number **ALL** the other boxes in order of your preference.

You must number **EVERY BOX** and only use each number once.

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for voters who were on the State roll for this election at 4.00 pm on Friday, 31 August 2012.

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 the municipality; or
- you applied to Council to be on the roll.

Vote counting

The votes will be counted using the proportional representation method.

For more information, visit vec.vic.gov.au

Mick Bastian

Returning Officer

2/164 Welsford Street, Shepparton

9.00 am - 5.00 pm weekdays

9.00 am - 8.00 pm
Thursday, 25 October

9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Friday, 26 October

***Your vote must reach the Returning Officer by
6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012***

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Appendix 1.5. Notice of results

Greater Shepparton City Council ***Declaration of election results***



The following councillors were elected at the election held on Saturday, 27 October 2012:

OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander (1st elected)

MUTO, Milvan (2nd elected)

HOULIHAN, Jenny (3rd elected)

SUMMER, Fern (4th elected)

PATTERSON, Dennis (5th elected)

RYAN, Kevin Gunna (6th elected)

POLAN, Michael (7th elected)

Mick Bastian
Returning Officer
29 October 2012

The Victorian Electoral Commission conducted this election on behalf of Greater Shepparton City Council.

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Victorian Electoral Commission The logo for the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), featuring the letters 'VEC' inside a circle.

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Appendix 2: Ballot paper

Ballot Paper

Greater Shepparton City Council

Election of 7 Councillors

Number the boxes **1 to 26**
in the order of your choice.

Number every box to make your vote count
You must not use any number more than once.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BARIMA, Eugenie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SKINNER, Andrew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LITTLE, Bruce William |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LONGO, Leonard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HAZELMAN, Chris |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HOPSON, James |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | POLAN, Michael |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TRICARICO, Tyler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | O'CONNELL, Pat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHRISTOE, Ian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BUTLER, Noel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PARAMESWARAN, Menon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PATON, David |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ADEM, Dinny |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PATTERSON, Dennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FALSETTA, Adrian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SUMMER, Fern |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RADITSAS, Leanne |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HOULIHAN, Jenny |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RYAN, Kevin Gunna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | KELLY, Jason Marcus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SANDFORD, Llew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MUTO, Milvan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CASSISE, Tony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TEASDALE, Diane |

Appendix 3: Candidate statement leaflet

**VOTING CLOSES 6.00 PM
FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2012**

For voting instructions see the
ballot paper envelope.

VOTING IN THIS ELECTION IS BY POST

Your vote must be received by the Returning Officer
by **6.00 pm on Friday, 26 October 2012**.
Late votes cannot be included in the count.

You may hand-deliver your envelope to the
Returning Officer at:

2/164 Welsford Street
Shepparton

NOTE:

Hours for some country hand delivery locations may
vary, please visit www.vec.vic.gov.au for details.

COMPULSORY VOTING PROVISIONS APPLY
Voting is compulsory for voters who were on the
State roll for this election at the entitlement date.

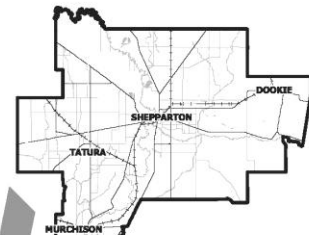
You are encouraged to vote (but won't be fined if
you don't) if you are 70 years of age or over, live
outside the municipality or you applied to Council
to be on the roll.



**GREATER
SHEPPARTON**

Council Election

Voting instructions and personal statements from
candidates with indications of their preferences.



**Greater Shepparton
City Council**

Information in candidate statements is provided by the candidates.
Any enquiries about a candidate statement should be directed to the
relevant candidate. Candidate statements are not verified or endorsed by the
Returning Officer.

Voting is compulsory for residents

Information: (03) 5822 0203 9.00am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday or www.vec.vic.gov.au

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**BARIMA,
Eugenie**

Eugenie has been a
resident of Shepparton for
two years, running a local
business and is founder
and current president of
WACE Inc, a not for profit
organisation supporting
African culture through art,
food, music and cultural
exchanges. Eugenie is
a board member of the
Regional Advisory Council
for the Hume region.
Eugenie holds a bachelor
of business and a graduate
diploma of business and a
masters in business administration (MBA). Eugenie was
born in Ivory Coast, before moving to Montreal and then
settling in Australia in 1998. Eugenie has also worked in
Egypt, Mauritius, Philippines and the UK. Eugenie brings
a diverse range of international experience with her.
Eugenie is passionate about seeing Greater Shepparton
develop as a regional business and shopping hub and
developing the region as an education and training centre
for local and international students and on developing
community programs for youth, families and small
businesses.

Indication of Preferences

- 1 BARIMA, Eugenie
- 11 OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander
- 25 SKINNER, Andrew
- 24 LITTLE, Bruce William
- 13 LONGO, Leonard
- 22 HAZELMAN, Chris
- 16 HOPSON, James
- 23 POLAK, Michael
- 9 TRICARICO, Tyler
- 3 O'DONNELL, Pat
- 6 CHRISTOPE, Jan
- 18 BUTLER, Noel
- 5 PARAMESWARAN, Menon
- 15 PATON, David
- 20 ADEM, Denny
- 4 PATTERSON, Dennis
- 17 FALSETTA, Adrian
- 10 SUMMER, Fern
- 7 RADITSAS, Leanne
- 2 HOLLIMAN, Jenny
- 14 RYAN, Kevin Gunna
- 12 KELLY, Jason Marcus
- 19 SANDFORD, Uwe
- 21 HUTO, Milan
- 8 CASSISE, Tony
- 26 TEASDALE, Diane



**OROSZVARY,
Leslie Alexander**

I'm running for council
because our current council
has lost the plot. The
problem: they've become
so focused on "the process"
they have forgotten about
the outcomes! They're not
accountable and they won't
listen-not even to leaders
in our business community.
The answer is simple-
more common sense, less
red tape. Less childish
bickering, and more action.
I'll focus on strengthening
business and I will work
with developers to make it easier to invest here. That will
bring more money, more people, more infrastructure-
and that leads to better facilities for health, education
and sport. All that means a better place to live for us
all. I've lived in Shepparton for 24 years, I've raised my
family here, and I am active in the community. If elected
I'll bring a common sense approach be accountable
and transparent, and I will listen-that's my promise. We
deserve better!

Indication of Preferences

- 10 BARIMA, Eugenie
- 1 OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander
- 11 SKINNER, Andrew
- 20 LITTLE, Bruce William
- 17 LONGO, Leonard
- 22 HAZELMAN, Chris
- 18 HOPSON, James
- 24 POLAK, Michael
- 9 TRICARICO, Tyler
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- 23 RYAN, Kevin Gunna
- 3 KELLY, Jason Marcus
- 6 SANDFORD, Uwe
- 22 HUTO, Milan
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- 15 TEASDALE, Diane



**SKINNER,
Andrew**

I am a resident of
Shepparton and have
been for four years. In the
seventeen years I have
been involved in several
voluntary organisations
from as far as Numurkah
and Melbourne. I volunteer
at Puffing Billy Railway,
Numurkah singers, Walsia
Football Club, reaching as
high as president, was a
radio announcer for Vision
Australia radio, Shepparton
Australia Day committee
and GV Learner Driver
Mentor program. I have won five Australia Day awards. If
I get elected I want to stand for young and old and want
to bring a youthful influence to council and I want to give
people a chance to make Shepparton a better place. Vote
1. Andrew Skinner.

Indication of Preferences

- 11 BARIMA, Eugenie
- 12 OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander
- 1 SKINNER, Andrew
- 13 LITTLE, Bruce William
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- 10 HAZELMAN, Chris
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**LITTLE,
Bruce William**

I have lived in Shepparton for over 40 years, I am passionate about Shepparton. I have owned and operated 2 multi award winning companies in that time. I am now semi retired but, I feel I still have a lot to give back to the city. I believe I have good fiscal knowledge, and I have been very successful in business. I feel there is a lot to be done with the city. I would envisage returning the tip docks and/or kerbside rubbish removal twice yearly. I am married with two daughters, we all live in the Shepparton area. Shepparton should be a place to live, grow and retire. I would also move to abolish the parking meters in Shepparton. Vote 1 Bruce Little

Indication of Preferences

20	BARIMA, Eugenie
13	OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander
19	SCHNER, Andrew
1	LITTLE, Bruce William
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**LONGO,
Leonard**

Being born and raised in Shepparton I am honoured to present myself to you for consideration to represent your interests on Council. I am married to Eva and have 2 sons Stephen and Michael. I have been involved in various community groups, starting with Ilalo-Australian groups progressing through to the Goulburn Valley Community Health Service. Ironically as Treasurer for most groups. Being an integral part in their foundation and formation of Rules and Aims of Association. I attended many meetings either on a Local or State level re Health and Ethnic matters. Often seeing short comings by bringing a fresh approach (thinking outside the box). A new approach is desperately needed in Greater Shepparton to end the reactive nature of Council, it needs to act before potential problems not after. Vote for change. Please vote 1 or seriously consider me for one your preferences. Thank you.

Indication of Preferences

18	BARIMA, Eugenie
2	OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander
5	SCHNER, Andrew
11	LITTLE, Bruce William
1	LONGO, Leonard
25	HAZELMAN, Chris
8	HOPSON, James
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**HAZELMAN,
Chris**

Our challenge is electing councillors who forcefully represent the entire community and work collaboratively - delivering quality teamwork outcomes and restoring civic pride and respect. A five term Mayor and a past Deputy Chair of GV Health, I currently manage the Ethnic Council. I presided over the redevelopment of Kialla Raceway into the premier regional Greyhound and Harness Racing facility and belong to many community organizations. I have a Masters in Business Administration and am a Harvard University Kennedy School Graduate with a proven track record of working with government. I want a comprehensive review of Council's rating strategy and Shepparton Show Me, will fight for a fairer share of government funding, propose an expert community reference group to revitalize the Shepparton CBD, and will pursue a definitive preferred site for relocation of the aerodrome. I support increased funding for small towns, youth services and facilities for recreational walkers and cyclists.

Indication of Preferences

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1	HAZELMAN, Chris
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**HOPSON,
James**

I am a young citizen of the Shepparton community and proud to be so. I want to see my town grow and become a major centre of Victoria as it has been in the past. I believe this can be achieved through community involvement and development. I have lived in the Greater Shepparton area my entire life, from Toolamba to Tatura, Mooroopna and finally inner Shepparton. I made a promise when I reached the age of 20 to stay in Shepparton and make an impact. I have been involved with many youth events as well as other community projects, and will continue my involvement regardless of my position in Shepparton. I have one question for you as a voter, what do you want to see in the Greater Shepparton area? because it's not about what I want, it is about what you want as the people of this region

Indication of Preferences

18	BARIMA, Eugenie
13	OROSZVARY, Leslie Alexander
24	SCHNER, Andrew
7	LITTLE, Bruce William
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21	HAZELMAN, Chris
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**POLAN,
Michael**

I care about the future of Greater Shepparton and want to ensure it's one we move towards with vision and pride. I was fortunate to be elected to Council four years ago and want to continue to build on the opportunities these foundations provide. By reinvigorating Shepparton's CBD; promoting sustainable development; and supporting communities as they grow and prosper. Our community has strong foundations; a willingness to embrace new arrivals; a rich cultural history; a track record in reaching out to the vulnerable; and businesses that adapt and innovate to stay competitive and relevant. We have plenty to celebrate but there are challenges - particularly in maintaining and delivering services and infrastructure as other levels of government shift costs and responsibilities. While on council, I believe I have demonstrated that I offer leadership, integrity, a willingness to collaborate and most importantly the ability to listen and bring about change.

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**TRICARICO,
Tyler**

I have been a health professional for 20 years. Our family name has been in this region since 1940. This election is about the community regaining control. They are an important facet for future planning. Not the Council, not the mayor, nor bureaucracy. The Council is like any large commercial enterprise determined on whether it succeeds or fails based on its ability to deliver efficient service to its people. Appropriate financial management and debt reduction are key indicators for COGS recovery. Reduced burden on ratepayers, getting back to basics are a simple recipe for success. A long term vision is fundamental to keep our region sustainable in agriculture. I wish to be a voice for those less privileged such as the elderly, disabled and younger generation. Our founding families and new residents deserve better. Full transparency, streamlining procedure, cutting red tape and promoting local business are paramount. Vote 1 Tricarico

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O'CONNELL, Pat

The third of four generations raised in Shepparton, I have been heavily involved in many aspects of the city from my youth. I have engaged in sport, the arts and business as well as cultural and community development. However my main focus has always been people. For over a decade I have led a trauma recovery, suicide prevention, leadership development program with my wife, Jenny. Together we have trained and mentored hundreds of people in the Shepparton and Mooroonpa communities, with far reaching impact. My father and grandfather were community leaders and businessmen in Shepparton. Through our combined experience I am extremely conscious of care when spending other people's money. Knowing this community, I commit to using my creativity, capacity for collaborative decision-making, humour and ability to relate to and represent people of all ages, ethnic origin and socio-economic status to continue building a vibrant and economically sound Greater Shepparton community.

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CHRISTOE, Ian

My vision is for Shepparton to grow as a vibrant regional city with a dynamic business centre. Our smaller towns need to retain their country identity and our farms must remain productive. Growth needs to be managed in a sensitive way to retain the best of our natural and built heritage. There is great opportunity to preserve and improve our streetscapes, roadsides, bushland and parks. I want our council to be inclusive, to respect our rich cultural diversity and to improve services for young people and marginalised communities. If elected I will work co-operatively with other councillors and listen to the views of our community. I will represent the interests of residents and business, and aim to deliver services efficiently. I am a farmer in Undera with endorsement by the Victorian Greens Party. I support programs that promote renewable energy, the arts, and more local higher education opportunities.

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BUTLER, Noel

Living in the Goulburn Valley for the past 38 years bringing up four children with my wife Elizabeth, I have experienced and seen great councillors and Mayors come and go. I feel this council needs experience in matters that effect forward direction. Some issues that need to be addressed are Rates in all zones, these rates are far too high and require careful planning and decisions allowing them to be affordable, enticing new members to our community not detracting them, and we especially need further Shire Rates assistance for our senior population. I have long been in favour of free CBD parking to entice shoppers to the town centre not penalise them. I have a keen interest in planning and development, offering 35 years of knowledge and experience gained in real estate, retiring as a director of Stoddard and Leggo 5 years ago. Vote 1, Noel Butler.

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PARAMESWARAN, Menon

Parameswaran, Menon Ph. D With forty years of community involvement throughout the Shepparton region, I am running for council election. As a university lecturer, a board member of community health and water services, I have gained an important insight into your needs and desires of this wonderful region. What matters to me is what matters to you - the welfare of our children and youth, (education and job opportunities), the security of our water and our agricultural and unique resources. I am told one of my greatest assets is my ability to listen, to give people a fair go and to make intelligent, informed and strategic decisions in the interest of those who live and work in this great city. My aim is to encourage common sense governance, build consensus and sound financial decision making on a platform of honesty and integrity. Vote 1 for Menon is a vote for Progress.

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PATON, David

By standing for council I am representing common sense. I would take a common sense approach to all decisions I would face as a councillor as I have in my own business. I believe in improving communication between council and the community and striving to give the community that I would represent more of what they believe they need. This would mean supporting a decrease in rates, an off lead dog park and better toilet facilities in the CBD just to name a few. My promise to you is to truly represent your needs in all decisions I would make and I can make this promise as I have no political, business or personal interests currently in council. In fighting for your needs I also promise to do so in a professional manner warranted by the position of councillor and would endeavour to always work as a team.

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ADEM, Dinny

I seek your support in this election to assist me in establishing a long term vision for Greater Shepparton, based on integrity; efficiency; and respect. I have lived in Shepparton all of my life, and reside with my wife Rita, and my two daughters on a rural property in Shepparton East. Born and raised on a farm, I have also worked for large corporations, as well as having been an employer in my own business. This experience has given me an invaluable understanding, and an empathy with people from all walks of life. I believe that my community focus and business experience fits the very definition of a council's role. My vision is to revitalize Greater Shepparton by attracting industry and other substantial employers to our municipality, for the benefit of all. A financially responsible, inclusive and cohesive council will be the start of a new beginning for Greater Shepparton.

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**PATTERSON,
Dennis**

I was born and raised in Shepparton and am married with two daughters. I have always been passionate about the region and while economically things are a bit tough at present I believe Shepparton has a great future. Over a long period of time I have been involved in many local clubs and organisations. These include inaugural member of GV "Make A Wish Foundation", president and ten year conservation officer of Shepparton Field and Game and chairman of the Mooroopna Lions sub-committee that initiated the Mooroopna Farmers Market. I have owned and operated the Fridge Shop in Mooroopna for twenty three years. My priorities as a councillor will be to keep rates at a level which will deliver services that ratepayers require, responsible debt management and the future development of Kids Town and the showgrounds precinct. I believe I have the practical and people skills to help reinvigorate our city.

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**FALSETTA,
Adrian**

As a citizen and a candidate of Greater Shepparton, my focus is on accountability and a will to shape our region into a progressive and prosperous place to live. Council must take a new approach to issues that it is currently facing within Greater Shepparton and that can only be achieved with a new fresh group of councillors to bring those ideas into reality. To reduce our debt, support our local traders, and to give more support to our local business men and women who wish to do business in Greater Shepparton. I am also concerned with Shepparton being in the bottom five in the state when it comes to retention rates in our local schools and this is one area that I will focus strongly on to turn that around. I am passionate and with your vote I can be there to support you. Thank you.

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**SUMMER,
Fern**

I'm Fern Summer, an active community member and long time resident of Shepparton. I am a registered nurse and small business owner, who's involved in charity fundraising at a grass roots level. Shepparton is where I've chosen to raise my family. I know the community well and believe we can improve. I represent a local government that listens and works closely with community members to get key issues addressed immediately. I am passionately committed to streamlining community issues straight to the council boardroom. We need better waste disposal/recycling services; starting with a hard rubbish collection and free tip tickets for ratepayers. With your vote, I will endeavour to revitalise our CBD, encourage small business and ensure better access to activities and services for all constituents. I'd also like to see better partnerships between council, youth and the community. Vote 1 Fern Summer for an interactive, engaged and healthy community.

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**RADITSAS,
Leanne**

I have grown up in the local community and my family live and work in the Goulburn Valley. I am a wife and mother, with a practical knowledge of business and finances. I have vast experience administering government funds to achieve outcomes to improve people's quality of life and an inclusive community. My priority is to freeze the increasing of rates and charges until a comprehensive review is completed. The key issues of parking and toilet facilities in the CBD as well as community safety need to be addressed, immediately. I would also like to see council re-engaging and retaining youth as youth are essential to a sustainable and vibrant future. My family and I love being part of the Greater Shepparton Community and look forward to continuing our contribution to a diverse and prosperous community. Vote 1 Leanne Raditsas. A voice for women.

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**HOULIHAN,
Jenny**

I have been on Council for seven years, including two years as Mayor, and operate a retail business in Shepparton. Assisting every Greater Shepparton rural, town and city community to develop its own unique potential is important and good community consultation is the key to achieving this. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue on my current Council committees to improve disability access, heritage conservation, opportunities for young children, library services, women's representation and the development of Australian Botanic Gardens at the former Kialla landfill site. Water and food security, vibrant shopping precincts, improved street safety including CCTV cameras, better roads, increased rail services, protecting environmental assets and growing our sports and the arts are important objectives of mine. I will continue to represent you with fairness and commitment and aim for efficiencies within Council to ensure that rate rises are kept to a minimum and community services maintained.

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**RYAN,
Kevin Gunna**

Tatura businessman, farmer, wife Lorraine, three adult children. I will continue to provide robust, independent representation for the whole community in regional promotion, environment, economic, cultural and financial viability throughout Greater Shepparton. Tourism, special events, healthy lifestyles and youth services will also be promoted strongly. Our rural industries, farmers are doing it tough which is having a huge impact on our smaller townships. Every decision the council makes will impact on people within our municipality. Greater Shepparton covers 2,500 square kilometres we must all work together to insure we continue to grow, strengthen our economic base. Living and working in a city like Shepparton surrounded by our rich agricultural farms we must be aware of what is happening to our life blood (water) which continues to be traded out of our region. I ask for your vote to continue strong financial and economic growth and very strong personal representation.

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**KELLY,
Jason Marcus**

I am a long term resident of Greater Shepparton, having lived here the majority of my life. I am married to Kylie and we are proud to raise our four children in our community. I am committed to serving my municipality, being involved in numerous community organisations. I've been a member of the Grahamvale Primary School Council, served on boards of local sporting organisations, and I'm a graduate of the Fairley Leadership Program. I am a member of a local group committed to improving rail services to Greater Shepparton. I will work hard on this and other challenges in our local area. The time has come for a more team orientated and united representation from our Council, one that is more accountable to the community they serve. I have the leadership, vision and commitment to serve the Greater Shepparton community and I would be honoured to receive your vote.

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**SANDFORD,
Llew**

No statement submitted.

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**MUTO,
Milvan**

Hello everyone, I am Milvan Muto, married with 2 children and have lived in Greater Shepparton for 52 years. I was elected by the people in 2008 and would very much like to continue for a further term on council. I believe that all rates in our city are too high. I think that free car parking should be for all people not just councilors. I believe in looking after our elderly as well as tapping into their knowledge and wisdom. I believe in supporting our young people as well as exploring their enthusiasm and skills. I believe that we need strong leadership that listens to the people and not just the bureaucracy. In closing I would like to congratulate all other candidates for putting their hands up for this election. The only thing I can promise is that I am 100% Greater Shepparton. Vote 1 Milvan Muto. Conscientious voting.

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**CASSISE,
Tony**

In seeking your support as Councilor, my goal is to help achieve and work for a co-operative and constructive Council in order to find new and innovative ways to create growth in Greater Shepparton. I have lived in Shepparton for thirty-five years with my wife Luisa. At sixty-eight years of age and retired, I am passionate about and committed to giving back to the community. With my experience in farming and working in the retail sector in various capacities for many years, I am ready to work hard, listen to people's concerns and represent you strongly on the Greater Shepparton City Council. I believe I have the required time, vision and ability to bring a fresh point of view as your Councilor for the next four years.

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- 10 SUMMER, Fern
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**TEASDALE,
Diane**

I am not interested in power games or the conflict. I am committed to restoring the economy and culture that made us a cohesive and happy community. Our Australian culture was established and nourished on Christianity and the Ten Commandments. As this influence has diminished so has our way of life and all the things we value. We must tackle the violence in our community. My family played a big part in developing the irrigation and fruit canning industries in Shepparton. I have worked through rural crises to save the family farm. I have budgeted carefully establishing businesses and raised children who are now bringing up their families here and running their own enterprises. I have been interested and followed local government since working for a local Councilor in 1965. My commitment is to assist local business and restricting rate rises to CPI - ensuring ratepayers receive value for money.

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