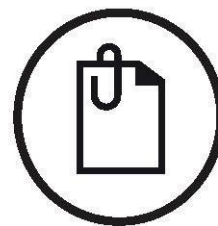


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Letter of Transmittal

20 January 2017

Tim Tamlin
Chief Executive Officer
South Gippsland Shire Council
9 Smith Street
Leongatha Vic 3953

Dear Mr Tamlin

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

Yours sincerely

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Warwick Gately AM
Electoral Commissioner

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Introduction

The South Gippsland Shire 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 South Gippsland Shire 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 South Gippsland Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council is comprised of nine councillors elected from three three-councillor wards. The structure was last reviewed through an electoral representation review in 2012. The next scheduled review of South Gippsland Shire Council is required before the 2024 local government elections.

Figure 1 shows the electoral structure of South Gippsland Shire Council.

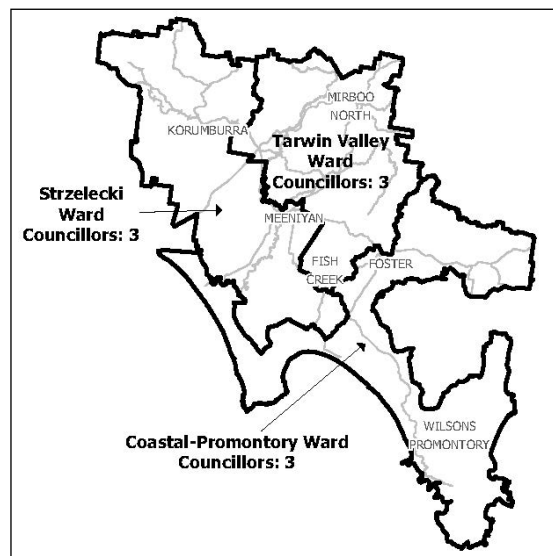


Figure 1. The electoral structure of South Gippsland Shire Council at the general election held on 22 October 2016.

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
Ballot draw	From 1.00 pm on Tuesday 20 September 2016
Deadline for lodging candidate statements, photographs and candidate questionnaires	12 noon on Wednesday 21 September 2016
General mail out of ballot packs to voters	Tuesday 4 October – Thursday 6 October 2016
Close of voting	6.00 pm on Friday 21 October 2016
Election day	Saturday 22 October 2016
Close of the extended postal vote receipt period	12 noon on Friday 28 October 2016
Declaration of the election	10.00 am on Wednesday 2 November 2016

Bordered dates relate to contested elections only.

Voters' roll

The VEC prepared the South Gippsland Shire 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 South Gippsland Shire Council general election included 28,745 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 74.49 percent of the South Gippsland Shire Council voters' roll.
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) List of council-entitled voters.**
The CEO's List made up 25.51 percent of the South Gippsland Shire Council voters' roll.

Refer to **Appendix 1** for a further breakdown of the South Gippsland Shire 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 four amendments to the South Gippsland Shire Council voters' roll.

Advertising and communication

Advertising

The VEC published a series of statutory notices in relation to the South Gippsland Shire 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 South Gippsland Shire 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 Sheryl Bruce as the Returning Officer for the South Gippsland Shire Council general election. During the election timeline, Ms Bruce became unavailable and the Electoral Commissioner appointed Ian Savage, who was then the Deputy Returning Officer for the election, as the Returning Officer for the remainder of the election timeline. The Electoral Commissioner also appointed Ron Spencer as a new Deputy Returning Officer for the election.

Election office

The Returning Officer established an election office at 37 Bair Street, Leongatha. 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 39 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 32 candidates. There were nine candidates in Coastal-Promontory Ward, 10 candidates in Strzelecki Ward, and 13 candidates in Tarwin Valley Ward.

The ballot draws were held shortly after the close of nominations on 20 September 2016 to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot papers (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 31 of the 32 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 19 early votes.

General mail out

The VEC mailed out 28,745 ballot packs between 4 October 2016 and 6 October 2016. This included one ballot pack that was redirected to an alternative address by a voter 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 282 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 25 unenrolled declaration votes and 21 were 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 18,897 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 4,455 returned ballot paper envelopes during the extended postal vote receipt period.

In total, the Returning Officer admitted 23,043 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, 308 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 24 October 2016. 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 79 returned ballot paper envelopes rejected during the extraction activity.

Following the extraction of ballot papers from the returned ballot paper envelopes, a total of 22,964 were submitted for counting.

Counting

Computer count

Ballot papers for all wards were counted by computer data entry using the VEC's computer counting application at Federation Training, Leongatha Campus, Nerrena Road, Leongatha. 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 5.30 pm on 18 October 2016 at the Council Chambers, off Michael Place, Leongatha .

Following the completion of data entry, the provisional results were calculated at the election office on Saturday 29 October, 2016 at 5.00pm . The provisional results were published to the VEC website as they became available.

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

Declaration of results

The results of the 2016 South Gippsland Shire Council general election were declared at 10.00 am on 2 November 2016 at the Council Chamber, Michael Place, Leongatha.

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 South Gippsland Shire Council general election, the number of ballot papers counted (formal and informal) was 79.89 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). South Gippsland Shire Council recorded a turnout of 74.71 percent at its last general election in October 2012.

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

Informality

The informal vote recorded at the 2016 South Gippsland Shire Council general election was 4.27 percent, compared with 6.06 percent for all postal elections across the State at the 2016 local government elections. South Gippsland Shire Council recorded an informal rate of 2.00 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 nine written complaints in relation to the 2016 South Gippsland Shire Council general election. Three complaints were in relation to the administration of the election and the other six related to a possible breach of the LG Act.

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 South Gippsland Shire Council in December 2016.

Courts and tribunals

There were no applications to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal disputing the results of the 2016 South Gippsland Shire 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 South Gippsland Shire 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 South Gippsland Shire Council

Through its contact officer at South Gippsland Shire 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.

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 South Gippsland Shire Council.

Schedule 1: Record of ballot papers

South Gippsland Shire Council, Coastal-Promontory Ward election	
Ballot papers printed	
Victorian Electoral Commission	12,000
Returning Officer	5
Total	12,005
Ballot papers issued	
General mail out	9,395
Replacement votes	48
Unenrolled declaration voters	4
Spoilt	Not applicable
Unused	2,558
Total	12,005
Declarations returned	
General mail out admitted to the count	7,228
Replacement votes admitted to the count	40
Unenrolled declaration voters admitted to the count	4
Returned declarations unable to admit to count	26
Total	7,294

South Gippsland Shire Council, Strzelecki Ward election

Ballot papers printed

Victorian Electoral Commission	12,000
Returning Officer	6
Total	12,006

Ballot papers issued

General mail out	9,827
Replacement votes	99
Unenrolled declaration voters	9
Spoilt	Not applicable
Unused	2,070
Total	12,005

Declarations returned

General mail out admitted to the count	7,930
Replacement votes admitted to the count	88
Unenrolled declaration voters admitted to the count	7
Returned declarations unable to admit to count	115
Total	8,140

South Gippsland Shire Council, Tarwin Valley Ward election

Ballot papers printed

Victorian Electoral Commission	12,000
Returning Officer	15
Total	12,015

Ballot papers issued

General mail out	9,523
Replacement votes	154
Unenrolled declaration voters	12
Spoilt	Not applicable
Unused	2,326
Total	12,015

Declarations returned

General mail out admitted to the count	7,594
Replacement votes admitted to the count	142
Unenrolled declaration voters admitted to the count	10
Returned declarations unable to admit to count	108
Total	7,854

Schedule 2: Certification statement

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

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Warwick Gately AM
Electoral Commissioner

Appendix 1: Breakdown of the voters' roll

South Gippsland Shire Council	
Whole of council enrolment	
Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 12 of the LG Act	21,411
Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	7,334
Total	28,745
Coastal-Promontory Ward election	
Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 12 of the LG Act	4,182
Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	5,213
Coastal-Promontory Ward election total	9,395
Strzelecki Ward election	
Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 12 of the LG Act	8,706
Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	1,120
Strzelecki Ward election total	9,826
Tarwin Valley Ward election	
Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 12 of the LG Act	8,523
Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	1,001
Tarwin Valley Ward election total	9,524

Appendix 2: Public notices

Schedule of public notices

South Gippsland Shire Council election	
Notice of entitlement (see Appendix 2.1 for example)	
Wonthaggi South Gippsland Sentinel Times	9 August 2016
The Great Southern Star	9 August 2016
The Foster Mirror	10 August 2016
Mirboo North Times	10 August 2016
Notice of election (see Appendix 2.2 for example)	
Wonthaggi South Gippsland Sentinel Times	30 August 2016
The Great Southern Star	30 August 2016
The Foster Mirror	31 August 2016
Mirboo North Times	31 August 2016
Voting details notice (see Appendix 2.3 for example)	
Wonthaggi South Gippsland Sentinel Times	27 September 2016
The Great Southern Star	27 September 2016
The Foster Mirror	28 September 2016
Mirboo North Times	28 September 2016

Reminder notice (see Appendix 2.4 for example)	
Wonthaggi South Gippsland Sentinel Times	18 October 2016
The Great Southern Star	18 October 2016
The Foster Mirror	19 October 2016
Mirboo North Times	19 October 2016

Notice of results (see Appendix 2.5 for example)	
Wonthaggi South Gippsland Sentinel Times	22 November 2016
The Great Southern Star	22 November 2016
The Foster Mirror	23 November 2016
Mirboo North Times	23 November 2016

Appendix 2.1: Notice of entitlement for South Gippsland Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council elections Your Council, Your Vote



You must be enrolled to vote

Elections will be held for South Gippsland Shire 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 these elections if:

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

Or if:

- you own a property within South Gippsland Shire but don't live in the municipality.

You may also be enrolled to vote for these elections if you pay rates for a residence or corporation within South Gippsland Shire. If you enrolled directly with South Gippsland Shire Council for a previous election you will need to renew your application if you wish to be enrolled for these elections.

How can I check my enrolment?

If you are an Australian citizen you can check your enrolment details at vec.vic.gov.au at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

If you have any other voting entitlement, contact the council on (03) 5662 9200.

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 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 South Gippsland Shire, you may be eligible to apply to be enrolled with council. Please contact the council on (03) 5662 9200 for more information.

Enrol before 4.00 pm Friday 26 August 2016

Register for SMS and email alerts at vec.vic.gov.au



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

- Амхарк 9209 0190 Amharic • عربي 9209 0100 Arabic • Босански 9209 0191 Bosnian
- 粵語 9209 0101 Cantonese • Хрватски 9209 0102 Croatian • داري 9209 0193 Dari
- Динка 9209 0119 Dinka • Ελληνικά 9209 0103 Greek • Италиано 9209 0104 Italian • ខ្មែរ 9209 0192 Khmer
- 한국어 9209 0194 Korean • Македонски 9209 0105 Macedonian • 國語 9209 0108 Mandarin
- فارسي 9209 0185 Persian • Русский 9209 0196 Russian • Српски 9209 0107 Serbian
- Soomaali 9209 0108 Somali • Español 9209 0109 Spanish • Türkçe 9209 0110 Turkish
- Việt-ngữ 9209 0111 Vietnamese • All other non-English languages 9209 0112

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Authorised by W. Gately, AM, Electoral Commissioner, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

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Appendix 2.2: Notice of election for South Gippsland Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council elections


Your Council, Your Vote



South Gippsland
SHIRE COUNCIL
Come for the beauty. Stay for the lifestyle!

Vote by post this October

Voting
Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the South Gippsland Shire Council elections 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.



Strzelecki Ward
Councillors: 3

Tarwin Valley Ward
Councillors: 3

Coastal-Promontory Ward
Councillors: 3

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
South Gippsland Shire Council elections
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.
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:
37 Bair Street, Leongatha

To help reduce waiting time while nominations are processed, visit 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 597 895 to make a nomination appointment.





Candidate information session
When: 7.00 pm on Monday 12 September
Where: South Gippsland Shire Council, Michael Place, Leongatha
Candidate Information Kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at this session.


Sheryl Bruce
Returning Officer


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Appendix 2.3: Voting details notice for South Gippsland Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council elections

Your Council, Your Vote



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Appendix 2.4: Reminder notice for South Gippsland Shire Council

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Appendix 2.5: Notice of results for South Gippsland Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council elections Declaration of results



The following candidates were elected to the South Gippsland Shire Council at general elections held in October 2016:

Coastal-Promontory Ward

SKINNER, Alyson (1st elected)
ARGENTO, Ray (2nd elected)
RICH, Jeremy Benjamin (3rd elected)

Strzelecki Ward

McEWEN, Andrew (1st elected)
BROWN, Aaron (2nd elected)
BRUNT, Lorraine Mary (3rd elected)

Tarwin Valley Ward

HILL, Don (1st elected)
KIEL, Maxine (2nd elected)
EDWARDS, Meg (3rd elected)

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Ian Savage
Returning Officer

Wednesday 2 November 2016



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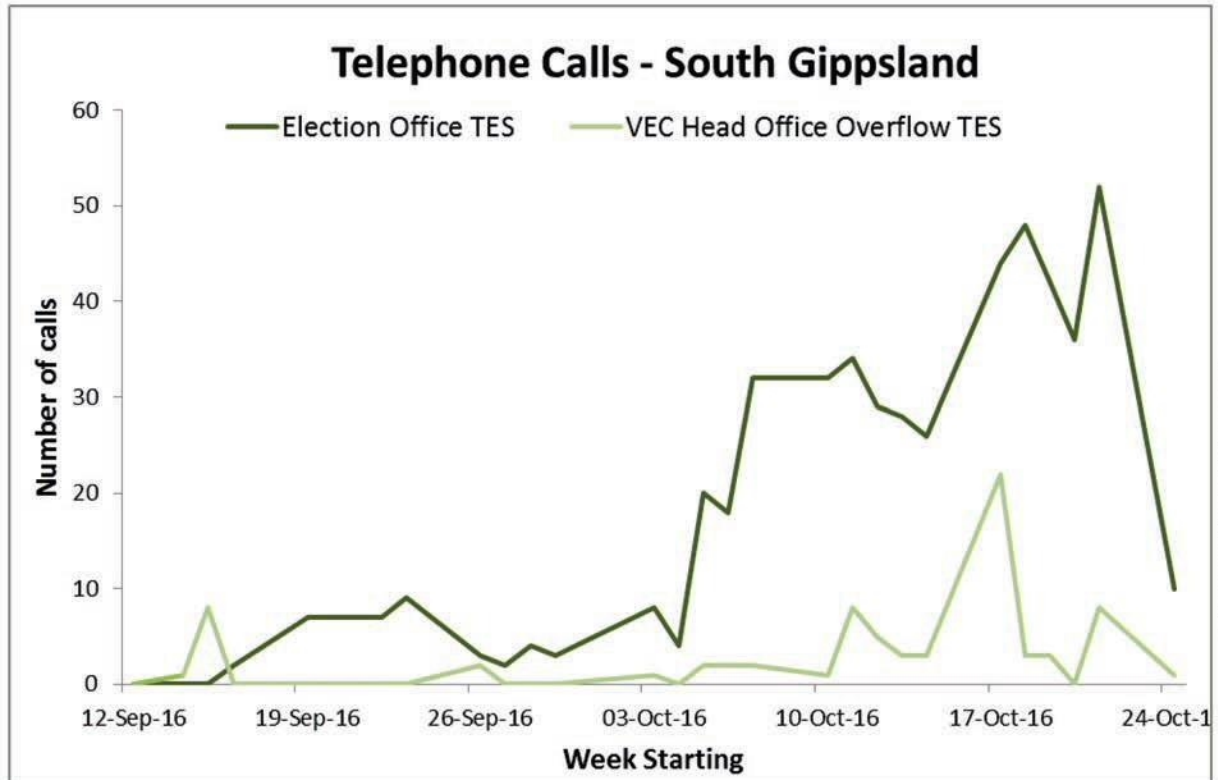
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Appendix 3: Schedule of media releases and advisories

South Gippsland Shire Council election-specific media releases and advisories	
<i>Enrol to vote in the 2016 South Gippsland Shire Council elections</i>	8 August 2016
<i>Last chance to enrol for the 2016 South Gippsland Shire Council elections</i>	22 August 2016
<i>Call for candidates for the upcoming South Gippsland Shire Council elections</i>	5 September 2016
<i>Ballot packs mailed this week for South Gippsland Shire Council elections</i>	3 October 2016
<i>Voting closes soon for the South Gippsland Shire Council elections</i>	17 October 2016
<i>Results information and invitation to the media: South Gippsland Shire 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 South Gippsland Shire Council during the 2016 local government elections.



Appendix 5: Final list of candidates in ballot paper order

South Gippsland Shire Council election

Coastal-Promontory Ward election

- OOSTERMEYER, Frank
- WILSON, Jill Maree
- SKINNER, Alyson
- SHERRY, Matthew
- DAVIES, Mohya
- RICH, Jeremy Benjamin
- HARDING, Jeanette
- ARGENTO, Ray
- MORFUNI, Vincent Alfonso

Strzelecki Ward election

- McEWEN, Andrew
- PEPPER, Viv
- BRUNT, Lorraine Mary
- WANLESS, David A.
- NICHOLAS, Ian
- NEWTON, Robert
- BROWN, Aaron
- HIRST, Frank
- FORBES, Jim
- AMOR, David

Tarwin Valley Ward election

- HEATH, Graeme Fredrick
- MURPHY, Philip
- TOD, Di
- HUTCHINSON-BROOKS, Nigel
- FINLAY, Steve
- WINKLER, Graeme Max
- COUSIN, Rosemary Anne
- KIEL, Maxine
- CORCORAN, Ben
- HILL, Don
- WHITE, Kim
- FAWCETT, James D.
- EDWARDS, Meg

Appendix 6: Candidates' statements and photographs

South Gippsland Shire Council election		
Coastal-Promontory Ward election (see Appendix 6.1 for candidate statement leaflet)		
Total number of candidates at close of nominations	Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement	Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph
9	9	9
Strzelecki Ward election (see Appendix 6.2 for candidate statement leaflet)		
Total number of candidates at close of nominations	Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement	Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph
10	10	10
Tarwin Valley Ward election (see Appendix 6.3 for candidate statement leaflet)		
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13	13	13

Appendix 6.1: Candidate statement leaflet for Coastal-Promontory Ward election

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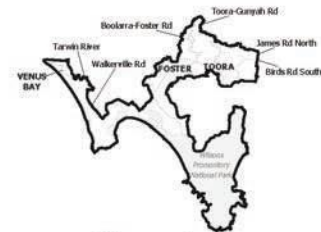
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**OOSTERMEYER,
Frank**

The need for progressive change in the South Gippsland Council has never been greater. Service delivery to the community through the process of transparent governance and community involvement is paramount. If elected, I bring the ability to nurture a collaborative team spirit gained from my experience in the Defence Force. I bring sound business and management skills developed through many years in private enterprise. My priorities are: Develop a sustainable vision for the shire, make the processes of council transparent and more accountable, address rate equity for all ratepayers, review the budget for potential savings, review planned infrastructure projects, develop shared services arrangements and fix the roads. In 2012 I was instrumental in forming a community action group in Dollar challenging council to review their budget on rates for small acreage farms. Both challenges resulted in positive outcomes. I have written several letters to the local press outlining my concerns on council matters. I conducted a private survey to understand ratepayer concerns. I have taken those responses on board. I believe in commitment, respect, honesty, integrity, compassion and empathy. I will work hard for the communities of South Gippsland Shire.

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**WILSON,
Jill Maree**

There is need for fundamental change to the way the south Gippsland Shire is currently managed. Costs are out of control, rates are too high, core services need to be the focus of council. Community involvement is paramount, transparent governance seems to be lost, the quality of our roads is appalling and council debate appears dysfunctional. I will, if elected to council, ensure that I work to improve this state of affairs. I was born in South Gippsland and have farmed here in Dollar with my husband for the last nineteen years. I am a Division 1 nurse and have spent 47 years in the medical profession. The last 20 years have been spent in senior management roles. I bring sound management skills, team building skills, my attention to detail is also a well-honed skill. My intention is to work in partnership with the council bureaucracy to review the current council plan and budget to identify waste and to manage critical services more efficiently. I want to engage private enterprise to best grow the region to make decisions that allow for growth and prosperity for the future of our communities. I am passionate about preserving our beautiful land.

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**SKINNER,
Alyson**

I will listen to you and represent your values and concerns. I will bring energy, creativity, and a collaborative approach to the council table. I've lived and worked in many places. After rich professional experience in management, design and community development, I chose to live and work in Venus Bay with my family. I'm an enabler. I strive for a deeper understanding of community challenges and values. As Manager of the Venus Bay Community Centre I aim for strong stakeholder engagement. I do all I can to bring government agencies, organisations and individuals together. We tackle challenges with fresh thinking and new partnerships. I'm proud of what we've achieved. I believe communities have the right to self-determination. Communities are best placed to know what they want and need. Let's work together and be proactive. We can create a future that respects our environment and our people, and celebrates difference. It's time for fresh thinking, time to short circuit negativity, and time to work towards common ground. I bring grass-roots experience, networks, integrity, transparency, an open heart, energy, and well-honed skills in thinking outside-the-box. With plenty to learn, I am prepared to stand up and be counted for our community.

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**SHERRY,
Matthew**

I believe there is need for some form of change. What I can tell you is that accountability is something I hold very closely. I am always campaigning and ensuring that allocations of funds are fairly distributed into the right areas and expenditure is being handled the right way. Transparency and clarity are very important to me. I am always approachable no matter what the topic or concern and will listen to all ideas in a respectful fashion. I am passionate on making sure South Gippsland is there for generations to come. I enjoy the History, Farming and Agriculture, Environmental beauty, the People its Lifestyle and Friendly nature. Doing right by all Families, Farmers and Youth, Representing all age groups, Community organizations, Businesses, Helping, Listening making a real difference in South Gippsland. I am committed and will work hard to service the whole shire leaving no stone unturned with no area neglected. I will bring common sense back into the situation at hand. Council has fallen by the wayside but I believe I will be able to regain the trust, reconnect and strengthen the community while listening to all Ideas, Values, and concerns that you and your family might have.

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**DAVIES,
Mohya**

I seek your support as your Coastal Promontory Ward Councillor for the next four years. I am passionate about representing the residents and rate payers of our Shire and in particular our Ward. The South Gippsland Shire is a financially viable organisation which is able to provide for the aspirations of its community. As an active community representative for all our communities, large and small, I have helped to achieve a great deal. It is important for Council to have sound policy and strategies and these have delivered practical outcomes such as The Great Southern Rail Trail, two new integrated children's centres and improved tourism infrastructure including several toilet upgrades. Roads, improved footpaths, recreation facilities and the Arts will remain a high priority to enhance the liveability of our Shire. Our farming and small business communities need to be recognised and nurtured. I will continue to be a strong and positive force on council and to negotiate honestly, logically and capably. I will continue to listen closely to your concerns and represent them fairly. I will lobby within Council, and other levels of Government for additional funding. I believe I am 'Making A Difference'. Contact me via www.mohyadavies.com.

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**RICH,
Jeremy Benjamin**

My family has been farming in Walkerville since the 1960s. Since I was a teenager, I have worked on and managed our farm and other family businesses covering Agriculture, Wine, International Trade and Development. I have a Masters Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelors Degree of Business (Agribusiness). My other studies include Applied Science (Farm Management), certifications in first aid, rescue scuba diving and adventure sports teaching. I have worked and travelled around the World and am now keen to bring my education, work and life experiences home to help shape the future of our region. We need to stop wasting ratepayers' time and money with insincere and outdated approaches. South Gippsland is blessed to have world-class natural attributes, agriculture and talented people. Our shire needs to adopt a collaborative approach to become more efficient and effective in meeting today's demands: to respect our community, attract tourists, businesses and talented people, and find markets for our products and services. A vote for me is a positive step towards bringing Vision, Leadership and good Governance into South Gippsland. Together we can achieve a more prosperous and sustainable region for today and future generations, if we make the right decisions now!

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**HARDING,
Jeanette**

Local representation imperative to future council. As one of your experienced councillors in the Promontory Ward, having served you on various senior positions, I would be honoured to continue. I still have the passion to devote to serving your needs and requests. I have liaised with government and political representatives of all persuasions, giving me the opportunity to forge our needs. As a local resident I have had experience in dairying, small business and served with the Department of Defence. As I have been a single parent I understand those needs and concerns. My interests are serving my constituents, economic development, transport, and tourism and encouraging opportunities. I have fought for the Long Jetty development, Agnes Falls, Rail Trail etc and understand the benefits supplied by tourism to our beautiful shire. Also the joint ViPlus milk factory, supplying employment for local workers, I am honoured to be elected their ambassador. A growing factory, Two shifts, 36 local workers, 30 more employed by Christmas. I represent Victoria in the S.E.A.T.S as a transport advocate. I am concerned re the part time residents paying full time rates, this must be debated and a fair and equitable decision made.

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**ARGENTO,
Ray**

As a self-employed farmer with over 30 years of experience in the dairy industry, and a former CFA captain, I have developed a wide array of knowledge and skills through community involvement and leadership which best places me as a candidate for the upcoming election. Having worked as a farmer for most of my life, I am aware of the current difficult conditions being faced by many of our farmers, as well as the industry and local communities that they support. They need to be well represented. In the past I have represented many groups and participated in a number of programs that have enabled me to broker outcomes which have benefitted local communities. I intend to ensure the smaller communities on the fringes of our shire will have a voice. All rate payers should have access to basic services, while all communities must be given the opportunity to receive vital grants that would allow our fabulous region to grow and attract new families. Finally, I believe it's critical that our senior community members, who have given so much, are taken care of and their needs not forgotten. I hope I can count on your vote. Kind regards Ray Argento

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**MORFUNI,
Vincent Alfonso**

I have been a ratepayer in the shire for over 25 years and have practised as a barrister for over 30 years. My decision to run for council was made as a consequence of the performance of council over the last 4 years. It is my belief that council should be transparent, accountable and progressive. These are qualities that have been lacking. I ask that you vote for me if you believe; that rates should be minimised as much as possible; kerbside garbage collection for Venus Bay should be optional; all discussions and financial projections for new council offices should be removed; the land sales program of public open spaces within the shire should be abandoned; increasing the maintenance expenditure for unsealed roads, community centres, parks, gardens and reserves; reducing the rateable cents in the dollar on all land within the shire; abandoning any strategies to take over management of the Waratah Bay caravan park and strategically move to return the long jetty and Yanakie caravan parks back to private management; returning the shire of South Gippsland to a model of good governance. Non-resident ratepayers still pay full rates.

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Appendix 6.2: Candidate statement leaflet for Strzelecki Ward election

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**McEWEN,
Andrew**

We have extremely poor community satisfaction results, which the majority block of councillors ignore. South Gippsland deserves much better. We have very high rates, grossly unfair allocation of new capital works. Rural areas and smaller towns get very little. We have a top heavy council with too few people at the coal face. We are under spending on basic infrastructure. We need to abandon the \$32m Council building in Leongatha. Council needs effective independent leadership focused on reducing the real level of rates through time. It needs Councillors willing to set the direction and demand from senior staff higher productivity and performance. We must give a higher priority to economic development. We need to work more closely with communities and devolve through a Small Town Community Budgeting resources to the local level for decision making. I bring a proven passion for South Gippsland and persistence to achieve real tangible outcomes. I have achieved 13 of the 16 commitments I made at the last election. I have a background in business, planning and community development. I will maintain my commitment to be your representative and continue to attend monthly community meetings to reflect community views and concerns. See progressivereformforsouthgippsland.weebly.com/ and Facebook.

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**PEPPER,
Viv**

The Municipal Association of Victoria describes Councils as complex businesses. As a business consultant for over 20 years I have assisted organisations of all sizes, including local government, achieve better business outcomes. Critical areas include strategic planning, effective leadership, open communication, strong customer service culture, and sound decision making. If any of these are not being delivered to your absolute satisfaction as a customer of the South Gippsland Shire Council, (and that's what you are!), you must vote for change at this election. More of the same will only deliver more of the same! I have a demonstrated ability of excellent communication and listening skills; I can argue persuasively and convincingly while working collaboratively with others. In my 8 years as a resident in the Strzelecki ward, I have shown a high degree of community concern and involvement; Foundation Chair and current member of Our Korumburra Community Group, representative on the Bura Foods Community Consultative Group; member of the Korumburra Round Table; member of the Korumburra Station Working Party and a former member of the Tarwin Valley Development Board. I love living in South Gippsland and look forward to us growing our true potential - together.



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**BRUNT,
Lorraine Mary**

Loving life in South Gippsland for 24 years drives a passion to work hard for our ratepayers and residents. I am a former businesswoman and director of a heavy machinery company, and now farming with family living in the Strzelecki Ward. I have broad generational knowledge and an understanding of Community expectation of services and modernized facilities. With the courage and strength to make hard decisions but also have empathy and compassion for those I represent. With a "get the job done" attitude I was the driving force in the reinstatement of the Poowong Loch Nyora sewerage scheme. I have given advice and support to many individuals and communities groups to achieve their goals, and also listened to their concerns. As a Councillor in the previous term, Council achieved rate capping while maintaining a sound financial position, with low rate rises projected for the future. As part of a positive team in Council I will support value-added industry and strengthen our tourism to create a strong vibrant future. Strong advocacy for a fairer share of State and Federal funding for better roads. Facebook me for reports and achievements. I ask for your support in re-electing me. Vote for Brunt.

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**WANLESS,
David A.**

I am a resident of South Gippsland, having farmed at Jeetho for 30 years. Formerly a professional sports administrator at the highest level over an extended period, plus having been in business employing in excess of 45 people, I believe I have the broad skill base to represent my fellow ratepayers. South Gippsland deserves the best, and it is in your hands to deliver this outcome. Lets not make change for change sake at this election, but ratepayer survey data shows an extremely poor satisfaction rating with the current administration. For South Gippsland to prosper and not continue to stagnate into the future you must vote for change. Unsustainable rates, grossly unfair distribution of new capital works including sports/recreational facilities; 6% of rates have been and will be for the next 20 years allocated to a \$32 million council building. Repairs a lot of pot holes! Transparent local government with a productive high performing administration which is not top heavy and a Council culture which embraces and encourages its peoples needs with fairness and surities that livelihoods are not adversely impacted by poor policy decisions. I will represent the majority without fear or favour. Vote 1: David Wanless.

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**NICHOLAS,
Ian**

I am standing for Council to: Be enthusiastic in ensuring that all services are delivered as efficiently as possible and provide real value for money; Work to achieve a review of Councils management structure; Improve road maintenance; Advocate for review of the Municipal Rating Strategy; Reject the current proposal for a new Municipal Precinct in Leongatha; Ensure that every aspect of Councils caravan park take over is reviewed; Ensure that Council fully supports the transition of Councils Health and Community Care services to the National Disability Insurance Scheme; Take a positive perspective on the information received through Community Satisfaction Surveys and act decisively to address any concerns raised by the Community; Advocate strongly for the construction of a new pedestrian/bike path to the Korumburra Secondary College; My knowledge as a long time resident, owner and manager of dairy and beef farms, board member of Woorayl Lodge Aged Care and 26 years of Local Government experience (now retired) provides me with a unique perspective of how to focus Council on the challenge of ensuring that core Council services are delivered in a financially sustainable way. I would be honoured to receive your vote in the 2016 Council election for Strzelecki Ward.

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**NEWTON,
Robert**

I pledge to serve the whole of the South Gippsland Shire; we really need to maintain stability in the Council. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time representing the people in a position I have held with great pride and satisfaction. I thank all the people that I have worked with each and every day of my 24 years in Local Government especially staff who have supported me. I believe this puts me in good stead to help guide a cooperative team of Councillors into the future. Council has put a long term financial plan in place to accommodate for the future growth; long term financial planning is good business. The Shire is predicted to grow especially in the Nyora region. Council also voted unanimously on accepting the 2016/17 budget. We cannot hold back progress. We have had success in capital works right across the Shire, and I am looking forward to continuing with this success if re-elected. I would like to think that my service has not changed me, it does not make me any better or worse than anyone else. I have always been true to myself. We need to leave South Gippsland a better place to live in.

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**BROWN,
Aaron**

As a farmer, small businessman and fourth generation resident in South Gippsland I am passionate about the region and the Strzelecki Ward. If elected, I will work constructively with fellow Councillors to achieve beneficial outcomes for the South Gippsland Shire. I have a strong business and agri-business background and will push for policies which make it easier for people to farm, operate businesses and invest in the South Gippsland Shire. Additionally, I will support policies that strike a balance between protecting our world-renowned natural resources and encouraging business. I am committed to focusing on the needs and aspirations of ratepayers and citizens in Strzelecki. I will advocate for extensive community consultation on important initiatives. I strongly support the rate capping initiative and will support policy that controls council spending. The South Gippsland Shire has a wonderful community spirit and pristine natural resources. If responsibly managed, the future for this a region is bright and I would love the opportunity to be part of the regions growth and development. My candidacy for the Strzelecki ward is about achieving realistic, tangible outcomes and I believe that I have the skills, enthusiasm and dedication to achieve this.

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**HIRST,
Frank**

Shires need governance from councillors who don't come with fixed agendas and ideas, but have an ability and willingness to understand and contribute to reasoned argument, then make decisions in the best long-term interests of the communities they serve. Councillors must be open and honest, and genuinely work together to be most effective. Our Shire needs new ideas, and to say goodbye to councillors unwilling to even consider them. Without a change of personnel around the Council table we will continue to have rates which are too high and service which isn't always best practice. As a 37-year local now retired to the farm, I believe I have the ability and the passion to make a significant contribution as a South Gippsland Shire councillor. Qualifications and employment in agricultural science and farm forestry have consolidated a philosophy of productivity allied with physical and financial sustainability; essential elements for our Shire's on-going prosperity. I have excellent communication skills (especially listening) and the ability to work well in a team, but I remain an independent thinker and have no political allegiances. I'm actively involved in numerous local community and sporting groups, and understand what businesses need to keep our towns thriving.

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**FORBES,
Jim**

After a ten year break from Council having previously served three terms as your elected representative to witness the charges of misconduct and indeed suspension of a Councillor in the term just concluded has been unprecedented and rightly disappointing. As a dairy farmer and resident of the Shire for forty years with much hands on community involvement in local Committees/Groups such as the Sports Centre, Swimming Pool, Apex, LandCare etc for over 20 years a knowledge of what makes communities tick is understood. Now with the rate capping a new Council is going to be forced to find & drive efficiencies not previously seen in order to maintain and develop our great Shire. Emphasis on core services is my priority. My continuing community involvement centers around the Hall, PCCC and serving for you as a Justice of the Peace. The challenge for a new Council is to meet the evergrowing expectations coupled with managing growth throughout the Strzelecki Ward and the whole Shire. Your support for me will help return an experienced positive strong can-do voice with the full focus on policy & delivery of infrastructure for the betterment of our great Shire. Totally independent, southemcross@tpg.com.au

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**AMOR,
David**

Understanding the needs of all South Gippsland is my number one passion. Over the last 20 years of involvement in committee & meetings, I have a good understanding of what the ward of Strzelecki require, I understand the people and their needs, we are all doing it tough, from the ratepayers, farmers, small & large businesses, to the ladies & gentlemen working in our communities as volunteers. My topics which have been pushed by the communities for benefits are:

- 1: Ban coal seam gas, Full stop
- 2: Bring back respect and accountability to the Shire.
- 3: Water/power and growth of all town and communities in Strzelecki ward.
- 4: Improve transport & roads throughout the whole of South Gippsland.
- 5: Bring back & make the shire accountable on all spending and cost to all ratepayers.
- 6: Give businesses help to grow and live in their communities and reduce the red tape. We need to take some of the Shires focus away from Leongatha & look at the needs of the whole shire including the small towns.

I have lived in & around south Gippsland my whole life and will embrace this opportunity to work hard for all communities

Appendix 6.3: Candidate statement leaflet for Tarwin Valley Ward 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:

37 Bair Street
Leongatha

COMPULSORY VOTING PROVISIONS APPLY

You have received this ballot pack because you are enrolled for this election. Voting is compulsory if you were on the Victorian State electoral roll for this council on Friday 26 August 2016.

If you are 70 years of age or over on election day, you are encouraged to vote, but will not be fined if you do not vote.

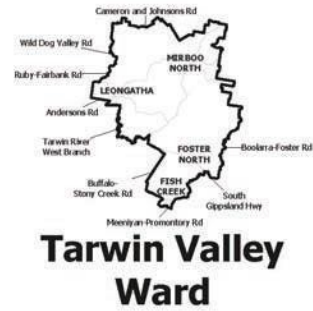
Further information on voting entitlements can be found at vec.vic.gov.au



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2016 Council Election

Voting and candidate information leaflet




Tarwin Valley Ward

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 or phone 1300 597 895 during business hours.

Victorian Electoral Commission 

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HEATH,
Graeme Fredrick

I will ensure Council policies and procedures will address effective cost control measures as a prime objective. This will ensure the rate dollar is appropriately spent. Promote positive cultural diversity and empathise on maintaining local values and expectations. Develop a formulae to ensure all townships and villages receive appropriate funding to maintain and improve services. My mandate will include Aged care and Disability services, Emergency Management, Rural roads and Shire Office accommodation. I will encourage solar energy to be provided for all Council buildings, Public Halls and Sports grounds. I am a team player that will deliver community views to the appropriate Authorities and Politicians. Community consultation is the grass roots of Local Government. My name is Graeme Heath married with three children and two grandchildren and raised on a Dairy farm at Loch and live in rural Leongatha. Past activities CFA, Apex, Scouting, Army reserve, kindergarten committee, Leongatha Concert Band and RSL. Currently Drum Major SASC Band and Sec86 Committee Court House. 35 years' experience in Local Government including Building inspection, Planning, Fire prevention, Emergency management, Local Laws and Hospitality. I offer you Tarwin Valley Ward and will serve you with honesty and integrity. May we achieve positive change.

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MURPHY,
Philip

Release the handbrake. Make South Gippsland free, enterprising, and prosperous. Growing up on a dairy farm at Welshpool; attending high school at Foster are amongst my life experiences. I went to Melbourne and developed a successful property consultancy. Since 2007, I returned to our shire to farm at Mardan. It's time for significant and effective change. More of the same will mean that rates and charges will continue to escalate with little accomplished. I know for a fact that our community is struggling. Our chief executive and council officers need to know it. Economic development is the cornerstone of creating a vibrant, prosperous local community. For too long our people are hamstrung with multitude of red tape, a swathe of negative strategies. The Economic Development department must be upgraded. It should report directly to the Chief Executive. Retail, service, manufacturing, tourism and farming businesses need our utmost focus and support. We need to develop a culture of creating opportunities. Council budgets must be determined from the ground up. Simply getting last years cost on a given item and indexing it is unsatisfactory. If elected, I will ensure our money is spent wisely.

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TOD,
Di

There is concern within the South Gippsland community of a disconnect between ratepayers' needs and the ability of council to address them in a spirit of openness and mutual cooperation. If elected, I will strive to deliver a nurturing, consultative process with greater transparency and accountability from council. With farmers struggling to survive, tough decisions will need to be made to stay under the rate cap. My skills as a team player, developed throughout my working life, and latterly as a primary producer and small business owner in the Tarwin Valley Ward have taught me good business management skills and the ability to work collaboratively, sensitively and respectfully with others. My priority is to initiate a 15 year plan for the region to protect jobs and growth and our vital farming community in an ongoing low-growth global environment. Further priorities are to eliminate wastage and duplication of services and limit top-heavy management expenditure, to find an alternative to the costly \$32 million council building program, to fix roads, and to foster equitable community development to small towns across South Gippsland. I will work honestly, without bias or prejudice to foster harmony, goodwill and prosperity throughout the South Gippsland Shire community.

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HUTCHINSON-BROOKS,
Nigel

The Council must comprise strategic thinkers who have experience, leadership and common sense, and can tackle community issues with maturity, not personal politics. My broad experience at senior levels in state government, the private sector and as a Councillor of both metropolitan and rural councils, together with technical experience as a military engineer and town planner are relevant. South Gippsland needs strong economic development and investment in order to provide support for our all important dairy farmers. I would like to continue the big picture issues I have been involved in such as Economic Development, Emergency Management Planning, Road Safety and relations with State and Federal Governments and their many departments that affect local government. We need a balance between economic development, social cohesion, and improvement of the natural environment, which are not mutually exclusive. My community involvements include R.S.L., Lyric Theatre, Shire Brass Band and many other groups. We need a Council of new blood and old experience. I would love to serve on a Council with a majority of women and that could well be achieved this election. It would change the whole tone of Councils activities. We must move forward with mutual trust, co-operation, energy and commitment.

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FINLAY,
Steve

South Gippsland has a bright future. Our advantages are our agricultural production, proximity to Melbourne and our coastal areas. My aim, if elected, is to make the most of these advantages and to see council operate efficiently and transparently, promote economic development and jobs growth, represent ordinary ratepayers and traditional values, see revitalisation of our towns' retail and business centres, progress the situation around the railtrail extension, return of rail services and Leongatha railyards redevelopment and have council concentrate on its core business. My family moved to South Gippsland over 30 years ago and it has been a great place to live, work and raise a family. My community involvement has been through sport, schools and church. Now, semi-retired, and without conflicts of interest, I want to see South Gippsland grow and be an even better place to live in the future.

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WINKLER,
Graeme Max

My priority is to make our local government in South Gippsland as effective and efficient as possible. Local government councils are called upon to provide a large amount of services, basics like roads, rates and rubbish remain the number one priority. In all Council deliberation and operations, there must be a focus on the community of South Gippsland. Finances must be managed wisely. Ratepayers who contribute so much to this Shire Council, must always be considered. Planning is vital, Council has a duty to ensure that resources, its staffing and other assets are used effectively. I am sixty years of age and have lived in Leongatha my whole life, I am married with three adult children and five grand children. I have a genuine belief in the future of South Gippsland. I am an open minded moderate person who will listen to the community and respond to their concerns. If elected, I will strive to perform the duties of a councillor with diligence and honesty.

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COUSIN,
Rosemary Anne

Many are calling for change in South Gippsland Shire Council. I share their concerns. As a small business manager and Organic farmer I see very positive prospects for our local economy. Our region holds opportunities for further development of clean and green agriculture, creative arts, culture and tourism. But major blockages hold us back from success. Our many innovative individuals and businesses all rely on our beautiful but fragile natural environment. The state of our local roads, footpaths and verges is poor. Stuck in the past, Council currently lacks focus on economic and community development, environmental awareness and openness. If elected I will foster positive change across Council; Promote values of customer service, respect, teamwork and value for money; Establish clear performance criteria especially for services and capital works; Review the decision to spend \$32m on new municipal offices; Improve accountability and communications between Council, ratepayers and residents especially in budget priority settings; Focus on ways to capture new market opportunities for local businesses; Encourage effective alternatives to use of poisonous chemicals; and Pursue proactive and creative approaches to grow community wellbeing and build our resilience and capacity to face the serious economic, social and environmental challenges before us.

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KIEL,
Maxine

I, Maxine Kiel seek your vote. Our Council needs people with leadership and experience to give proper direction whilst considering financial disciplines, as the challenges ahead are significant, but we must ensure communities are represented in the most effective ways. I promise to you that I will work constructively and bring good judgment to the decision making process and work together as a team. My passion is community and business - encouraging decentralisation of businesses to our Shire and supporting those already here. I support increased public transport services and more community events. I have been volunteering since coming to Mirboo North in 1994 and this year was honoured to be named South Gippsland Citizen of the Year. Currently President of our local Business/Tourism group, Vice President of the RSL and Mirboo & District Historical Society, Community Foundation member and shareholder of our Community Bank. I am Mirboo North's representative with the Business Emergency Leadership Group and Prom Country Regional Tourism. As a passionate worker for the community, I have the drive and energy to deliver results. With your vote I can make a significant contribution to our Shire.

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CORCORAN,
Ben

South Gippsland needs fresh new leadership. I believe their should be a straight forward perspective where council works with community to get robust decision making that people can understand. I have a vision that will bring greater transparency and accountability to Council while fighting for fairness, opportunity and community inclusion. A vision that will work in partnership with communities and organisations for the sustainable growth and well-being of our beautiful part of Victoria. I nominate my top priorities as economic development, job creation, civic infrastructure and community services. We must ensure our roads and footpaths are properly maintained. We should also be advocating for better public transport. I am not convinced that we should be spending \$32 million dollars on new council offices. We need to support and enhance our education pathways connecting youth to jobs and further education. A member of the Koonwarra CFA, I study political science and law at Victoria University and volunteer for New Self Advocacy. I recently put in a nomination for the board of Disability justice advocacy Inc. I am a big believer in a fair go for all, but I also think everyone should do their best to make a contribution.

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**HILL,
Don**

During the last 4 years on Council I uncovered highly questionable budgeting practices identifying \$100 million in unnecessary expenditure, which should be returned as lower rates. I will remove the \$32 million municipal office project. We must increase spending annually by \$800,000 on roads/footpaths. We must end Council bureaucracy, mismanagement, and overspending. Together with other councillors, we will develop a strategy to reduce rates 10% in real terms over 10 years. We must focus on supporting and attracting business enterprise and jobs. We must deliver more value for your rates and bring back community leadership. Local communities should be given more autonomy to make their own decisions. The CEO must promote a can do rather than a cant do mentality, especially in planning matters. I would improve governance standards, introduce live streaming of council meetings and develop a community budgeting program distributing funds to communities equitably. Councillors must take charge as a board and direct the CEO, rather than follow his lead. I need your support for much needed change to be the best run, most pro-active Council, not the most unresponsive. I have a background in Engineering/mathematics, business, and farming. My Family have lived here 10 years.

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**WHITE,
Kim**

The current South Gippsland Shire Council is dominated by self-interests, is wasting huge amounts of our rates dollars, and prefers to do Council business behind closed doors instead of in the open where we can see how they actually behave. If I am elected I will fight for a more equitable distribution of funds within the Shire, and for Mirboo North to get more dollars for capital works like fixing roads, building more pedestrian footpaths that school children can use bicycles on too to keep them safe, on our swimming pool, and on re-furbishing the Mirboo North Murals and other tourist attractions. I will support open and transparent Council Meetings and will vigorously oppose the wasteful \$32 million new Municipal Offices proposal currently being put up by the Majority Block on Council, and in its place support the much more reasonable \$6 million alternative that the Minority Block want looked at but which the current Council refused to even evaluate. Finally, I understand that Mirboo North is a farming community and I will support all measures which help our farmers and which protect our beautiful locality from the Coal Seam Gas interests which would risk destroying our land and water.

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**FAWCETT,
James D.**

As your Tarwin Valley ward councillor for the last 8 years, 3 years as mayor, I am seeking your vote to continue making South Gippsland a better place to live, work, invest and play. In that time Council has significantly increased service levels for roads and rubbish while this years budget has the lowest rate rise for over 15 years. To improve our lifestyle and well-being Council has, among other things, advocated for or funded two integrated children centres, built the Leongatha Skate Park, committed \$300,000 to improve the Leongatha recreation reserve, doubled Recreation Reserve maintenance grants across the shire, a rail trail from Leongatha to the sea and committed \$400,000 to the Mirboo North community for a direct say on how those funds are spent. I stand for sensible policy and planning outcomes, new and improved sporting facilities, revitalization of the Leongatha CBD and surrounds and a dedicated performing arts centre to support our vibrant arts community. I am a CPA in public practice for over 30 years. I have held various leadership roles in numerous community groups over a similar period. I need your vote to continue the good work. Working with others do get things done.

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**EDWARDS,
Meg**

My vision for South Gippsland is one where our communities are brimming with opportunities for everybody, prosperous, sustainable fiscally and environmentally, connected both interpersonally and through utilising technology. Before starting a family and working with my partner in our building & farming businesses, I was an Agri & Business Banker for ten years and worked in agribusiness export marketing. My postgraduate studies in business provided theory, but growing up milking cows and playing sport like many South Gippslanders is what shaped my work ethic and values. To participate effectively in guiding the strategy of council, I will firstly seek to fully understand the status quo to gain an internal perspective on what the organisation does and why. While always holding them accountable, I will encourage and support the people who work in the organisation to best deliver the services we need. My focus would then be on getting the basics right, especially roads and maintenance. The next priority would be creating a culture of assisting, enabling and advocating for small business, the engine-room of our economy, because by doing this we can further support the wonderful diversity of arts, cultural and community activities that increasingly enrich our lives. www.megedwards.com.au

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Appendix 7: Daily breakdown of the general mail out

South Gippsland Shire Council election			
Whole of council general mail out			
4 October 2016	5 October 2016	6 October 2016	Total
9,773	9,773	9,199	28,745

Coastal-Promontory Ward election			
4 October 2016	5 October 2016	6 October 2016	Total
3,194	3,194	3,007	9,395

Strzelecki Ward election			
4 October 2016	5 October 2016	6 October 2016	Total
3,341	3,341	3,145	9,827

Tarwin Valley Ward election			
4 October 2016	5 October 2016	6 October 2016	Total
3,238	3,238	3,047	9,523

Appendix 8: Result information

South Gippsland Shire Council election

Coastal-Promontory Ward election

Enrolment:	9,395
Formal votes:	6,981
Informal votes:	259 (3.58% of the total ballot papers)
Voter turnout:	7,240 (77.06% of the total enrolment)

Candidates (in ballot paper order)	First preference votes	Percentage
OOSTERMEYER, Frank	463	6.63%
WILSON, Jill Maree	435	6.23%
SKINNER, Alyson	1,128	16.16%
SHERRY, Matthew	507	7.26%
DAVIES, Mohya	918	13.15%
RICH, Jeremy Benjamin	858	12.29%
HARDING, Jeanette	569	8.15%
ARGENTO, Ray	1,127	16.14%
MORFUNI, Vincent Alfonso	976	13.98%

Successful candidates

- SKINNER, Alyson (1st elected candidate)
- ARGENTO, Ray (2nd elected candidate)
- RICH, Jeremy Benjamin (3rd elected candidate)

Strzelecki Ward election

Enrolment:	9,826
Formal votes:	7,674
Informal votes:	330 (4.12% of the total ballot papers)
Voter turnout:	8,004 (81.46% of the total enrolment)

Candidates (in ballot paper order)	First preference votes	Percentage
McEWEN, Andrew	1,679	21.88%
PEPPER, Viv	300	3.91%
BRUNT, Lorraine Mary	1,036	13.50%
WANLESS, David A.	391	5.10%
NICHOLAS, Ian	551	7.18%
NEWTON, Robert	1,192	15.53%
BROWN, Aaron	749	9.76%
HIRST, Frank	701	9.13%
FORBES, Jim	325	4.24%
AMOR, David	750	9.77%

Successful candidates

- McEWEN, Andrew (1st elected candidate)
- BROWN, Aaron (2nd elected candidate)
- BRUNT, Lorraine Mary (3rd elected candidate)

Tarwin Valley Ward election

Enrolment:	9,524
Formal votes:	7,329
Informal votes:	391 (5.06% of the total votes)
Voter turnout:	7,720 (81.06% of the total enrolment)

Candidates (in ballot paper order)	First preference votes	Percentage
HEATH, Graeme Fredrick	345	4.71%
MURPHY, Philip	263	3.59%
TOD, Di	199	2.72%
HUTCHINSON-BROOKS, Nigel	558	7.61%
FINLAY, Steve	251	3.42%
WINKLER, Graeme Max	530	7.23%
COUSIN, Rosemary Anne	432	5.89%
KIEL, Maxine	1,385	18.90%
CORCORAN, Ben	395	5.39%
HILL, Don	1,263	17.23%
WHITE, Kim	235	3.21%
FAWCETT, James D.	712	9.71%
EDWARDS, Meg	761	10.38%

Successful candidates

- HILL, Don (1st elected candidate)
- KIEL, Maxine (2nd elected candidate)
- EDWARDS, Meg (3rd elected candidate)

Appendix 9: Election participation statistics

South Gippsland Shire Council election		
Whole of council turnout		
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	84.26%	78.51%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 18 to 69 years old on election day 	84.05%	78.28%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 70 years and over on election day 	85.09%	79.73%
Voters enrolled through sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	71.04%	55.54%
Council total	80.89%	75.67%

Coastal-Promontory Ward 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	84.23%	78.51%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 18 to 69 years old on election day 	83.80%	78.28%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 70 years and over on election day 	85.47%	79.73%
Voters enrolled through sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	73.42%	55.54%
Coastal-Promontory Ward election total	78.23%	75.67%

Strzelecki Ward 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	84.57%	78.51%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 18 to 69 years old on election day 	84.45%	78.28%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 70 years and over on election day 	85.17%	79.73%
Voters enrolled through sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	65.00%	55.54%
Strzelecki Ward election total	82.34%	75.67%

Tarwin Valley Ward 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	83.95%	78.51%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 18 to 69 years old on election day 	83.73%	78.28%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 70 years and over on election day 	84.79%	79.73%
Voters enrolled through sections 13 – 16 of the LG Act	65.43%	55.54%
Tarwin Valley Ward election total	82.00%	75.67%

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