

# Candidate Profiles for QPRC Local Government Elections

## 14 September 2024



### Ballot Draw : 2024 Local Government elections

The ballot of candidates for the 2024 NSW Local Government elections was drawn on Thursday, 15 August.

Pre Poll opens 7th September - Postal Vote applications close 9 September at 5pm - Last Day to receive postal votes 27 September

#### GROUP A Independent

WINCHESTER Kenrick	GOOGONG
WATERHOUSE Bill	MAJORS CREEK
SACHSE Margot	JERRABOMBERRA
PRESKOTT Kylie	JERRABOMBERRA
TINE Alex	ROYALLA
TIPA Shane	JERRABOMBERRA
LINDBECK Peter	GREENLEIGH
MARTIN Dean	GOOGONG
WOOD Tony	QUEANBEYAN WEST
RAYNER Tony	BUNGENDORE
BROWNE Jan	QUEANBEYAN WEST

#### GROUP B SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA PARTY - STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT / CORRUPTION

HOLGATE James	GREENLEIGH
THOMPSON Michael	CRESTWOOD
REYNOLDS John	QUEANBEYAN WEST
HOLGATE Katrina	GREENLEIGH
GARNON Darren	QUEANBEYAN
SNARE Philip	PRIMROSE VALLEY

#### GROUP C LIBERAL

MACDONALD Ross	WAMBOIN
SCHWEIKERT Mark	BUNGENDORE
BROADBENT Morgan	GOOGONG
SCHWARTZ Robert	MOUNT FAIRY
BURTON Louise	WAMBOIN
TERNOUTH Jacqueline	JERRABOMBERRA
BROWN Wayne	GREENLEIGH
ROYDS Margaret	BRAIDWOOD

#### GROUP D LABOR

WILSON Bryce	
JERRABOMBERRA	
LIVERMORE Esma	CRESTWOOD
PRESTON John	BUNGENDORE
SOUTH Barrina	GREENLEIGH
NICHOLSON Timothy	KARABAR
EVANS Shelley	BYWONG
MACWILLIAM Michael	BUNGENDORE

#### GROUP E Independent

HICKS Trevor	CAPTAINS FLAT
HART Scott	MAJORS CREEK
ABBOTT Natasha	CARWOOLA
KIRCHNER Horst	QUEANBEYAN
O'BRIEN Bonnie	KINDERVALE
WEBB Jason	KARABAR

#### GROUP F Independent

MACDONALD Rachael	MAJORS CREEK
RAYNOLDS Walter	MANAR
KOWALSKI May	MULLOON
MCKITTRICK Todd	LAKE GEORGE
KEW Samantha	BRAIDWOOD
LAWRENCE Joanne	CAPTAINS FLAT

#### GROUP G THE GREENS

WILLIS Katrina	CRESTWOOD
ANSELL James	KARABAR
ROONEY Tonya	BRAIDWOOD
MAHER Kathleen	BUNGENDORE
BUCKMAN Gregory	CRESTWOOD
WOOLDRIDGE Simon	QUEANBEYAN

#### GROUP H Independent

TASKOVSKI Steve	KARABAR
CHEEMA Manpreet Singh	GOOGONG
TRAJANOSKI Velice (Vic)	GOOGONG
BALDAN Lou	QUEANBEYAN EAST
KIRCHNER Samantha	QUEANBEYAN
FAYAQ Bashir	GOOGONG
TRAN Charles	CRESTWOOD
AHMED Hasina	QUEANBEYAN EAST
AGRESTA Frank	GOOGONG
HILL Alan	BURRA
DUCKINOSKI Zoran	KARABAR

#### GROUP I Independent

GRUNDY Mareeta	BYWONG
IVIMEY Shane	GOOGONG
LANGE Johnny	CARWOOLA
SCATTERGOOD Rachel	QUEANBEYAN
WOODS Antoni (Billie)	
JERRABOMBERRA	
EDWARDS Bec	BUNGENDORE
RINALDI Sian	QUEANBEYAN EAST
BAGLEY Michael	JERRABOMBERRA

#### Ungrouped candidates Independent

GRAHAM Richard,	BUNGENDORE
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## Candidate Profiles - Group A Winchester Group



### KENRICK WINCHESTER, GOOGONG

QPRC MAYOR KENRICK WINCHESTER About two months ago, I suffered a major heart attack, but with the help of a stent, I survived. If there's one thing a heart attack does, it gives you deep clarity on the legacy you want to leave behind for your family, colleagues and friends. I joined council in 2012 because I wanted to help shape the future of this region, and, 12 years later, I'm only just getting started.

In the past two years alone I've supervised the approval and implementation of hundreds of much-needed projects. We appointed five new staff members to help with the DA backlog, funded council's third road maintenance and grading crew and made entry to regional pools free for primary school-aged children. We upgraded 10km of road between Queanbeyan and Captains Flat. We delivered the new regional sports complexes at Bungendore and South Jerrabomberra, a new skatepark at Braidwood and upgrades to the Braidwood Pool, showground and recreational ground.

Leading our region, as Mayor of QPRC, has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. I want to continue the work I've started, so for the upcoming election I've hand-picked a team of candidates I'd love to have by my side on council.

The people that form Group A are among the region's hardest working and most upstanding citizens. They're respected and trusted within their individual communities, and they're already deep in the trenches, helping to make our region a better place for all.

"I've got a strong vision for the region and the right resources to get results. I'm ready to continue what I've started."



### BILL WATERHOUSE

Bill is a 'retired' Senior Education Officer, former Head Teacher and occasional Deputy Principal, who has recently returned to tutoring senior school students, recently at Queanbeyan High and now at Braidwood Central. He also recently taught music at Captains flat PS. He's also an occasional consultant to the NSW Department of Education, providing Quality Teaching professional learning to staff and leadership support to school leaders right across south-east NSW. Bill is known locally as 'Wombat Bill'. He is the president of the Native Animal Rescue Group in and around Braidwood, and also life- member and former Vice- President of Wildcare Queanbeyan. With his wife Lesley, Bill runs a self-funded wombat refuge at Majors Creek. When he's not assisting the public with wildlife matters and caring for injured and homeless animals and training carers across The eastern states, Bill is busy advocating for the people of his community on numerous committees. Past and current roles have included the Dargues Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee, Majors Creek Progress Association, the Braidwood Community Association and The Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber.

Bill was president of the Braidwood Regional Arts Group for several years and helped guide the group in establishing the Community Arts Centre on Wallace Street and is currently a patron of BYPAA as well as a member of the QPRC Culture and Arts Advisory committee.

He is a musician, a former cattle breeder and played lots of sports in his younger days.

"I have a strong commitment to Greater Queanbeyan but also believe that voting for me at the QPRC elections in September is an opportunity for the smaller towns and villages to have a stronger independent and rational voice from outside the centre on the new council."



### MARGOT SACHSE

As president of the Jerrabomberra Residents Association for the last 15 years, Margot has advocated tirelessly for the Jerrabomberra community on many issues, including the location of the Jerrabomberra High School, flight path noise and the need for Dunns Creek Road (a road to divert Googong traffic away from Jerrabomberra to Canberra). Margot is passionate about building strong communities and has organised the popular Carols@Jerra event since 2019. Margot's lengthy public and private career culminated in her team winning the prestigious Telstra Embracing Innovation Award in 2023.

"I have a proven track record as a leader in my community of Jerrabomberra. I will bring new energy and a fresh approach to the whole electorate."



### KYLIE PRESCOTT

Kylie's an active community member, involved with the Jerrabomberra Public School (JPS) and Jerrabomberra High School (JHS) P&C associations. She served as JPS P&C president for four years, and is currently the vice president.

As the inaugural vice president of the JHS P&C, Kylie led the successful 'Zone Jerra to Jerra' campaign in 2022 to overturn a state government zoning decision. She also secured a \$40 million commitment for JHS Stage 2, planned to open in 2027.

For her ongoing community work, Kylie was named NSW P&C Federation Volunteer of the Year.

"Representing Jerra is a part of my life; I want to elevate our community conversation on council."

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## Candidate Profiles - Group A Winchester Group ~ continued



### ALEX TINE

From the first time he kicked a soccer ball for the Monaro Panthers at age five, Alex Tine was hooked. Today, he's deeply embedded in the club, serving as player, coach, treasurer and president over the past 46 years. A former Queanbeyan South and Karabar High student, Alex was an elite cyclist between the ages of 12 and 19, representing the ACT and winning many titles along the way. His career has been diverse: from push bike mechanic to bakery owner, he eventually made the move to the building industry in 2002. He's now the proud owner of Monaro Built Homes, focusing on high-end residential builds across the region.

Alex is a devoted husband and dad and his priorities, once elected, include opposing the Monaro Rock Quarry proposal, and ensuring first-class sporting and community facilities are delivered for the residents of Queanbeyan-Palerang.

"I'm real and I've got the community at heart. I'm approachable and I stand firmly for what I believe in."



### PETER LINDBECK

Queanbeyan personality and long-term businessman Peter Lindbeck says it's time for him to give back to the region that's been "unbelievably good" to him since he was born here in 1960.

Peter attended St Edmund's College before taking over from dad Bill at Lindbeck's Butchery on Cooma Street, Queanbeyan, in 1978. He's been there ever since; and his sausages are world-famous.

Peter admits he's always been opinionated but looks forward to bringing a strong vision and deep care for the people of the region to council once elected.

"Queanbeyan's been very good to me, and I want to see real people representing our city."

>> In 2008, Tony started "a job that quite literally changed my life" as client liaison coordinator for Baptistcare NSW & ACT, with George Forbes House. For 13 years now, he's helped local families and the elderly navigate and move into aged care. Tony's selflessness is evident through his volunteer work. He's an overnight caretaker for Home in Queanbeyan and a Board member of the Respite Care for QBN Foundation. He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his contribution to the community in 2021.

Even if you think you don't know Tony, you actually do. He's been inside the Victor the Viking suit at Canberra Raiders home games for almost 40 years.

"For me, it's about teamwork. Group A will work together to achieve results for the communities we're a part of."



### TONY RAYNER

Tony grew up in Nimmitabel and moved to Canberra at age 18. But his life changed forever when he moved to Bungendore to play centre for the Tigers in 1991. Two years later, Tony was appointed club secretary, marking the beginning of a 31-year commitment to the administration side of the club he loves. Bungendore instantly became home.

Outside of footy, Tony is a respected and trusted financial adviser. His firm – Linray Finance and Leasing – has operated for three decades in Queanbeyan. Tony sits on the Canberra Regional Rugby League Board. He has four grown children with wife Sharon, all of whom live locally, and representing and supporting the Bungendore community is his top priority. "I love Bungendore, I love the people, there's nowhere I'd rather live. We need strong representation on council."



### DEAN MARTIN

Dean is a proud ADF veteran who moved to Googong in 2017. He's been president of the Googong Residents Association since 2022, and vice President of the Googong Public School P&C since it was established.

Dean intends to bring his infectious positivity to council – and to work tirelessly to ensure our region continues to flourish.

"Inspired by Googong's beauty and spirit, I'm ready to be a positive voice for our future."



### JAN BROWNE

If you or your kids have ever played basketball in Queanbeyan, you'll definitely know Jan's face.

Jan has served as President and Invited Director of the Queanbeyan District Basketball Association for more than 30 years. As well as coaching over 500 kids, she's a huge advocate for all sports and the role they play in the mental and physical wellbeing of our children and teens across the region.

Jan launched her own small business, Bridge Strata, in 2017, managing schemes throughout the region. She's been a member of the Queanbeyan Business Council and Queanbeyan Women in Business. She raised her four children – and a few others – in the area.

"In everything I do, people come first. I love this region and I'll work hard for it. I'm a little woman with a big voice."



### TONY WOOD OAM

If there was ever a man well-known for channeling his time and energy into making the region a better place, Tony Wood is it. In his roles in hospitality, he's poured beers for literally thousands of locals, from the RSL Memorial Bowling Club to the Queanbeyan Leagues Club. >>

## Candidate Profiles - Group B

### Sustainable Australia Party – Stop Overdevelopment / Corruption

#### **James Holgate – Lead Candidate**

James lives and works in Queanbeyan where he is a Business Development Manager and Business Partner. He has studied and followed politics in Australia at all levels as well as overseas during an extensive international career while living and working in a number of countries. He became interested in the Sustainable Australia Party while campaigning as an independent candidate for the federal seat of Eden-Monaro, as the policies and values align with his own.

Having grown up and lived in the Monaro region, James returned to the area he loves after many years living and working in Asia, the Pacific and the Americas. He loves the natural environment of the Monaro region and enjoys the range of outdoor activities available locally, from the snow to the sea. He loves the traditional and diverse cultural richness unique to this region and wants to ensure that we fulfil our primary moral responsibility to pass on an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable Australia to future generations. During the last 10 years James has witnessed the effects of rapid and excessive urban growth and the impact this has on both the natural and urban environment. This includes increased congestion, greater pressure on, and costs of, infrastructure as well as the loss of natural habitat. He looks forward to working constructively with the QPRC to ensure our local community interests are prioritised over those of developers and other self-promoting parties that pay lip-service to protecting the social, natural and cultural legacy of our region.

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**No other profiles supplied**



James Holgate

## Candidate Profiles - Group C Liberals

The Liberal Party's group for the upcoming Queanbeyan-Palerang council elections is one of diversity, experience and expertise.

Led by Councillor Ross Macdonald who is proud of his commitment to, and achievements for Braidwood and the villages, the Liberal Party team includes the most experienced local to contest the election with lifelong Braidwood identity Margaret Royds OAM. Joining them is current councillor Louise Burton, as well as former councillors Jacqueline Ternouth and Mark Schweikert.

In addition, local community minded volunteers Wayne Brown and Rob Schwartz will join the Liberal Party team and provide a wealth of experience and focus on serving our region.

The Liberal Party ticket also boasts one of the youngest candidates in our region's upcoming election. Morgan Broadbent will bring the perspective of young working people from across the region. He knows too well the struggles to break into the housing market – something that council must focus on.

Based on community feedback, the Liberal Party has developed a 5 point positive plan.

1. A 2.9% rates cash back
2. Building better roads and footpaths
3. Greater financial accountability
4. Support for small business
5. Reducing red tape and wait times

We're looking forward to being your voice on Council.

#### **ROSS MACDONALD**

Since being elected to a casual vacancy about 18 months ago or so I've had the honour of being your Councillor.

I'm based at about mid point between Braidwood and Queanbeyan so I see myself a good conduit, and advocate for our big population centres and the towns and villages.

Once I was sworn in I got straight to work. There was a lot of learning on my feet and listening to residents, business owners and community volunteers about what they want from me and what they want to see in our region. Sometimes it was a question about repairs to a cracked footpath and other times it's been at a more strategic level – housing, water, a bypass. Some things have been easy to resolve, others will take time, community input and someone who listens and will fight in the best interests of our region.

Despite the many days and nights that I've spent in Braidwood and the surrounds, despite the countless meetings I've had or the thousands of kilometres I've travelled, people have told me that there is sometimes a feeling of not being represented. I've listened to you, I get it.



I've worked hard every day to break down any barriers to equitable focus, treatment and investment and I'm so proud to have achieved outcomes for the residents of Braidwood and the surrounds and I'm committed to continue working hard each day. Our region has an incredible history and a great future. I hope to be re-elected to keep working hard for you. >>> continued

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Group C Liberals continued



## Mark Schweikert

Mark has spent nine years in local government, first in Palerang Council and then QPRC, with a year as Deputy Mayor. He was one of the most active and engaged councillors in Palerang and QPRC, being either Chair or a contributing member of more council and community committees than most other Councillors combined.

He spearheaded many initiatives while on Council, such as drought relief measures, climate change actions, infrastructure initiatives, was a strong supporter for Australia Day and community and multicultural events, and an advocate for local businesses by setting the regulatory conditions for them to thrive.

He has lived in the Queanbeyan and Bungendore areas for over 25 years, raising a young family with his wonderful wife. He has been a Artillery officer, Director in the Department of Defence (22 years), author and has recently started his own consultancy firm dealing with national security matters.

He is coming out of semi-retirement to return to Council to set things right again.

>> He believes that, just as in his professional work, attention to detail and a solutions-oriented approach are crucial in local governance. Morgan is determined to apply his skills and dedication to council, aiming to address the ongoing issues that affect the community and ensure that it remains a place where the soul of the community can thrive.



## Robert Schwartz

Rob has lived in the QPRC area with his wife, Robyn, for over thirty years, and moved from their rural property in Carwoola to Mount Fairy a few years ago. With over thirty years' experience living in a rural community, Rob has a good understanding of the challenges presented by the rural lifestyle, and the importance of a Council that focuses on its country residents as well as those in the major townships. Rob worked initially in the private sector, but spent most of his career in the NSW and then Commonwealth Departments of Agriculture, working on protecting Australia's agricultural industries and the natural environment from exotic pests and diseases, and helping Australia's farmers export their produce overseas.

Rob is now retired and is an active member of the local Rural Fire Service Brigade, the Men's Shed and garden club.



## Louise Burton

Louise has served over the last term on the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, having been elected at the previous election. Louise is running again for council as she is passionate about maintaining the unique rural and urban mix of this local government area, ensuring Council lives within its means, delivers for ratepayers and wants to secure the best opportunities and services for residents.

Louise works in Canberra as a senior government consultant, and has been a local of Wamboin with her family for 15 years.

## Jacqueline Ternouth

Jacqui is an Australian Public Servant and Australian Defence Force veteran. Originally from Queensland, she and her husband have made the Queanbeyan-Palerang region home, and with the exception of some military postings, have raised their two sons in Jerrabomberra over the past 18 years. Jacqui is motivated about improving the liveability of the Queanbeyan-Palerang region to the benefit of all. She is enthusiastic about creating opportunities for youth, and passionate about preserving the environment. But equally, she is conscious of Council providing value for money and being accountable to ratepayers for the provision of services. With a keen eye for detail, Jacqui will be an advocate for every ratepayer in the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA.



## Wayne Brown

Wayne Brown has been a Queanbeyan resident for 46 years and brings a wealth of experience from his 18-year service in the Australian Regular Army and 18 years in the Australian Public Service, where he directed IT Infrastructure & Security Projects.

Holding a Master's in Marketing Communication and a Bachelor's in Computing Systems, Wayne has also led international collaborations and critical tech initiatives, including with Microsoft's Enterprise Division.

A dedicated community leader, Wayne has served as President of the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan West and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2002.



He remains actively involved in local health, education, and emergency services, committed to making a positive impact on his community.

## Margaret Royds OAM

Margaret Royds is a Braidwood institution and was recognised as so with the award of an OAM in 2006 for service to the community of Braidwood, the preservation of historic properties and promotion of tourism.

She is a member of National Trust of NSW, a foundation member of the Braidwood and District Historical Society and a member of CWA. She has supported Girl Guides, the Braidwood Show Society, Garden club, Chamber of Commerce (economic development committee), is a foundation member of Braidwood FM Radio and served on St Andrews Parish council.

Margaret is a keen environmentalist and farmer who is passionate about fostering education of young people in our region and recently advised Liberal Councillors in their successful efforts to extend library opening hours for HSC students across our LGA.



"I have been interested in Politics since I was a school girl attending meetings with my father who was battling to remove death duties, which has ruined many rural families, destroying the incentive to work. I am committed to Government environmental programmes and have planted thousands of trees and am a member of Braidwood Rural and Local Land Care."

## Morgan Broadbent

Morgan is running for local council for the first time, bringing fresh perspectives and a deep commitment to the community. A resident of Googong for three years, he and his wife proudly call the 2620 area home. Although new to the region, Morgan's roots in Armidale, NSW, have instilled in him a strong understanding of small-town values and the importance of local engagement. As a systems engineer working closely with the government, Morgan is dedicated to addressing the challenges facing our nation.

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## Candidate Profiles - Group D Labor

Why vote for the QPRC Labor Team - The QPRC Labor team has worked hard in the community to push for better services and infrastructure, working positively and constructively to ensure the future viability of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. We have a positive plan for our area. We are seeking the support of the community to continue to deliver better sports facilities, roads and key infrastructure. Labor Councillors will put more resources into our DA team and deliver locality plans for our villages. Importantly, we will work to equalise water rates charges across QPRC. We will look local first and provide support for pensioners with cost-of-living relief. We will continue to keep our pools free for kids. Finally, we will respond to the community and provide an 'off lead' dog park for Braidwood.

The Labor team is proudly diverse in terms of age, gender, experience and region. We are particularly pleased to have three women on the team, with two in the top four positions.

While there is more to do, the Labor group is committed to being positive, progressive, inclusive and advancing reconciliation and climate action.

The Labor group has a proven track record of working collaboratively and delivering for the QPRC region. We will continue to work with the community to support local jobs and businesses and have successful working relationships with the State and Federal Members of Parliament.



### **COUNCILLOR BRYCE WILSON**

Bryce Wilson is an experienced member of the current Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, and leader of the Labor Group seeking election on 14 September 2024. Bryce has lived in Jerrabomberra with his wife and daughter for well over a decade. He has been an active member in the community serving as President of the Jerrabomberra Public School P&C and a member of the Jerrabomberra Residents Association. He is proud of his community and regularly enjoys the Saturday morning Park Run up Mount Jerrabomberra, or a game of cricket or touch footy. Bryce is a former science and maths high school teacher and surveying technician. He has held positions at various levels of government and, like so many in this region, is now working for the federal government. His previous work experience drew him to get involved in politics where he felt he could make a difference to individuals and his community. Bryce believes in progress at a local government level and is proud the Labor Group has a positive plan to build a better Queanbeyan-Palerang region.



### **DEPUTY MAYOR, COUNCILLOR ESMA LIVERMORE**

Esma Livermore is the current Deputy Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. Esma is a proud Bigambul/Dunghutti/Gomeroi woman and mother of four. She is very proud to be the first Aboriginal female elected to Council in Queanbeyan and is well placed to speak on, advocate for and support the needs of the First Nations community. Esma has lived and worked on Ngunnawal Ngambri Country for over twenty years. She enjoys most sports, cooking, culture, and spending time with her family.

Esma has a long history working with the Queanbeyan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), engaging with schools and early learning services. She was a leading spokeswoman for the Yes campaign locally, and currently works for Reconciliation Australia.

Esma is a positive role model in the community and shares her experience building the confidence of young females, to pursue their dreams and to be active within the community.

Esma has managed several women's representative rugby league and rugby union teams. She knows the value of well-managed sporting grounds and the importance of supporting grassroots community clubs.

Esma sees Council as the same as the broader community, in that through respectful relationships you can build trust and confidence in the service provided. Esma is a strong voice on Council and will always ensure Council decisions reflect the needs of the community. She is proud of her achievements and would be honoured to continue as a member of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.



### **COUNCILLOR JOHN PRESTON**

John Preston, or JP as he is known, is a current Councillor on Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. John has been part of the Bungendore community for around 25 years, actively involved in local sporting clubs, community and business groups and loves being a part of a growing and vibrant community. He is an experienced administrator with over 30 years' experience in the government and higher education sectors. Like many Bungendore residents, John works in Canberra and commutes on a daily basis – he has first had experience and understands the need to maintain roads and services. John is proud to have raised his family in the region and is a strong supporter of public education. He is an accomplished musician who plays in a local band, enjoys watching sport, and attending the theatre. As a current member of Council, John has always represented the wishes of the community. He has high-level governance experience and will continue to ensure Council decisions remain transparent and in the interests of the community. John is committed to ensuring the former Palerang region continues to have a strong voice on Council. He unashamedly holds strong, traditional Labor values and is proud to stand on a positive, progressive and practical Labor ticket.

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Council Elections?**

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**Saturday August 31  
11am  
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Bungendore  
(Refreshments provided)**

## Candidate Profiles - Group C Labor ~ continued

**BARRINA SOUTH**

Barrina South is a proud Barkindji woman, who has lived and on Ngunnawal/Ngambri Country for the past 14 years. Barrina has an established long-standing career in the NSW Public Service and is dedicated to the protection of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage, curation of cultural material, as well as policy and strategic development and implementation that see the best outcomes for heritage protection. Barrina has a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts, and a Masters (Hons) in Sociology. When she's not working as a public servant, she is a creative in visual arts and creative writing. She is active in the art local scene, has exhibited her work and published her creative writing widely, including internationally. One of the recent highlights of Barrina's career is the publication of her poem, 'Kurrajong' that was commissioned for the Kindred Tree Project in Canberra. Barrina's poem is a beautiful reflection of the Kurrajong tree in Monaro Street, Queanbeyan. Barrina is passionate about ensuring regional women have access to the essential services they need. She is keen to see the arts supported and promoted, and cultural heritage protected and celebrated. Barrina is proud to be on the QPRC Labor ticket and working with her colleagues to represent the views of the Queanbeyan-Palerang community on Council.

**TIM NICHOLSON JP**

Tim is a musician and former piano/organ teacher. He has been a proud resident in Queanbeyan for more than ten years. He has a Business Administration Degree and is a Justice of the Peace. >>

>>> Living with and successfully managing a chronic mental health condition, Tim supports increased support services for those in need in the Queanbeyan-Palerang region. As a former business owner, he has a first-hand understanding of the needs of small businesses, their employees and the important roles of both business associations and workers unions. Tim is passionate about fair funding and resources for the education and creative arts sector. Tim is proud to be an ALP endorsed candidate for the second time and he looks forward to representing residents as a member of the Australian Labor Party QPRC Team.

**SHELLEY EVANS**

Shelley Evans has been raising horses in Bywong with her family for 25 years, and she loves the lifestyle it brings. With 30 years' experience in both the public service and running a small business, she is passionate about ensuring a regional voice on Council. Shelley believes that progressive governments at all levels can and should make meaningful difference in people's lives. She looks forward to contributing to the region, and being part of a progressive, diverse and passionate QPRC Labor ticket.

**MICHAEL MACWILLIAM**

Michael MacWilliam is a first-time candidate in the upcoming Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council election on 14 September 2024.

Michael moved to the region in 2019 to make this region home. He lives in Bungendore with his young family, and loves being part of the vibrant community that makes up Bungendore and the broader Queanbeyan-Palerang region. He appreciates the opportunities this region offers for close-knit community living, outdoor recreation and a small-town lifestyle. Michael is passionate about preserving and enhancing these values to ensure the region remains a wonderful place for young families to thrive.

Michael is a proud member of the positive, practical and progressive Labor team.



# BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION MEET THE CANDIDATES

5 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6:30PM  
BRAIDWOOD SERVICEMENS CLUB



ALL RESIDENTS OF BRAIDWOOD AND DISTRICT  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

## Candidate Profiles - Group E Trevor Hicks Group

**TREVOR HICKS**

I'm very concerned about the current and recent state of our Council, the culture and reputation has just been slipping and falling. It needs to be built back and not lead by these bureaucratic large political parties. This is 'our' Council, it should not be flaunted by Labor or the Greens. The only way to change that is with Independent Councillors. Trevor and his team have significant experience in Local Government Council operations, over 43 years. He ran a local business 22 years, while being active in community programs and events. While a successful small business owner he also served as a Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Palerang and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. He represented the community for eight years. He has influenced necessary and meaningful change in which the creation of local jobs and delivering infrastructure has been his primary concern. As a proactive member of the community, he understands the costs and decisions made to repair assets and the priority issues affecting infrastructure. He has always approached leading from within and encouraging the members of the community to become part of the solutions. This includes chairing community meetings and participating in many sporting teams both as a player, and in a voluntary capacity within a committee. He has always stood up for the battlers and pushed Council to make smart budget decisions. As a family man, the cost of living is at the forefront of his concerns and its time to seriously change the direction of this Council to make us more resilient to financial pressure and bring prosperity back to our communities.

**SCOTT HART**

Scott Hart, 58, is married to Nicole and lives at Majors Creek. Scott is currently working as a support worker with NDIS and Aged Care plan participants within the Braidwood area. Previously, Scott has had 37 years experience in banking, 19 in Braidwood and Bungendore Community Banks, including 4 years as Bungendore's foundation branch manager. Scott has 42 years as a member of NSW RFS, and was Captain of Braidwood Brigade 2017-2024. Currently deputy Captain Majors Creek brigade. Justice of the Peace since 2006. I'm not a politician, but I do have a long history of serving my community, and will continue to do so, whatever the result of the elections.

**NATASHA ABBOTT**

Natasha boasts a 35-year career in local government. She previously held the position of Service Manager for Natural Landscapes and Health at Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC), a role she was appointed to following the council amalgamation in 2016. Prior to that, she served as the Manager of Environment & Health for Queanbeyan City Council (QCC). After three decades with QCC and QPRC, one of her reasons for resigning was a loss of respect for the current council. She asserts that the council's culture has declined, staff are under immense pressure, and there have been numerous resignations and layoffs in recent years that have resulted in a significant loss of institutional knowledge. She believes that the only way to effect change is by stepping up and running for council.

Natasha has consistently focused on community service, being approachable, empathetic, loyal, honest, reliable, and diligent in her work.

She is convinced that:

- The council is in need of significant reform.
- The economy, cost of living, and resilience are the top priorities for ratepayers.
- The council must enhance resilience regarding its finances, infrastructure, community preparedness, and the natural environment.
- The council has wasted funds and overlooked opportunities, with many areas ripe for audit and evaluation.
- The council should identify savings and explore regional opportunities for shared resources where possible.

**Other GROUP E candidates are**

- Horst KIRCHNER, QUEANBEYAN
- Bonnie O'BRIEN, KINDERVALE
- Jason WEBB, KARABAR

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## Candidate Profiles - Group F Small Business and Households Rachel Macdonald Group

Small Business and Households are the key to a good economy – all are feeling the stresses of cost of living, rate rises, and more money going out that coming in. It's not easy to start up a new business in our Region or maintain a small business, with all the process and fees required and more administration being imposed for those businesses who use their home as a base. We are a truly independent group of experienced people who stand for Transparency, Efficiency and Accountability within Council. We have no ties to the current Council or any political party.

We commit to:

Transparency – processes and decisions that affect every household, every ratepayer, every business need to be easily shared. Council meetings need to welcome community members not reduce their input to a 3 minute segment where no interaction is allowed from Councillors.

Efficiency – projects, especially in the road construction and maintenance area need to be run effectively. Putting more staff on processes such as Development Applications with an inefficient process won't make it any better. Streamline forms, reduce red tape to make it easier for our community and for Council.

Accountability – there needs to be better financial administration, reporting to our community and ensuring decisions are made using accurate and up to date information. With an increasing debt of over \$148M we need to act now; we need to have the correct information so important decisions can be made.

The Team in Group F are committed to making change, introducing efficiency savings both in process and budget, and ensuring fairness is part of every day dealings with ratepayers and small businesses.



### RACHAEL MACDONALD

Born in the Old Canberra hospital, Rachael spent her days riding her pony around what is now Gungahlin with her brother. Rachael grew up riding across 6000 acres and has lived on the land most of her life. She spent 15 years in Captains Flat and Anembo before eventually moving to Majors Creek.

With over 20 years in Government, making her way to the Senior Executive Service level, Rachael left the APS to join a few USA firms and travelled the world implementing Information Technology systems for clients. Bringing all of this experience together, Rachael now owns and operates four Companies, including civil construction, data analytics, eco tourism and not for profit womens healing.

A proud Wiradjuri woman, all of Rachael's Companies are Indigenous certified and the Giilang Foundation takes 10% of profits and puts this into community projects.

Being a small business owner, the reason Rachael wanted to run for Council is three fold : Efficiency – to improve the processes and make them more efficient with the aim of finding savings to help with the current debt; Transparency – ensure the Rate Payers get QPRC to provide information on what our hard earned dollars are spent on; Accountability – to have QPRC understand the challenges small businesses face with the current regulations and Development approvals and other rates and charges small business face daily



### WALTER RAYNOLDS

Walter is a retired farmer and transport operator. In his time, Walter operated 4 B Doubles and 2 smaller trucks. Married for 47 years with 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren, family means a lot for Walter.

A Councillor for 19 years, first elected in 1988 at a Bi-Election, Walter served 11 of these years with Tallaganda Council (Braidwood). Walter found he was fortunate to serve with many great people who well understood the importance, duty, responsibility, of due care and diligence. This was of great importance in the expenditure of public money which is a key component of what the new Council needs to focus on.

Later, Walter served 8 years on the newly amalgamated Palerang Council, the last 3 as Mayor.

The current financial situation with the QPRC is of concern and needs immediate attention. Walter will focus on increasing financial stability, reducing the inefficiencies across the Council expenditure and reducing the burden on small businesses across our region.

Rates are another area that Walter will focus on to make them fair across the board. Currently small business are paying more than their fair share and this needs to be addressed.

Walter has had more than an interest in local government for the last 30 years and he will endeavour to make our Council one that people are proud to say they belong to, which is not what we have at the moment.



### MAY KOWALSKI

May grew up in Tasmania, then moved to Melbourne, Queensland then back to Tasmania. When her year 12 was completed, May spent a year in Canada where her love of community really started to become apparent.

Working at the Hobart casino as a croupier and also in after school care until her mid 20's, May decided she needed to do more with her life and moved to Sydney to study science. Also completing a bachelor of medicine at the University of New England in 2016.

Having completed her internship and Residency at the Nepean Hospital in Western Sydney, May decided to become a locum and travel. Now working at Calvary John James Hospital in a contract Doctor role that has been very rewarding and flexible enough that she has been able to work part time after the birth of her Son. Working at nights so she can spend the days with her Son.

May has lived in the Queanbeyan Palerang area for the last 6 years, with the last 4 of those on her small property in Mulloon with her partner, son, 2 dogs, 2 cats and part time with her 9 year old and 11 year old step children.

Passionate about community engagement and policies that work, May decided to run for this Election with the aim of bringing clarity and honesty for every household in the area.



### TODD MCKITTRICK

Todd was born in Sydney and relocated to Canberra as a baby. His father was a firefighter who transferred to Canberra where he remained until his retirement. Always drawn to the rural lifestyle, Todd finally relocated to Lake George in 2016 with his wife, stepson and his youngest daughter. Now living the quiet life on his property.

In his early 20's, Todd started his own business in the transport industry. He is the founder and Director of McKittrick Bulk Haulage, a fuel transport company. As a small business owner, with many years' experience, Todd brings a wealth of knowledge to the group and will always fight for the rights of the small businesses.

Todd's belief is that small business fuels the nation. Without small business innovation ceases, unemployment skyrockets and so do taxes and rates. Todd wants to see greater council support to businesses, reduced rigidity and red tape, rather than decision making at the personal discretion of the member. Todd stands for Accountability, Transparency and a refocus of Councils direction back to providing the core services to the rate paying community without the bureaucracy.

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## Candidate Profiles - Group F Small Business and Households Rachel Macdonald Group ~ continued



### SAMANTHA KEW

A busy mum of 2 from Braidwood, Sam has successfully owned and operated 2 bricks and mortar businesses within the QPRC area. The original owner and founder of the Concept Café in Braidwood which opened in 2013 and sold in 2015. In 2019, just before the fires hit the State, Sam and her husband saw a gap in the market and opened a welding and fabrication business. This grew fast and Sam and her husband now employ 3 full time staff, 1 casual staff member and many subcontractors. In 2013 Sam graduated with an Accountancy Degree and now also runs a bookkeeping and logo design business as well as helping with her family beef cattle property. Following in her grandfather's footsteps who was a councillor for many years, Sam made the decision to run on the small business and household group ticket. With a strong passion for livestock and small businesses Sam sees a need for Council to help support our small business in all industries. Advocating for reducing the red tape placed on small business operations within the QPRC region and campaigning for small business to be incentivised to open and operate in the Braidwood area in order to increase employment opportunities available to our young locals looking at what to do after leaving school. Sam will hold the Council accountable for the appropriate use of ratepayer funds, the processes they have in place and the efficiency of all works completed in the QPRC area.



### JOANNE LAWRENCE

Joanne was born in Wollongong and moved to Captains Flat 27 years ago. A strong community member, Joanne was actively involved in the Captains Flat preschool as well as the Primary school. Having managed the mail run around the village for many years, most will recognise Jo's happy smile as she delivers mail to the residents. With a commitment to due process and fairness, Joanne stands for this election with a focus on Transparency and Accountability within the Council for all ratepayers. In her many discussions with locals in her day to day business, the recurrent theme is that community doesn't get enough information from the Council on the condition of roads and when they will be repaired, why are our rates going up but the services being reduced and how will the Council reduce red tape for people trying to start a new business. Joanne is passionate about making change and that is exactly what needs to happen with this election.

## Candidate Profiles - Group G The Greens



### KATRINA WILLIS (Crestwood)

As a Greens councillor since December 2021, I've worked to deliver our election commitments including to protect nature and conserve local heritage, to improve Council's climate action, and to deliver an affordable housing strategy. I've worked constructively with other councillors to improve council's transparency and accountability, and to address its financial challenges. I have regularly visited the towns and villages outside Queanbeyan, including Braidwood, Araluen, Bungendore and Captains Flat, to understand the interests and concerns of residents in the smaller communities and to advocate for them. I am seeking a second term to build on our achievements: to cut greenhouse emissions faster, invest in sustainable transport, improve resource recovery, extend cat containment and secure a better financial deal for local councils and communities. Queanbeyan has been my home since I moved to work as a journalist in the Australian Parliament 30 years ago. After leaving journalism, I joined The Greens, having seen the senators at work and later, was an adviser to Christine Milne, Bob Brown and Kerry Nettle. I also worked in the Australian Public Service including 12 years implementing the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, one of Australia's most ambitious environmental reforms. I value living close to nature, the character of our country towns, villages and rural districts, and the strong sense of community within them. On Council, I am working to strengthen these attributes of the places we call home. With your support on 14 September, I can continue The Greens' work for a more sustainable and caring community in Queanbeyan-Palerang.

### JAMES ANSELL (Karabar)

I moved to Queanbeyan in 2021 after living in Canberra for a decade. I am standing for election to QPRC to be part of an engaged and progressive Council that supports the community living in our region. I grew up in the Northern Territory and studied science at the Australian National University. I work for a non-profit health organisation advocating for improved consumer rights. I previously worked as a casual employee at the ANU and even flew hot air balloons. I'm an active union member, run a sole-trader business and am studying part-time towards a Masters of Business Administration.

Local Councils have a large impact on the local community and a progressive Greens voice is needed to ensure Council is best helping people solve the issues we are all facing. On Council, I am particularly interested in increasing the amount of affordable housing available in our towns (without negatively impacting the environment we live in). I joined Council's Affordable Housing Working Group to contribute to addressing this pressing social issue. If elected, I will also work to reduce Council and community greenhouse emissions through measures such as increasing solar power and batteries, encouraging electric vehicle use, and building more bike paths.



Councils have traditionally been dominated by older people even though the decisions they make can affect young people for many years to come.

As a QPRC councillor, I can bring the perspective and interests of younger people to council decision-making.



### TONYA ROONEY (Braidwood)

I want a Council that actively supports local businesses, creative arts and child-friendly communities. As an environmental educator of adults and children, I am passionate about protecting the natural world and mindful of the challenges that climate change brings, particularly in regional Australia.

I believe there is an important place for local business and creative communities in making small towns more resilient in the face the influence of multi-national corporations and that there are things we can all do to be more climate-ready.

I support a council that consults and works closely with communities, so decisions can be made in the interests of all.

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## Candidate Profiles - Group G The Greens ~ continued



### **KATHLEEN MAHER (Bungendore)**

I live in Bungendore and my involvement in the town started as a newly widowed mum in 1982. After raising my family and working at Bungendore Wood Works Gallery, I decided to study nursing. After graduating, I worked in the Queanbeyan Emergency Department for seven years before undertaking remote area nursing in Central Australia until 2015.

I purchased a house in Bungendore in 2013, and returned in 2015 to make Bungendore my home. I have since become involved in several community groups including Save Bungendore Park Inc, Bungendore Lions, Bungendore Community Aid, Palliative Care volunteers and Rural Australia for Refugees Queanbeyan.

Over the past five years I have become increasingly disillusioned with the major parties over their policies and actions on climate change, refugees and Indigenous Australians. Two years ago, I joined The Greens to more actively address these issues.

If elected to QPRC, I will work to ensure that all council decisions take into account greenhouse gas emissions and the needs of refugees and Indigenous peoples living in our region.

I would like QPRC to maximise the State and Australian Government grants available to identify and address community needs, particularly for those experiencing financial hardship and homelessness. I would also work for greater transparency and streamlining of residential development decisions.



### **GREG BUCKMAN (Crestwood)**

Global warming is the great existential crisis of our time and I would like to see Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) do more to address it.

I have been a keen bushwalker for decades and have walked extensively in Tasmania, the Australian Alps, Blue Mountains, NSW South East and in New Zealand.

My interest in climate change is connected to my appreciation of the great outdoors: if we don't reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, our natural wonders will disappear.

Bushwalking led me to The Greens and to environmental work and activism in general. I worked for the Tasmanian Wilderness Society on its successful campaign to save the Franklin River in the early 1980s and took part in its subsequent campaign to save Tasmania's majestic forests including being arrested on a forest blockade in 1987.

After moving to Queanbeyan in 2007, I completed a PhD at the Australian National University on renewable energy support systems. I then worked for eight years on the ACT Government's nation-leading 100%-by-2020 renewable energy program.

With its community and council operations climate change action plans, QPRC has made a good start on tackling local greenhouse gas emissions but there is much more that could be done and I'd like to see the council make faster progress on this most crucial of issues.



### **SIMON WOOLRIDGE (Queanbeyan)**

I arrived in Queanbeyan with my family in 1992 to serve in the local Anglican church. In 2005, I took up an appointment as a prison chaplain, working in Goulburn Correctional Centre before being appointed as Chaplain to ACT Corrective Services when the Alexander Maconochie Centre received its first inmates in 2009.

I have always had a passion for the marginalised and disadvantaged of our community, having written a regular column informed by my experiences, but was careful not to promulgate political views while holding religious office.

Since retirement, I have become more active, joining The Greens and supporting their focus on climate action and the protection of nature, while continuing to embrace compassion for the marginalised. I want a compassionate council that puts vulnerable and marginalised people first.

## Candidate Profiles - Group H Steve Taskovski Group

### **GROUP H**

- **TASKOVSKI Steve** KARABAR Independent
- **CHEEMA Manpreet Singh** GOOGONG Independent
- **TRAJANOSKI Velice (Vic)** GOOGONG Independent
- **BALDAN Lou** QUEANBEYAN EAST Independent
- **KIRCHNER Samantha** QUEANBEYAN Independent
- **FAYAQ Bashir** GOOGONG Independent
- **TRAN Charles** CRESTWOOD Independent
- **AHMED Hasina** QUEANBEYAN EAST Independent
- **AGRESTA Frank** GOOGONG Independent
- **HILL Alan** BURRA Independent
- **DUCKINOSKI Zoran** KARABAR Independent

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## Candidate Profiles - Group I Independent - Mareeta Grundy Group



From Left to right. Sian Rinaldi, Bec Edwards, Michael Bagley, Johnny Lange, Mareeta Grundy, Shane Ivimey, Rachel Scattergood, Billie Woods.

Group I loyalties start and finish with residents, not bureaucracy. As a first term councillor, lead candidate Mareeta Grundy, has lived that principle. Group I (for Independent), believe that political party agendas have no place in local government. Priority should be given to local issues, not imposing state and federal issues on residents who want less government interference, not more. Residents want essentials like roads and other infrastructure properly maintained, efficient planning and development including application processing, a fair go for local business and better value for money. Group I represents a council that lives within its means while having a vision of prosperity for its residents. Group I policies include an independent investigation of financial operations identifying waste and efficiency savings, essentials first (like roads, footpaths), a new fast track classification for development application processing for straightforward matters, streamlined and more effective customer service (improved user friendly website), more signature events for our towns with cost effective and targeted tourism support, and greater priority given to local business needs. Our local businesses are our community's beating heart. Group I candidates are educators, strategists, students, veterans, parents, and small business operators. Group I has the greatest number of women and the youngest candidate of all groups because we are serious about doing things differently. Group I loyalties start and finish with residents. It's that simple.

**MAREETA GRUNDY**

I've been a resident near Bungendore for almost 30 years, with extended family in Queanbeyan and Carwoola that goes back generations. I travel extensively throughout the region so you could say I'm across issues in both city and regional Queanbeyan and Palerang. More than ever, residents want to be listened to and for their wishes to be acted on. I've headed up a multimillion dollar public health campaign, worked with The Canberra Raiders, the Australian Defence Force, in coronary care and on cancer wards, with corporates, government and I've run a small business. I have experience in policy development, and managing tight budgets. My training has taught me to have an enquiring mind and seek detail when it's lacking.

I am tenacious, I do not flip flop, and I detest waste. I did not vote for the 64% rate rise nor the record breaking councillor and mayoral pay increases. Council must focus on affordable delivery and councillors need to show strong leadership in fiercely prosecuting that case on behalf of residents. This election, I have a very strong team of candidates in Group I and my aim is to transform how Council services its residents and shapes our communities in the present and for the future.

**GROUP I**

- GRUNDY Mareeta BYWONG Independent
- IVIMEY Shane GOOGONG Independent
- LANGE Johnny CARWOOLA Independent
- SCATTERGOOD Rachel QUEANBEYAN Independent

- WOODS Antoni (Billie) JERRABOMBERRA Independent
- EDWARDS Bec BUNGENDORE Independent
- RINALDI Sian QUEANBEYAN EAST Independent
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## Candidate Profiles - Ungrouped

### RICHARD GRAHAM

I'm reaching out to ask for your vote on September 14th. I am standing as a genuine Independent, and my website provides insight into who I am, my perspectives, and the initiatives I plan to champion if elected again. [www.RichardGraham.com.au](http://www.RichardGraham.com.au).

I moved to Mulloon Creek in 2004 after commencing development of Landtasia Organic Farm there in 1995. I've been a creative and financial entrepreneur at the forefront of successful enterprises with proven performance experience in leadership and governance.

As a councillor from 2008 to 2016, I was a strong advocate for responsible expenditure. I participated in transforming a precarious LGA into a financially and socially stable shire that delivered on its obligations with only CPI rate rises for 8 years. I fully supported many important Braidwood initiatives including water and sewerage, community arts including BRAG, and I championed the two Zebra safety crossings on Wallace Street against the strong opposition of RMS.

If elected, I'd champion for residents:

1. Cancelling the 3rd 18% tranche of the special rate increase, and if possible, one-third of the 2nd 18% tranche too.

2. Reduce Council debt and eliminate ongoing financial waste

3. Increase Council work on its core obligations to residents

4. Digging into why water rates here have risen triple vs the Queanbeyan rise

The old Tallaganda region is a unique community bringing together the best of strong agricultural people and creative people, who are linked by an appreciation of traditional values. I not only respect that, but it is also who I am too.



QPRC is in a risky financial situation and is using our wallets to underwrite its poor choices and decision making. Electing, below-the-line, me and others with similar commitments will help reverse and repair that wrong.

Please review my election website for fuller information about my background, the issues that need fixing, and what I pledge to achieve for you.



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