

Elect the best Councillor Group

Transparency, Honesty and Integrity are the basic character requirements for obtaining good governance and decision making for the whole community.

The community has now been advised (24.09.24) the Candidate Statements from 23 individuals nine of whom will form the next 'Councillor Group. While these statements available on the www.vec.gov.vic.au website provide general background and aims for each candidate they fail to provide the detail information required by, and in a form that, each voter needs to make a considered choice.

The Council Watch questionnaire from which each candidate can be compared and matched to the preferences of each voter is the solution as long as candidates are prepared to demonstrate the transparency necessary to represent our followers if elected- **So this is the first test of a candidate's integrity! Did you pass this test?**

EGRRA supports all candidates that commit to serving the community without fear of favour for the next 4 years. To form an effective leadership group the mix of councillors, as a collective team, need to demonstrate all the professional skills necessary to enable them to hold the EGSC administration officers to account. Division between councillors leads to poor unrepresentative government-

Currently EGRRA has commitment and have matched EGRRA values for 5 of the 23 candidates (in alphabetical order) they each will provide their preferred candidate 'How to vote" card for voters to follow.

EGRRA have produced a 4 year Councillor Vision Statement that the listed candidates have committed to and completed the Council Watch Questionnaire

Buckley, Coates, Eastman, Trevaskis, White with requests for commitment being requested from Ashworth and Nicholas.

All these councillors will combine to provide professionally qualified skills necessary to guide council in quality decision making.

Voters please choose carefully – make your vote count

At today's date only nine of the 23 candidates have completed the questionnaire perhaps indicating that a majority of candidates are unsuitable to hold office . EGRRA encourages all those candidates who have failed so far to be transparent and complete the questionnaire available on www.councilwatch.com.au to complete and return it before 28th September.

Quote from Council Watch president Dean Hurlston

"Council bureaucracy is strangling the goodwill in our communities, rates are ever increasing and service standards are lower than ever, there are far more of us than them. Sadly, we are in an ideological war - are they meant to serve us or are we their puppets for radical social policy? Local Democracy and the right to be heard is not negotiable, CEOs and executives are drunk on power despite being unelected - this must all radically change"

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