



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

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Enrol to vote in the Council elections

The Huon Valley Council is encouraging residents to enrol to vote as Council elections are fast approaching.

Elections will be held in October 2018 and all 9 Councillor positions are to be elected for a four-year term.

Elections will be conducted by postal vote.

Electors will again have the opportunity to vote for the person that they wish to see elected as Mayor and Deputy Mayor which are also for a four-year period.

Huon Valley Council Adriana Taylor said now is the time for all residents to check they are enrolled to vote in the elections.

“By voting in the local government elections you will have a say in who represents you in the new Council when decisions are made that affect your municipal area.”

“Electoral Rolls close on 13 September 2018. All persons who are over 18 and are registered on the House of Assembly roll for Franklin are automatically entitled to vote,” Commissioner Taylor said.

To check your enrolment on the Electoral Roll please phone the Australian Electoral Commission 13 23 26 or visit the website at www.aec.gov.au and click on the ‘**check your enrolment details online**’ button.

If you are not registered for the House of Assembly roll in the Huon Valley area, you may be entitled to vote if you fall into one of the following categories and have completed an application to appear on the General Manager’s Roll: -

- If you own property in the Huon Valley but live outside the area;
- You are ineligible to appear on the House of Assembly Roll – for instance, you may not be an Australian Citizen, or
- If you are the nominated representative of a corporate body that owns or occupies land in the Huon Valley.

Applications to be enrolled on the General Manager’s Roll can be obtained from the Council’s Customer Service Centre or from the website at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au

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New residents, or those who turned 18 since the last election, may not yet be registered on the House of Assembly Roll for Franklin. Enrolment is a simple process and forms can be picked up from the local post office or Service Tasmania or the Tasmanian Electoral Office website www.electoral.tas.gov.au

If you have already filled out an application form to appear on the General Manager's Roll you will be automatically listed.

Huon Valley Council General Manager Emilio Reale also urges residents to vote.

"I encourage all electors to exercise their democratic right and vote in the October elections," Mr Reale said.

"Councils are responsible for a range of services within the Huon Valley, such as capital works, road construction and maintenance, some community services like childcare and health, sporting facilities, planning and building services, economic development and tourism, to name a few.

"Elections are held every four years and while voting in local government elections is not compulsory, it is important that residents have a say in who they want to represent them on these issues.

"At the last election, we had a voting return rate of 64.94 per cent. This is higher than the State average but it would be good to see a greater number of electors voting this year," Mr Reale said.

Commissioner Taylor will conclude her appointment on issue of the Certificate of Election.

Information for prospective candidates may be obtained from the Local Government Association of Tasmania website www.lgat.tas.gov.au or the Tasmanian Electoral Office website.

Candidates are reminded electoral advertising is prohibited on any Council owned or controlled land or road. Any advertising placed in contravention of this prohibition will be removed by authorised council officers without notice and returned to the candidate only after Council's costs of removal and storage have been paid for.

The election timetable for this year is as follows:

Notice of Election will be published	Saturday 8 September
Electoral Rolls Close	Thursday 13 September
Nomination Period for candidates	10 to 24 September
Nominations Close	Noon Monday 24 September
Nominations announced and draw for Ballot paper positions	Noon Tuesday 25 September
Polling Period	19 to 30 October
Close of Polling	10am Tuesday 30 October

Results will be released as available.

If you have any questions about the election, these can be directed to the Council's Customer Service Centre on 6264 0300.

For more information
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