



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

Bulletin

Melbourne City Council Elections

Given the numbers standing and the fact that there is limited coverage of the elections in the media, your Association held a “Meet the Candidates Forum” in conjunction with the Fawkner Park Friends group on Sunday 6 October. All eleven candidates for the Lord Mayoral position attended and addressed the assembled throng and answered questions.

There was also an opportunity to meet and question the candidates less formally over a drink after the meeting. This was a most useful Forum in helping attendees better understand each candidate and the policies they would pursue if elected.

Voting Packs are being posted to all those on the electoral roll this week. Two ballots are being held concurrently, one for the position of Lord Mayor and Deputy and one for the Council. There are 11 teams contesting the Lord Mayor and Deputy positions and 58 candidates contesting for the 9 vacancies on Council.

The ballots are postal ballots and relatively complex. The ballot for Lord Mayor/Deputy is a preferential ballot and requires all 11 boxes on the ballot paper to be marked. The ballot for Council is a proportional preferential ballot and you have the option to vote above the line selecting the team you wish to vote for or to mark each of the 58 squares on the ballot paper. The two ballot papers are then to be returned by post (envelope provided, no stamp required) or can be hand delivered to the Drill Hall in Victoria St.

Important: Voting is compulsory, and the poll closes on Friday 25 October, and you must post or deliver your ballot papers by then or risk a fine. This means they must be in the post by 6pm on 25 October. Detailed instructions are included in the Voting Pack along with candidate information.

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