



President and Board Elections 2025

**Election of
Director**

Metropolitan South Region

Voting instructions,
candidates' statements
and photographs

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O'REILLY, Sean

I am committed to providing strong advocacy and leadership for our region and the MAV. During my previous tenure as your MAV representative, I prioritised collaboration and productive partnerships over political partisanship, maintaining a near-perfect attendance record at both council and MAV Board meetings to ensure effective representation of our region's interests. As both councillor and mayor, I actively championed joint initiatives between councils, witnessing firsthand the impact of working together. My completion of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course in 2015 further strengthened my governance capabilities. I believe the MAV must be efficient, relevant, and responsive to our community's needs, ensuring its efforts are both impactful and timely. I remain readily accessible to all councillors—please feel free to reach out anytime for a prompt response. The MAV's strength lies in our collective expertise and influence, and I am committed to building on this foundation to achieve even more for our region.

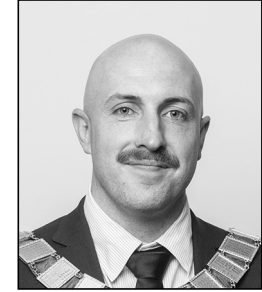
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BOLAM, Kris

The efficacy of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is something that every council, shire and borough ought to be grappling with. It is clear that the MAV is a shell of its former self, and this is particularly evident given the lack of measurable success it has achieved, in recent years, insofar state and federal advocacy efforts. This must change! It's important that our next regional representative on the MAV Board be someone that is collaborative, lateral and willing to passionately represent the interests of the region they will represent. As the board delegate in 2021 and 2022, during the COVID pandemic; I ensured that not only did my region continue to be vigorously represented at the board-level, I also sought to continue advocating for regionally inspired propositions. This included lobbying the State Government to either eliminate, or at least properly reparate, local governments for the collection of levies (on their behalf). If elected to the MAV Board, I will continue the approach I previously possessed - and you having the knowledge, and total assurance, that I am only ever a telephone call or coffee catch-up away if you need my assistance.

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KOWARZIK, Jack

I am seeking your support for the position of Director of our region on the MAV Board. I am committed to continuing the good work of our previous representatives, but also providing my own commitment and a fresh approach to the region I grew up in and represent. My priorities as your Director will be to ensure our region's concerns are heard and addressed, as well as contributing to the advocacy and good governance of the MAV. I firmly believe in the power of collaboration and open communication. Staying connected with you and keeping my finger on the pulse of the issues that matter most will be paramount, I plan to attend all Delegate Council meetings and engage directly with you whenever needed. Your input will guide me as I advocate for our region, ensuring that our voices are integral to the MAV's decisions and initiatives. I am deeply committed to serving our region with integrity, working to address the specific challenges we face here in our corner of Victoria. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to the opportunity to represent our region with dedication and transparency.