



## **President and Board Elections 2025**

**Election of  
Director**

**Loddon Campaspe Mallee  
Region**

Voting instructions,  
candidates' statements  
and photographs

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**MARWOOD, Anthony**

Prior to being elected to council I spent 15 years in advocacy and representative roles in agriculture, as a Councillor and former Deputy Mayor, I have experience, strong governance skills, and aim to represent MAV members' needs. With Federal and State elections approaching, it is crucial to highlight the role councils play in addressing the diverse needs of Victorian communities. In these times, the MAV should lead with a positive outlook, focus on the future, and support Victoria's growth. Ensuring the local government sector remains future-ready and financially sustainable is essential. We must address current funding shortfalls to meet the needs of new and growing communities. Key issues such as roads, disaster readiness, housing, and energy are high on local governments' agendas, and I aspire to be an effective voice for local government if elected. Success depends on collaborative planning and effective partnerships with State and Federal funding bodies. As a resident of Campaspe Shire in rural Victoria, in my second term in local government, I am dedicated to positioning Victoria and our region to meet the needs of all residents now and for future generations. Working together ensures our voices are heard and our needs met.

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**SPONG, Aaron**

I'm an experienced businessman having had over 20 years of real world experience in small business, financial management and dealing with various councils. I've also been involved and held many roles within community organisations throughout regional Victoria. I pledge to you and your council, that I'll represent your council to the state government and be a strong voice for all councils ensuring they always receive their fair share of revenue and support. It is vital that we receive this so councils across Victoria are able to deliver promises to their communities and constituents. I'll strive to help achieve the aspirations of all councils through collaboration as a collective voice and resources we will achieve outcomes that will benefit all our communities. Provision of better roads and maintenance, public transport, more housing, food security, support for businesses and better infrastructure overall are all high priorities for councils. I'm happy to travel anywhere in the state to help give the tools to empower others through insight and networking. You can't go wrong, Vote 1, Aaron Spong

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**McPHEE, Les**

I have been a Councillor at Swan Hill Rural City since 2008, in that time I have served six years as Mayor and have been the MAV delegate for the past six years. Having recently retired from Victoria Police in 2022 after serving for 37 years, I now have the time and desire to undertake the role of a Director on the MAV Board. The results of the last Local Government elections in October 2024 indicated that communities across Victoria want Local Government to focus on their core responsibilities. With this in mind the MAV needs to continue to advocate strongly to ensure Local Government remains sustainable into the future and be able to provide the services and facilities in an efficient and effective manner that our communities expect and deserve. After 16 years as a Councillor I am still very passionate about the Local Government sector and believe I will be a valued member of the MAV Board and will advocate strongly for issues that affect our region. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming MAV Board elections to be the representative for this region.

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## **ANDERSON, Jennifer**

If not elected as MAV President, I seek your support to re-elect me as your regional board member. I am passionate about improving the lives of communities and believe MAV plays a key role in this due to the value it provides to councils. Since the last Board Elections, MAV has made significant progress including the appointment of a new CEO and the development of an ambitious strategic plan. I have ensured your input has been provided on the planning scheme review and proposed emergency services levy, and nearly all MAV recommendations to the State Government inquiry into local government financial sustainability were endorsed. As a board member for the past six years, I have been active in raising issues and fostering collaboration and two-way dialogue. I am independent, with strong leadership skills and experience. I have been Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council five times and am a Graduate and Fellow of the Australian Institute Company of Directors. I believe that good governance sector knowledge is at the heart of a well-run organisation, and if re-elected to the MAV Board, I will listen and respond to all issues raised. LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/in/jennifera-anderson](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennifera-anderson) or via 0408 273 670 or [janderson@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:janderson@mrsc.vic.gov.au).