

## Local Government Elections 2005 - Bulletin No 4

Hello candidates, coordinators, campaigners and councilors-to-be. Bulletin 4 contains a number of specific requests + bits of 'need to know' information.

### 1. CANDIDATE AGREEMENTS URGENT

All candidates must forward a signed hard copy of the candidate agreement by Mon Oct 17. This is located in the files section of the pre-selection handbook which is available on the campaign yahoo group. Signed agreements can be posted or faxed to Mark Riley at the Greens Office.

### 2. PLEASE FORWARD BUDGETS URGENT

All campaigns must email their budgets including their fundraised amount to the VLECC alias at: [lgvecc05@vic.greens.org.au](mailto:lgvecc05@vic.greens.org.au) They must also indicate that they have read and understood the conditions of their budget allocation. Deadline is Mon 17 Oct.

### 3. CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT URGENT

All campaigns must formally inform the VLECC when candidates are endorsed to the VLECC alias at: [lgvecc05@vic.greens.org.au](mailto:lgvecc05@vic.greens.org.au). Details to be included are the candidate's name, ward, municipality, preferred telephone, email address along with the campaign co-ordinator's contact details. Deadline is Mon 17 Oct.

### 4. PHOTO, 150 WORDS + CONTACT FOR VIC GREENS WEBSITE URGENT

We are in the process of updating the 2005 Vic Greens Local Government website. Rubina Parvez has kindly agreed to help to the work on the web, but due to other commitments is only available until 20 Oct.

The website will be in the same format as in 2004. We need a headshot photo of you, 150 words and a contact if you wish to provide one.

The photo does not need to be a specific physical or electronic size, Rubina will process it.

For postal election candidates, please forward the 150 words you are using in your ballot paper. For attendance election candidates, please write a 150 word blurb that we can use to display with your picture.

Please provide a copy of an email or phone contact if you wish that to be published on the website on the page with your picture and 150 words.

Your Name, Council and Ward should accompany your photo, 150 words and contact details should be emailed to Rubina Parvez at [rubina70@gmail.com](mailto:rubina70@gmail.com) before 5pm on 18 Oct. Rubina will not be able to process them after this.

## 5. IMPORTANT DATES

Please regularly check the Yahoo calendar for updates.

If there is something to do on or ahead of one of these dates, why not make a note of it?

<b>POSTAL</b>	<b>EVENT OR DEADLINE</b>	<b>ACTION?</b>
17 Oct	Vic Greens endorsement letter sent to candidates.	
20 Oct	Postal election candidate VEC nominations open.	
25 Oct 4 pm	Postal election candidate VEC nominations close.	
26 Oct 4 pm	Postal election 150 word and photo lodgment closes.	
28 Oct 4 pm	Postal election lodging of preference with VEC closes.	
8-11 Nov	One third of postal ballot packs mailed to voters each day.	
25 Nov 6 pm	Voting closes for postal elections.	
Nov 26 am	Counting for postal elections begins. Times vary depending on arrangements for your election.	

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>EVENT OR DEADLINE</b>	<b>ACTION?</b>
21 Oct	Attendance election candidate VEC nominations open.	
26 Oct 4 pm	Attendance election candidate VEC nominations close.	
27 Oct	Attendance election registration of How To Vote cards opens.	
27 Oct	Attendance election early voting (prepolling) begins.	
18 Nov	Attendance election registration of How To Vote cards closes.	
26 Nov 8 am-6 pm	Attendance voting in Banyule, Brimbank, Dandenong, Knox, Maribyrnong + Moonee Valley.	
26 Nov 6 pm	Counting for attendance elections begins.	

## 6. YAHOO GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Everyone involved in this election should join the Yahoo Group. It provides the best source of information on what, where when and the occasional why. Everyone involved in this election should join the Yahoo Group. It provides Click this link to visit the [AGV2005LocalGovtElection Yahoo Group](#).

## 7. CLOSE OF VOTING ROLLS

Victorian Electoral Commission rolls closed on 30 Sept 05. Voters who were not on the roll by then time are ineligible to vote, and cannot be candidates.

## 8. 1 OCT GETTING ELECTED WORKSHOP

A 'Getting Elected' local government training session was held at the Greens office on Saturday 1 Oct. The agenda, minutes and notes from the workshop are in the ['Activities' folder on the Yahoo site](#). Information from the 20 Aug Information session is also available there.

## 9. FOR POSTAL ELECTIONS

Have a look at the timetable for postal elections above. If you are part of a postal election, there a few things worth planning ahead for:

- 1/ Getting everything together for nominating on 20 Oct.
- 2/ Having a good photo taken.
- 3/ Having your 150 word statement almost done.
- 4/ Making arrangements for negotiating preferences.
- 4/ Organising flyers for letterboxing + check Aust Post mailing requirements.
- 5/ Organising volunteers for letterboxing, doorknocking and street stalls.
- 6/ Finding out about prepolling and deciding what to do re staffing booths.

Ballot papers will be mailed out over a 3 day period from 8 Nov. Within one week, half the voters may have voted by the end of the first week, so plan the majority of your effort for before then. Therefore, leaflet distribution for postals should be organised no later than Sun Nov 5. Leaflets should be forwarded to [lgvecc05@vic.greens.org.au](mailto:lgvecc05@vic.greens.org.au) for proof reading by VLECC.

## 10. FOR ATTENDANCE ELECTIONS

Have a look at the timetable for attendance elections above. If you are part of an attendance election, there a few things worth planning ahead for:

- 1/ Deciding if and what sort of pamphlets or flyers you are going to use.
- 2/ Organising flyers for letterboxing + check Aust Post mailing requirements.
- 3/ Getting the bulk of design sorted out for you How To Vote Card.

- 4/ Making arrangements for negotiating preferences.
- 5/ Organising volunteers for letterboxing, doorknocking and street stalls.
- 6/ Finding out about prepolling and deciding what to do re staffing booths.
- 7/ Establish a roster for poll booths for election day on 26 November 05.

## 11. VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers can be a great help to your campaign. Think about what jobs they can do.

Two lovely Greens volunteers have time free over the next few weeks, other than Wednesdays, to help with campaigns. Caroline Stewart-Murray and Michael Mrksa live in Melbourne CBD. They are prepared to go somewhere if there is a solid block of work to do, but would prefer to minimise time spent travelling. They will do letterboxing, mailouts, organising, writing and probably other things. Caroline and Michael can be contacted on 9663 7900, but please do not hand out this number without their permission.

## 12. BEING GOOD TO EACH OTHER

A happy candidate is a good candidate. It often seems to be that the people who are having fun, are the most attractive candidate for people to vote for. With this in mind, make sure you set realistic goals for what you will do, and make sure you plan ahead to set aside some down time to relax. A good person or animal to talk to is a great thing.

## 13. OTHER THINGS

Please feel free to contact me at [david@davidrisstrom.org](mailto:david@davidrisstrom.org) if you have further questions.

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