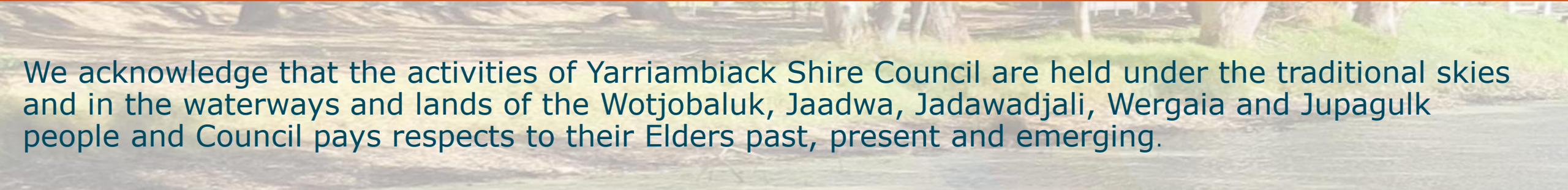


2024 Election

Running for Council



Acknowledgement to Country




We acknowledge that the activities of Yarriambiack Shire Council are held under the traditional skies and in the waterways and lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people and Council pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Overview of Yarriambiack Shire


Yarriambiack Shire Council covers an area of 7,158 square kilometres with an approximate population of 6,556 people (2021 ABS Census).

The Shire stretches from the Wimmera River just north of the Grampians in the south to the centre of the Mallee in the north.

Warracknabeal is the main service centre and is complemented by Hopetoun in the north and Minyip, Murtoa and Rupanyup in the south, with another 13 small towns spread throughout the Municipality.



7,158 square kilometres



Population of 6,556 people



Yarriambiack Shire

Council provides an abundance of services to the community such as:

Customer Service
(including VicRoads Agencies)

Animal Management and Local Laws

Environmental Health

Community and Economic Development

Sport and Recreation

Livestock Exchange

Library Services

Building and Planning

Maternal Child Health Services
(immunisation programs)

Kindergartens

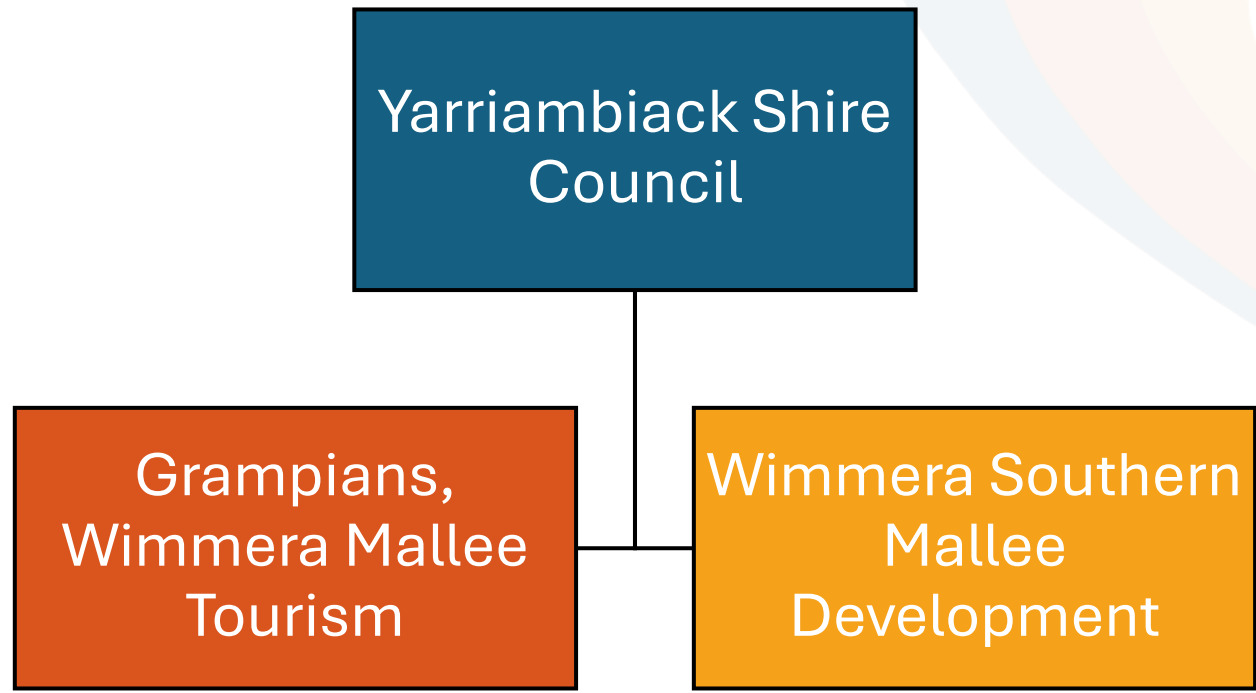
Emergency Management

Roads and Footpaths

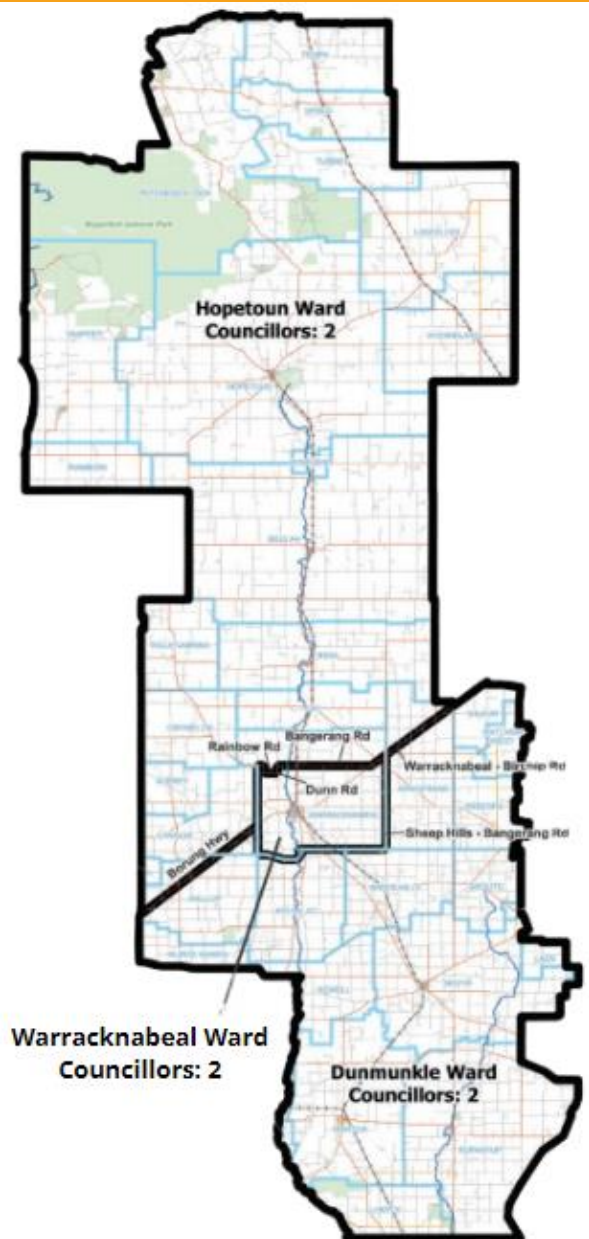
Waste Management

Our Partners

We partner with Grampians, Wimmera, Mallee Tourism (Visitor Economy Partnership) to deliver Tourism initiatives across the Shire, and Wimmera Southern Mallee Development for regional Economic Development initiatives.



Our entire Shire footprint sits within the Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) Native Title area. BGLC represents Traditional Owners from the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk peoples, who were recognised in a 2005 Native Title Consent Determination, the first in south-eastern Australia.



In October 2024 we will move to a new electoral structure;

Three wards, Hopetoun, Warracknabeal and Dunmunkle
Two Councillors per ward, with a total of six Councillors.

The main change to the structure, is the boundary changes and the requirement to move to even number of Councillors per ward, therefore Warracknabeal will be represented by two Councillors only (previously 3, and total of 7 Councillors).



**Hopetoun Ward
2 Councillors**



**Warracknabeal Ward
2 Councillors**

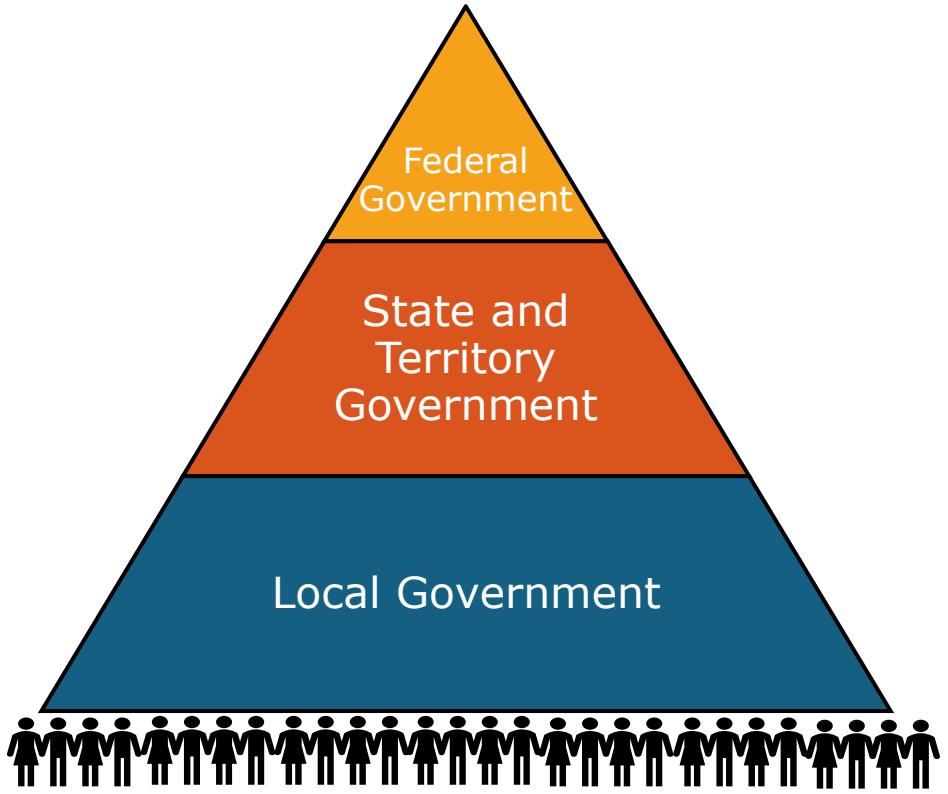


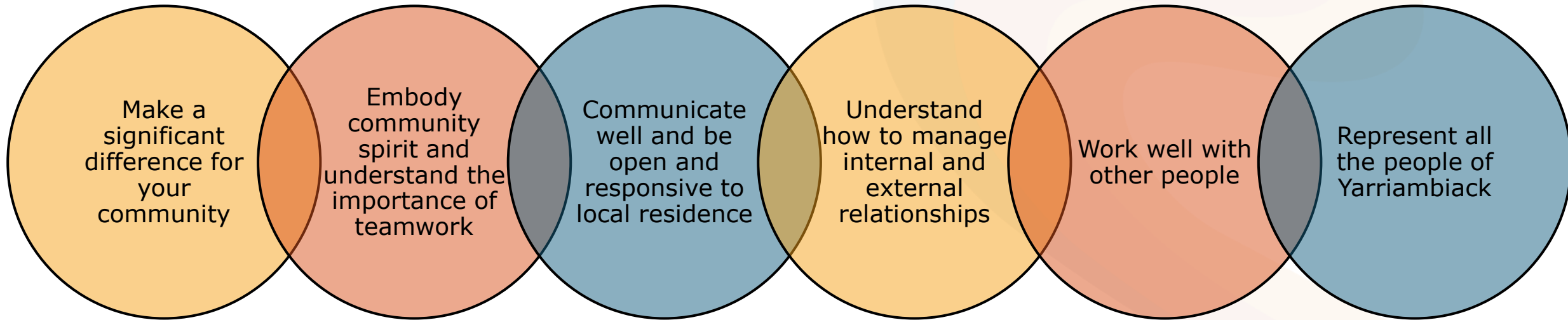
**Dunmunkle Ward
2 Councillors**

Local Government

With three tiers of government in Australia, local government is the tier closest to the people.

The role that councils play in the community has expanded over the years to reflect the changing needs of residents.





Under the Local Government Act 2020 each Councillor has a responsibility to:

- Participate in the decision making of the Council.
- Represent the interests of the community in that decision making.
- Contribute to the strategic direction of the Council through the development and review of key strategic documents, including the Council Plan.

The Councillors role is to set the strategic direction for the Council, focusing on the “What” not the “How”.

The role of Councillors is to:

- Participate in decision making of Council (via Council Meeting resolutions)
- Represent the interests of municipal community in decision making
- Contribute to strategic direction of Council.

Duties of Councillors when performing the role are:

- Consideration of diversity of interests of a municipal community
- Acknowledging and supporting the Mayor
- Acting lawfully, and in accordance with the oath and affirmation of office
- Acting in accordance with standards of conduct
- Complying with Councils procedures of good governance.

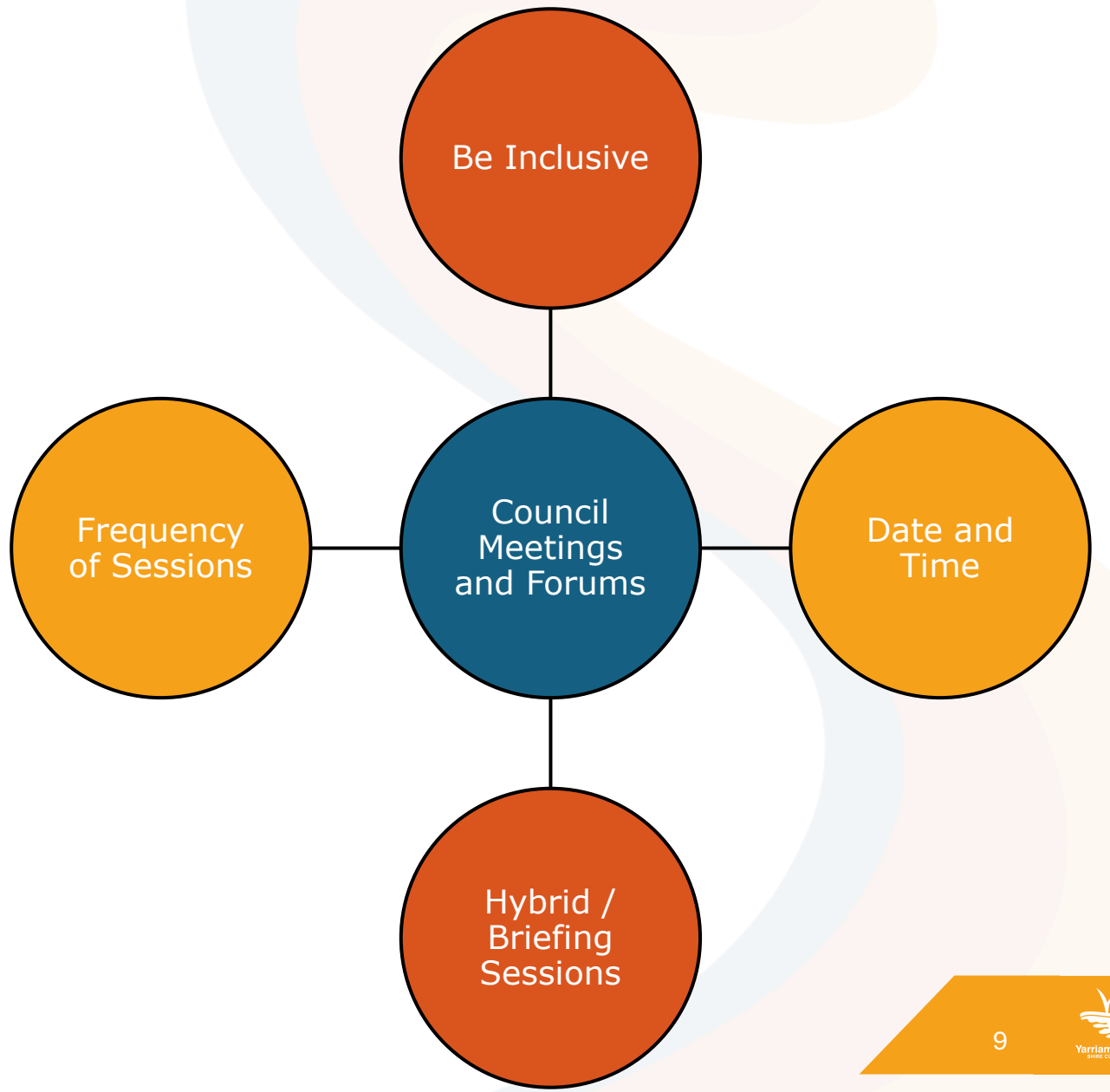
In the first three months of becoming a Councillor, the successful candidates will undertake training to assist with developing their knowledge in relation to their role and responsibilities.

Current

Wednesday
Council Forum (Briefing Sessions) 9.30am
Council Meeting 9.30am
Council Forum (Briefing Sessions)

Future

Days and times to hold Council Meetings can be negotiated and determined by the Councillors at the first Statutory Meeting of Council.



Time Commitments

As a Councillor it is estimated that you would need to allocate time to ensure you:

Read the Agenda and associated papers prior to Council Meetings and Forums.

This could take anywhere from 1 to 4 hours.

Attend community meetings at request of community groups.

Potentially one or two per month.

Attend special events across Shire

Such as, Australia Day, ANZAC day etc.

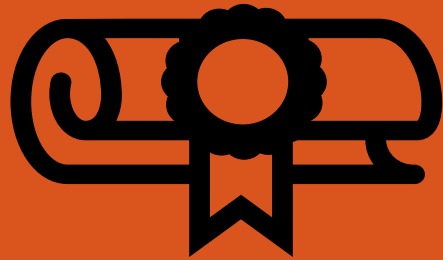
Nominate to represent Council on one or more the committees below:

GWM Water Regional Recreation Water Users Group	Internal Audit and Risk Committee	Municipal Association of Victoria	Rail Freight Alliance
Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee	Wimmera Southern Mallee Development	Western Highway Action Committee	Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group
Yarrilinks – Yarriambiack Landcare Group	Yarriambiack Tourism Advisory Committee of Council	Seasonal Conditions Committee	Mallee Catchment Association

To be a candidate for a local council election, you must:



Be an Australian citizen aged 18 years or older



Be enrolled on the voters' roll for the council in which you wish to stand



Completed the mandatory Local Government candidate training
Updated July 2024

You are encouraged to complete the updated training even if you've previously done it and still have a valid certificate.



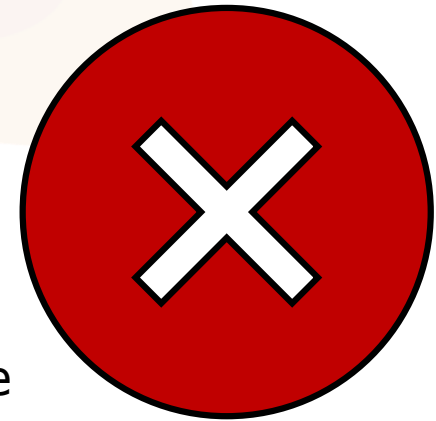
Not be disqualified from being a councillor

You **cannot** be a candidate for any of the following reasons:

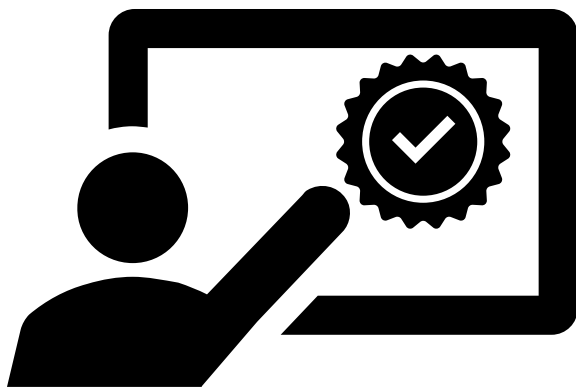
- you are an undischarged bankrupt
- you have property that is subject to control under the law relating to bankruptcy
- you are a member of council staff of the council. You can take leave from this role in order to nominate
- you have been convicted of any of the criminal offences referred to in section 34(2) of the Act
- you are a councillor with another council, including interstate councils
- you are member of an Australian parliament, including the federal Parliament or a member of parliament in any state or territory of the Commonwealth of Australia
- you are employed by a federal or state member of parliament as a ministerial officer, a parliamentary adviser or an electorate officer. You can take leave from these roles in order to nominate

Or

You are otherwise incapable of becoming or continuing to be a Councillor



Candidate Training



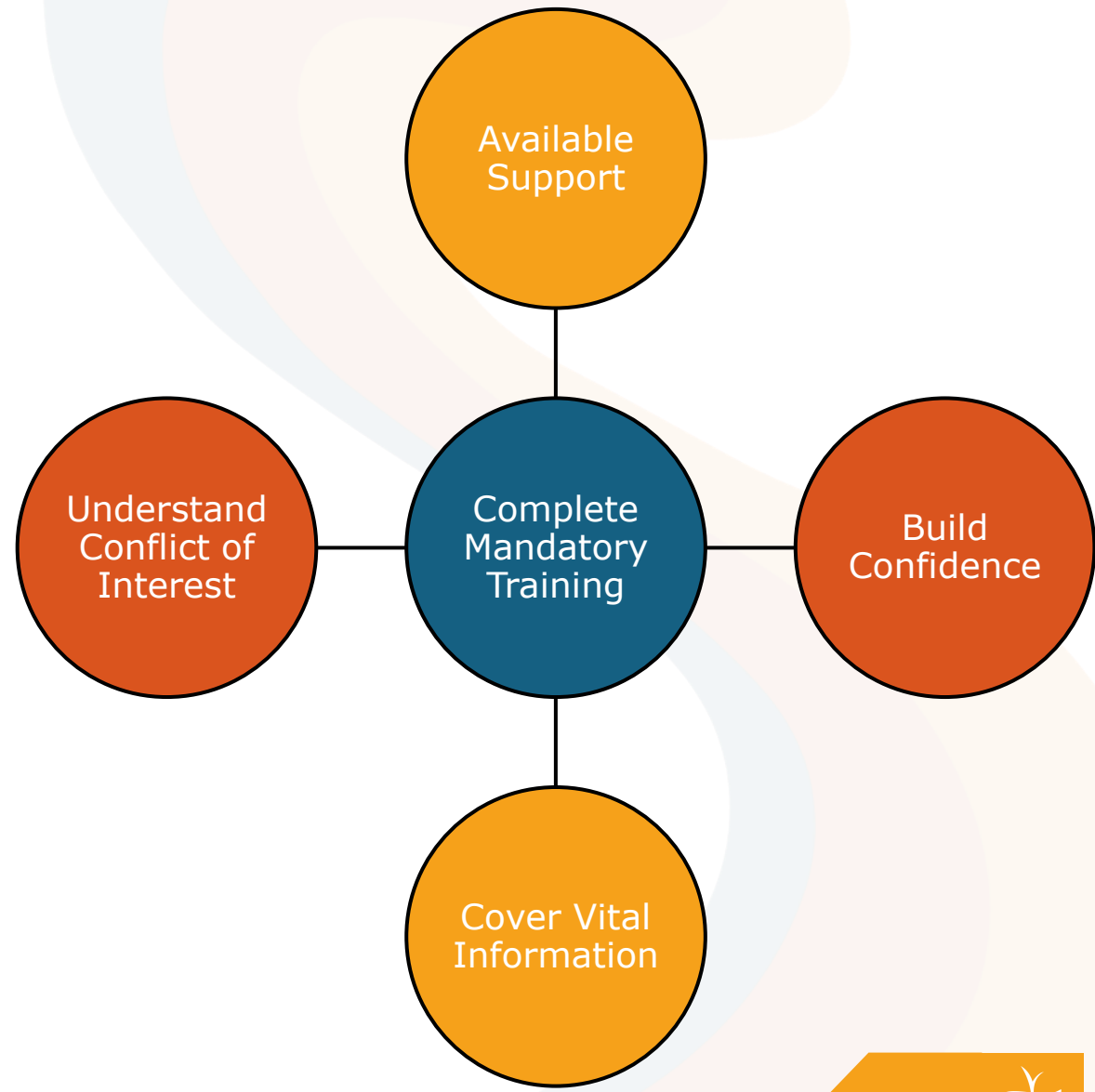
Complete mandatory training to be eligible to nominate



Local Government Victoria Website
www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/candidate-training

The mandatory course was introduced in the *Local Government Act 2020* to ensure candidates understand the role of councillor and the standards they are expected to uphold if elected.

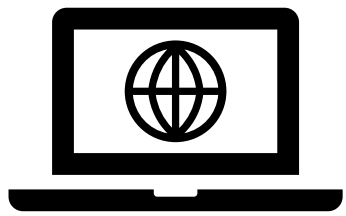
To strengthen candidates' understanding of councillor roles and responsibilities, this candidate training has been reviewed and updated in July 2024. This updated module also includes information to help in understanding conflicts of interest, the required code of conduct, and what support is available to help incoming councillors perform their role.



The Remuneration for Councillors is determined by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal.

Yarriambiack Shire Council is a category 1 Council and as of 01 July 2024 the allowance is as follows:

Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
\$84,498	\$42,248	\$27,291



To find out more about Councillor allowances, including childcare and remoteness factor click here: Allowances for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors – annual adjustment | vic.gov.au (www.vic.gov.au)

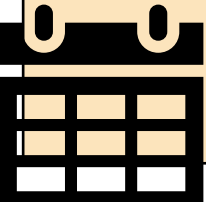


2024 Community and Candidate Information Sessions *MAV Stand for Council Program*





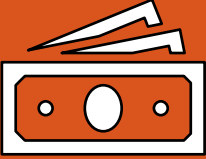
14 August 2024 – 6.30pm - Nhill Memorial Community Centre



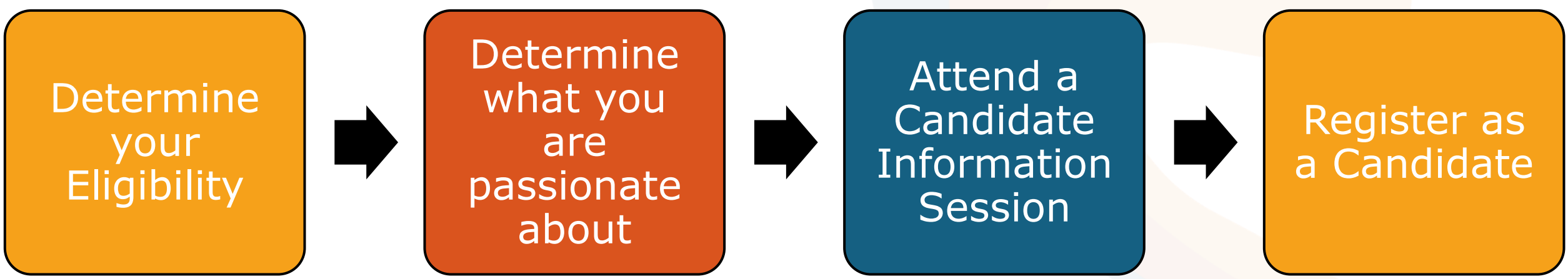
CLOSE OF ROLL	OPEN & CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS	MAILOUT OF BALLOT PACKS	CLOSE OF VOTING
4.00pm Wednesday 7 August 2024	Open: Monday 09 September 2024 Closes: 12.00pm Tuesday 17 September 2024	Monday 7 October 2024 to Thursday 10 October 2024	6.00pm Friday 25 October 2024



To nominate, you must:

	Complete your nomination paperwork
	Make an appointment at the election office in your council
	Submit your nomination paperwork in person at your appointment
	Declare that you have completed the mandatory Local Government Candidate Training within 2 years of election day
	Pay the \$250 nomination fee

There are strict deadlines for nominations. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

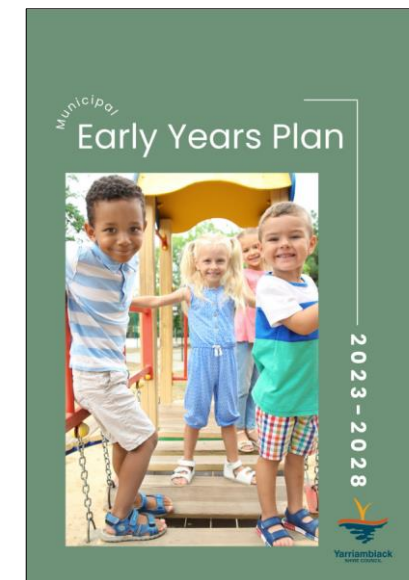
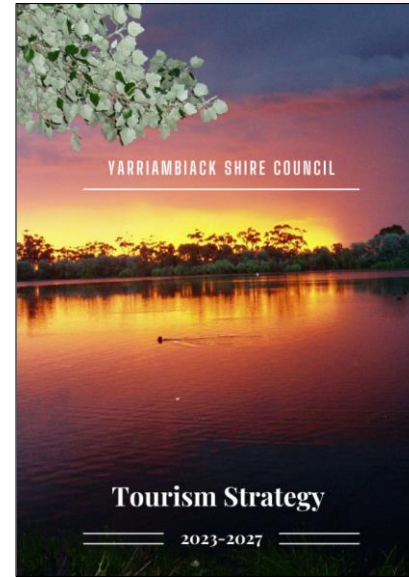
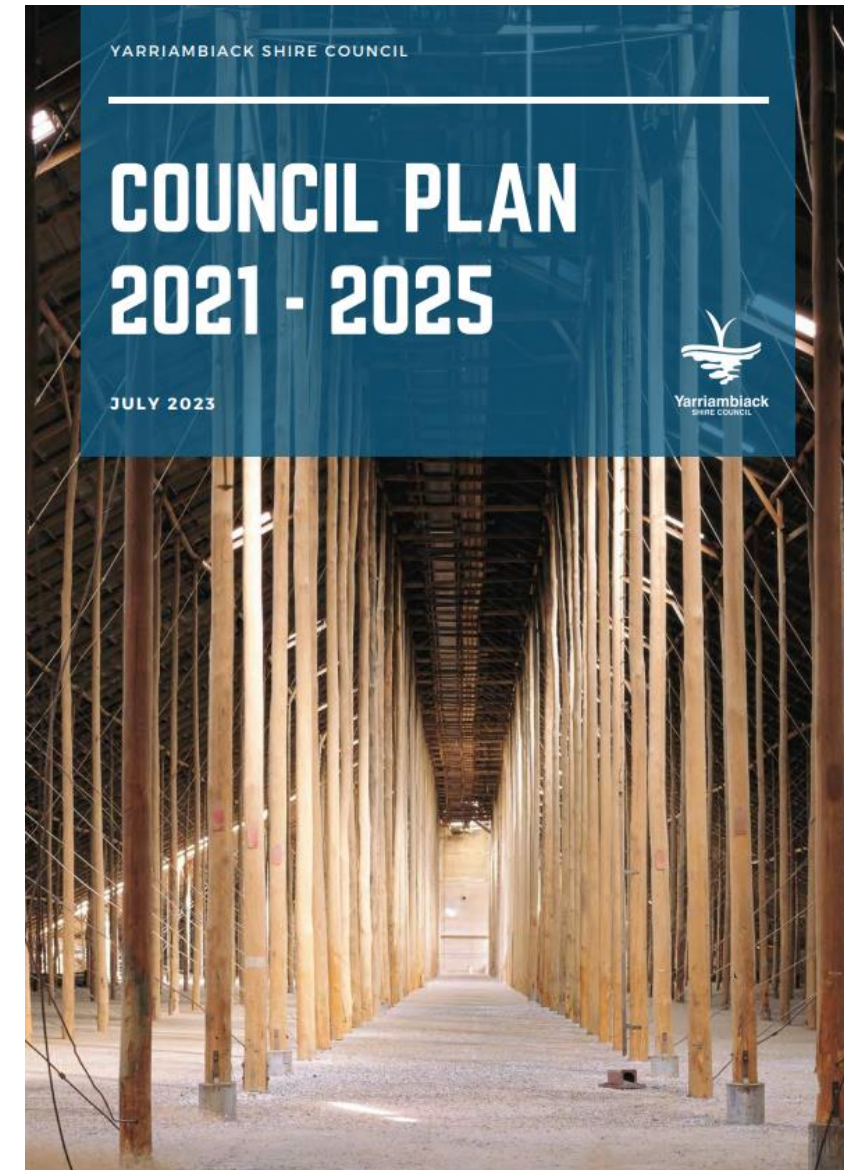


Receive further information from the CEO on Training Schedule and Induction Program

Being elected as a Councillor is an exciting opportunity to serve your community!
It is highly rewarding to see how hard work and shared commitment can achieve great outcomes.



All Strategic Documents can be found on the Yarriambiack Shire Council Website under Policies & Publications.





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