

2020 COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION REQUEST REGISTER



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No.	Candidate Name	Date of Request	Information Requested	Was Information Provided Yes/No	Date of Response	Information Provided
1	Amy Johnson	23/09/2020	List of 'non-resident electors'	No	24/09/2020	Responded to advise that there is only one finalised voter's role for the 2020 Ballarat City Council elections, that includes both "state-enrolled" and "council-enrolled" voters. Candidates are entitled to access a copy of the single voter's roll via the VEC in accordance with section 252 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> (Vic).
2	Ben Taylor	23/09/2020	List of 'non-resident electors'	No	24/09/2020	Responded to advise that there is only one finalised voter's role for the 2020 Ballarat City Council elections, that includes both "state-enrolled" and "council-enrolled" voters. Candidates are entitled to access a copy of the single voter's roll via the VEC in accordance with section 252 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> (Vic).
3	Ellen Burns	29/09/2020	Update on the Ballarat Food Strategy	Yes	16/10/2020	<p>Good Food for All: Food Strategy 2019-2022 was endorsed by Council in October 2019, hence progress outlined below has occurred over the past year.</p> <p>There are three priority areas of the plan and a total of 31 actions, with progress towards the majority of actions (26) over this time.</p> <p>Key highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a healthy eating procedure for the organisation • Feasibility study of a healthy children's meal program for local cafes • Planning for more public drinking taps at recreation facilities • Surveys of school garden programs • Support for community food programs including Food is Free and Lucas Community Garden • Support for food and gardening programs through the Community Impact Grants Program

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in support for food security programs throughout Covid-19 restrictions • Registered for and promoted composting/worm farming platforms and programs
4	Geoff Howard	01/10/2020	What is the current level of the Councillor allowance and Mayoral allowance?	Yes	16/10/2020	<p>Councillor and Mayoral Allowance effective 1 December 2019:</p> <p>\$31,444 p.a. Councillors plus 9.5% super</p> <p>\$100,434 p.a. Mayor plus 9.5% super</p>
5	John Dooley	12/10/2020	How can a citizen propose a By Law to the City?	Yes	16/10/2020	<p>Councils use local laws to respond to issues and community needs within a municipality. Citizens may raise matters with their elected representatives directly or in writing. Depending on the matter, this may include presenting a petition calling on council to respond via a local law or by-law.</p> <p>Any local laws passed by council are designed to ensure that the actions of an individual or group do not have an adverse impact on the rest of the community, and only apply within the municipality in which they are passed, though many councils share similar laws.</p> <p>The process for a council to create a new law is that it must be advertised publicly and consider any submissions it receives before implementing the law. It cannot duplicate or contradict a federal or state law. The law, once passed, has a 10-year life unless it is revoked sooner or renewed to remain valid. This ensures that local laws remain current and suitable to the purpose for which they were originally made. Council must make all copies of local laws available for public inspection. The current City of Ballarat local laws can be located on council's website.</p>