

Town of Gawler

Election of 10 Area Councillors

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M Sherry, Returning Officer



SOLOMON, Isaac

Having grown up in Gawler I have important insights into many of the challenges that local people face. After attending Trinity College I took up traineeship in Government later commencing employment as a Court Officer in the Magistrates Court. After my traineeship I commenced a double degree in Law and History at the University of South Australia. While studying I have served as UniSA Student President and elected representative on the UniSA Council. In recent years I have served on the Gawler Youth Advisory Committee, and campaigned for better transport believing that public transport isn't just about getting from a to b, it's about getting to work, getting an education and giving freedom to all, no matter ability or age. I believe Council should be about empowering community, whether it's supporting local sporting clubs and community groups, smart planning and development or providing people with the means to live sustainably. It's the small things done right that make a difference.

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I am a member of the Australian Labor Party (South Australian Branch)



DAVIES, Cody

As a 32-year-old who has just completed my first term on the Gawler Council, I can bring a fresh perspective on what Gawler needs, while also using my local government experience to ensure that the community's concerns are not buried by bureaucracy. I have a proven track record of turning ideas into action; this past year, one of my motions allowed residents to directly vote on \$40,000 of the Council budget, which got three hundred residents democratically involved in our budget process. My main concern for Gawler is that if we fail to adapt to the rapid development growth in this area, we could gradually lose our unique identity as a town. To ensure that we do not simply become another 'commuter town', we need to be on the front foot in making our new and younger residents feel like their residence in Gawler is not just a house, but a home. If you want to find out more, you can visit my website, www.codydavies.com, which also provides information on contacting me via phone or email.

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HENNESSY, Helen Elizabeth

My connection to Gawler goes back nearly 40 years to when we bought our first home in Willaston. Soon afterwards I was employed by Council to establish the very popular Gawler Public Library. Since then, I have raised two children, cared for my aged parents and been an active member of this strong, cohesive community. I still get a buzz from the amazing things that can be achieved by those who contribute their time and energy to Gawler. I am committed to supporting their efforts, especially during this period of unprecedented growth. Gawler must thrive not simply survive. I have also worked in the academic sector, the private sector, and for the CFS as a community engagement officer using qualifications in management, education, communication and history. I am a member of the GP Inc Board, Councils Gawler Heritage Committee, Gawler History Team, Friends of Willaston Cemetery and Gawler Repair Café. I seek your support so I may represent you as an elected member for the next four years.

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DRUMMOND, Louise

As the longest serving chair of the Gawler Business Development Group I have been closer than most to the inner workings of council. I seek to represent the interests of ratepayers, residential, commercial and home based business. I bring a background in a number of areas including having built a successful cleaning business from the ground up, providing work for up to 11 people. In Gawler my experience includes Job Network, working in business development, training and counselling which gave me a deep understanding of the needs of business and employees. I have been involved in a number of community organisations, serving on management committees in each case. I bring a resolve to ensure the resources of council are managed in the best interests of the future of the rapidly developing area of Gawler and all the rate payers of the town. To find out more about me and the experience I bring as a council representative visit www.louisedrummond.com.au

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LAUNER, Mick

I have chosen to run for council as I believe I shall bring a lot of enthusiasm, dedication and expertise to the position. I have lived in Gawler for near on 40 years and have witnessed the growth of our community and enjoy how the town has developed throughout that time. I'm married with two grown children whom have been educated in Gawler and both are growing to be fine adults and still residing in Gawler. I have worked professionally in the local community for the past 6 years and look forward to many more years. My choice to join the Council is not born out of any hidden or personal agenda but to be a voice for the like minded people and to help support the vision of the community as a whole. I will stand up for what I believe and not be a yes man. There is a lot of community developments that the council has the power to support - local industries / businesses and I will be on the front foot to assist in this development.

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HUGHES, David

Love and support our open spaces and unique inclusive town. Elected Councillor 2010-22, deputy Mayor 4 years. I will continue to work hard to improve community assets, reduce rates and focus on strategic priorities, cost effective operations, gaining grants, public health, safety and sustainable new development. Personal: Wife Robyn and 3 grown-up daughters. Gawler resident since 1986 working locally with farmers. Qualifications in Agribusiness, Management, Conservation & Land Management. Fellow, Aust. Institute of Company Directors. Past involvement family business. Experience Chair of Gawler Council Development Assessment Panel, deputy Chair of Barossa and Mid-Murray DAPs. Community involvement Gawler RSL, Gawler Show, Gymnastics, Parkrun, Academy Dance, Gawler Wheelers, Gawler Hockey Club, Employment Directions Chair. Active CFS firefighter. Army Reservist 1990-11. Member 14 years Gawler Health Advisory and Hospital Board as Community & Council Rep. Need your support to serve you.

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DORNFORD, Brent

I am committed to the community, I am not a member of any political party, have been married for 34 years, have lived in Gawler for 28 years, I have two daughters that attended local schools, with two granddaughters, that attend a local school. I have previously owned and operated a business in Gawler for many years and have been a member of a school board and have been actively fundraising for Variety the children's charity for the past six years. I am a practical, community minded, results driven constituent, that has always loved this town of ours, that if elected would listen to the community and would work with the community in conjunction with the council.

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MILLIKAN, Angus Alexander

My name is Angus Millikan, I am 26 Years Old, and Gawler has been my home my entire life. I look to join the Town of Gawler Council to help the Voice of Gawler's Communities be heard. Gawler has been lucky to have a variety of people of different backgrounds working together to keep our town a Vibrant and Caring Community. I seek to maintain that care and widen the scope, so everyone truly feels included. For the past eight years I have been an active member of the Gawler Community. I sat on the Youth Advisory Committee, the Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group and the Gawler Broadcasting Association. I have undertaken a variety of Leadership Roles where I have been privileged to listen and represent aspects of Gawler's Communities throughout the years and am excited to carry that mantle again. I am strong advocate of being a voice for those without one. I am strongly pro LGBTQIA+, along with pro-diversity, pro-cultural expression and pro-small business.

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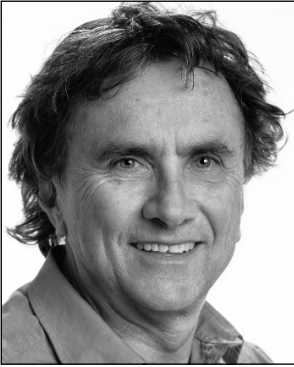
MODRA, Tom

I have lived in Gawler all my life. My reason for standing for Council is I would like to concentrate on Roads, Reserves, and services. My main interest is in infrastructure and Tourism. The homeless is a great concern to me and we as a council need to apply some assistance to these people. I am interested in the growth of all sporting clubs and all community groups. With the growth of Womens sport the need to concentrate in this area as I think very important. I like to also concentrate on the entrances of Gawler .

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KOCH, Paul

Gawler resident of 26 years, with my wife Margaret and two now-adult children. Worked as a horticulturist at four Councils including Salisbury & Barossa. Gawler Councillor 2010 -22. I know how to get results for our community. Manage a small business producing horticultural training books, landscaping and tree maintenance. Teaching/workshops experience including local TAFE. Very active on Council committees, including the GRFMA, Gawler & Districts College Governing Body and NAWMA. Active with local sports including cycling, bushwalking and cricket. Good Sports Ambassador for Gawler BMX. Member of environment groups. Supporter of Gawler arts. Inaugural secretary of the Gawler Makers' Market. Volunteer puppy trainer for The Royal Society for the Blind for 10 years. If re-elected I will continue to support financial responsibility and efficiencies to reduce the pressure on rates, and encourage public consultation, boundary reform, heritage, and retaining Gawler as a unique town.

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CARMODY, Helene

I may be new to the opportunity to become a councillor, but I am definitely not new when it comes to having the passion to want our town to continue taking steps to be and do better. Originally born and raised in Gawler and continuing to live here, I have seen first hand this town transform and grow in many positive ways. I have heard of the struggles that some may have and believe I can make a difference in relation to showing genuine empathy to individual needs and community ventures. If elected I believe I will be a valuable member and a voice for the many as I have the vital skills to listen to and do what is important. I am a quiet achiever who loves to get the job done. Previously I worked in the Education sector as an assistant director for many years, and now work independently for myself to support the older generation in their own homes. Working with a broad spectrum of people has assisted me to have a far better understanding of our cultures and how to grow.

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BAILEY, Shane

I have lived in the Gawler area nearly 40 years. Educated here, worked my first jobs here, married here, raised our family here, and have run our business on Murray St for more than 20 years. Being in the main street 6 days a week for more than two decades has taught me a lot about what the people of Gawler want and need, and what they are and aren't getting from their Council. I am passionate about many things including arts and culture, youth, community clubs and groups and creating a town that people are proud to call home. A town our next generation can also call home if they so choose. Ensuring ratepayers get value for money from their rates and grants Town of Gawler receives is of critical importance to me. Covid has been really tough for many of us, and the effects are still being felt. If elected you can rest assured I will call out waste and bring a perspective to Council that knows all too well the value of a dollar. Learn more about me or get in touch at shanebailey.com.au

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SAMBELL, Brian

Brian Sambells service to Gawler is well documented, having completed his education here, he entered into a business environment, operated an outback safari tour, was Manager of the Gawler Visitor and Information Centre before first being elected as Mayor of Gawler in 2010. The role of an elected member is three fold, firstly it is to make decisions that are in the communities best interest by balancing the priorities of competing areas and interest groups and trying to act for the betterment of the community as a whole. Secondly, it is to advocate for people who may not feel confident in representing themselves against the Council. We are the communities voice. Thirdly, it is to be good leaders and role models by always choosing to unite the community and not to divide it. Brian Sambell has a strong history of representing the community in Gawler. It is important to vote in local government elections to ensure your representatives represent you diligently and respectfully.

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SMITH, Lori

I have lived and worked in Gawler for 40 years. Together with my husband, Phil, we have raised our children who attended local schools and still reside in Gawler. I have been a business owner in Gawler for many years. Specifically, our family owned the popular 'La Dolce Vita' restaurant for ten years. Currently, I am working as a busy caterer in the local area. My skills include: Business owner for 30 years in Gawler which brings to the table experience running a business, an understanding of the local business environment and will represent business interests to Council. I have worked in local schools, so understand government processes and have associated committee experience. I have been a member and chaired local committees and appreciate their commitment and importance to our community. Gawler is our home. I feel the time is right to step up and work on Council.

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WHITE, Ethan

Nominating for Council will allow me to serve a community which has played a significant part in my personal and professional development. In consultation with ratepayers, I will listen and deliver upon the needs of our community, to improve services and facilities. My television experience through the production of *Off the Couch with Ethan* has provided me the opportunity to explore many regions of South Australia and I believe there is more the Town of Gawler can do to improve our community for residents and visitors. My ongoing community involvement has been acknowledged by being named the Town of Gawler Young Citizen of the Year in 2019 & 2022. I am a Xavier College Old Scholar, where I now work part time, along with studying a Bachelor of Film and Television at the University of South Australia. I see great potential for Gawler through further development of youth facilities and activities, increase in tourism opportunities and the expansion of support to community organisations.

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GOLDSTONE, Kelvin

My wife and I have lived in Gawler since 1979, we have raised our family here, made many good friends and will always call Gawler home. In 2018 it was a privilege to be elected to council and during the last four busy and challenging years I have been involved in a number of council committees in addition to being councils' representative on the Council (Development) Assessment Panel. My local government employment background (forty years in the building, planning and public health fields) contributes to a sound knowledge of how councils work and the important issues affecting growing communities such as Gawler. I have no political affiliations, no vested commercial interests and by bringing maturity, experience and common sense to council I would like to think I can help ensure Gawler remains a great place to live. I look forward to representing all residents for a further four years and would appreciate your support.

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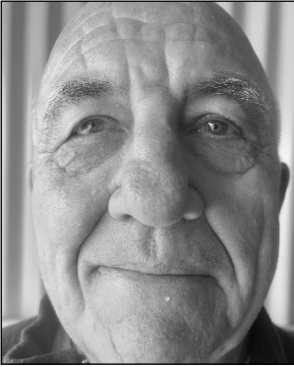
BRUNT, Karen

I present myself as a candidate for Town of Gawler Council as a long term resident of Hillier. Professionally, I am an accountant, with several years experience as a company director for our family business. My family and I moved to Gawler 30 years ago to pursue an interest in breeding show horses, and I still live on the same property. I believe I have a clear understanding of the issues concerning Gawler's rural zones, and will advocate for the interests of local residents to be heard. I am currently Chairperson of SA Arabian Riders & Breeders Soc. Work and career experiences have led to an interest in environmental issues, including the admirable goals established through Gawler's Climate Change Emergency Action Plan. I make a commitment to be approachable by all residents, and respect the desire for ratepayers to be assured of receiving value for money. I can be contacted at karenbrunt9@gmail.com, or via my Facebook page Karen Brunt

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WARDROP, Colin

As a Gawler resident I am involved with the RSL, Director Womens Football at South Gawler and facilitator at Men Building Connections. I enjoy the opportunity to volunteer and participate in my community wherever I can at any level. As a prospective Councillor I will bring a wealth of planning and operations experience from 40 years working in the public sector both Federal and State. I see the future dynamic growth of Gawler and its environs requires councillors who have a vision for the now and the future growth of town which is growing exponentially towards being a regional hub for families, business and education.

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WRIGHT, Kellie

I have been raised in Gawler since 1987 and 20yrs of those have been as a rate payer. I would by now like to consider myself and family locals, although this has seen me at times come in and out of the area, Gawler has always been the place I refer to as home. I strive to be open and honest with the community to assist the council in important decisions that will see happier future generations thrive in this community. What I'm passionate about is youth and general employment, traffic congestion and safer roads around the community. I realise in life, what is important to you, is sometimes not important to others, but having these indifference is what makes us all interesting, unique and evidently makes the world go round and complete. I am practical and transparent. If I don't know something or I don't understand, I'm not afraid to ask. I strongly believe facts need to be sought for everybody to have correct information so that we can all make any relative and important decisions.

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VALLELONGA, Jim

I was born in Gawler, I live in Gawler, I raised my in Gawler, and i'm a small business owner in Gawler. It has been my privilege to serve as a Councillor for past 8 years. i'm committed to serving in the best interest of all residents in Gawler, and this includes cutting red tape, protecting our open space, and helping our sporting clubs to secure the funding they need to thrive. I support justice for the residents of the rural zone. I'm also committed to finding solutions to our traffic and parking problems. I support and advocate for initiatives that enrich our community and that boost our local economy. i believe that we can protect our treasured heritage while also embracing good development. I want to cut council waste and put downward pressure on our rates.

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FISCHER, Wayne

Having owned and operated the Table Top Warfare business in Gawler for the last 6 years has made myself, my partner Alicia and our 3 young boys fall in love with all that Gawler has to offer. I am keen to help drive the success of all businesses within Gawler and feel I could be a positive voice to help local business owners achieve their goals and assist to resolve any issues preventing success. Contribution and active participation in the community has always been an integral part of my time in the Gawler area. I feel I would be well positioned to continue that contribution further if elected to Council. Social inclusion is also something I am really passionate about. I feel there should be more funding and better opportunities for people with special needs, social minority groups, social clubs and youth in the area. Being my first time running for council, I would love the opportunity to make a difference and have a positive impact on the wider Gawler community.

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SHETLER, Sam

Evanston South's Sam Shetler said council can be a vehicle for change. The society and environment teacher is no stranger to local government, having taken an interest in the sector through his role in grassroots advocacy. Growing up in poverty in the US before shifting to Gawler, Mr Shetler was a founding member of Anti-Poverty Network SA. In 2019 he addressed council for its support in backing a raise to the Newstart allowance. His advocacy has continued, most recently speaking to council on a petition he created for improvements to the Gawler Skatepark. Mr Shetler said two of his key focus areas, if elected, would be increasing community participation in council matters and addressing the cost of living through council-led initiatives. This is a paraphrase of the news article 'Shetler to Stand for Council' published in The Bunyip on the 8th of June 2022. If you'd like to know more about me, you can ring me on 0421 944 452. For regular live updates, find me on twitter @samshetler2.

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SHANKS, Nathan

I'm proud to call Gawler home. I'm equally proud to have been chosen to be your elected member in the 2018 elections. I define an elected member as one that is contactable, that listens, and moves to get the best outcomes for our town. I have always voiced the logic that I believe is expected on the items the chamber addresses. I admit, I haven't always been successful at getting that logic agreed to, but I have been consistent whilst learning a lot. I am proud of my achievements to date; however, there is still work to do. I believe our council needs to ensure the fundamental service levels align with ratepayer expectations whilst also improving on community engagement. I'm a 33-year-old husband, father, building project manager and 2018 -2022 councillor. I'm hoping to get my community's support once again to be their voice. For those who follow council business you know my loyalties have always been with our community. Go to nathanshanks.com.au to find out more. Our vote! Our town!

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