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Ms Sonia Palmieri
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Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
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Dear Sonia

Further to our continuing correspondence regarding my submission to the Committee, I attach the brochure issued by the Hobart City Council for its current election, ending today.

I thought the Committee should see this as it is a start to what I am requesting in my submission – ie, it at least gives some biographical details of the candidates.

Kind regards

Heather Small

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2002 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



Voting instructions and candidate statements

There are 3 elections being held for Hobart City Council.

- 6 Councillors (Aldermen) — 16 candidates
- Lord Mayor — 2 candidates
- Deputy Lord Mayor — 4 candidates

Your postal ballot pack also contains—

- 3 ballot papers on one fold-out sheet
- a ballot paper envelope—to be signed
- a reply paid envelope

**Your vote must be received by
10 am on Tuesday 29 October 2002**

Support the Locals.

Voting instructions

Follow these five easy steps...

STEP ONE Consider your vote

The candidates have provided statements for your information. They are printed in alphabetical order in this brochure. Please note that the names on the ballot papers may not be in the same order.

Get to know the candidates before you vote.

STEP TWO Cast your vote

When you have decided how you wish to vote, number all the boxes on each ballot paper from 1 onwards in the order of your choice.

STEP THREE Make your vote secret

Put your completed ballot papers in the ballot paper envelope and seal it securely.

STEP FOUR Validate your vote

Sign your ballot paper envelope.

Your vote won't be counted if you don't sign this envelope.

Then put your ballot paper envelope in the reply paid envelope and seal it.

STEP FIVE Post your vote

Post your reply paid envelope straight away. No stamp is needed.

**Don't delay—
late votes won't be counted!**

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**Candidate statements
for Lord Mayor and
Deputy Lord Mayor are
shown below.**

**Candidate statements for
Councillor positions are on
the other side.**

ARCHER Lyn

For the good governance of our city, Hobart needs strong, stable and unifying representation. For the past 16 years I have served the community, always supportive of developments that benefit the city and the people.

My performance includes—

- development and environmental services – 16 years
- 8 years chairman
- 8 years Sullivans Cove Advisory Committee
- Community Development Committee
- Battery Point Advisory Committee
- Wapping Design Review Committee
- Springs site assessment panel
- Sandy Bay shopping centre traffic study
- Targa Liaison Committee
- Sandy Bay University Traffic Committee

In the past I have been involved with finance and corporate services, parks and customer services, chairman of the Mt Nelson Advisory Committee, Hobart Aquatic Centre Working Implementation Group, chairman Salamanca Arts Festival and a director of Metro Pty Ltd for 9 years.

I have a long involvement with community, cultural and sporting organisations and a deep appreciation of the need to preserve Hobart's unique character and lifestyle.

BARNES Margaret

Born in Hobart and lived most of my life here, but have travelled extensively. Five children and 2 grand children.

- Diploma of Fine Arts – Hobart
- registered teacher – Hobart
- trained librarian – Sydney
- now a freelance writer and artist

Took up a petition to save the Sandy Bay beach village green and with 7 other people paid a lawyer to fight the case.

I believe in the fair treatment of all people and the protection of natural and built environments.

- save our parks – not to be targeted for parking and buildings
- keep to the rules and regulations, especially on height of buildings, discretionary powers are suspect. Inform public first before giving permission
- keep pensioners informed. Publicise their privileges
- more tree planting and flowers eg wharf area, bus depot, Mawson Place too stark
- help the under privileged and street kids – more centres needed and open at night
- road blocks for car hoons.

BRISCOE Jeff

As a sitting Alderman for 8 years and as a teacher I have gained the experience and knowledge in a team to follow through projects that the Hobart community expects—

- a city to casino promenade proposal – now being investigated by the HCC
- a preservation and enhancement of what remains of our bushland skyline heritage
- safer facilities for cyclists and encouragement of sustainable transport
- advocacy for maintaining residents' amenity concerns
- well designed, accessible and safe public facilities for all age groups

Hobart deserves to have—

- well designed new buildings that do not distract from our heritage, waterfront and mountain attractions
- increased economic activity in the inner city
- increased participation in public input in council decisions
- sensible public liability costs for community events
- regional cooperation on common issues

For effective representation vote 1 Jeff Briscoe.

BURNET Helen

I am a public healthcare provider in Hobart, with 2 children.

As an endorsed Greens candidate, I have a clear responsibility to the Hobart community.

On council I would work towards a healthier and more accessible city by—

- improving public transport across greater Hobart, especially for people with special needs
- encouraging safe bike and pedestrian access and improving cycleways to schools and university
- reconnecting Salamanca and the waterfront with the city centre
- safeguarding our waterways and bushland
- promoting a GE-Free Hobart
- removing gaming machines from pubs and clubs
- advocating water and energy efficient building and renovation

My other goals include—

- keeping Domain House in public hands for use by all Tasmanians
- supporting diverse community groups
- providing public venues and support for new and established artists
- redressing gender imbalance on council

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Vote Green team – Hines, Burnet, Moore, Harvey, then other progressive candidates.

CAMERON-TUCKER Rodney

Tourism, antarctica and education. Candidates for lord mayor publically say that these are the major opportunities facing Hobart. If you agree with them you must vote for me as I have the experience and background to make the opportunities real for Hobart.

My current experience is as the general manager of Hobarts major tourist attraction, Antarctic Adventure and recently as the business manager of the Antarctic CRC located at the university.

As I am involved in environmental tourism I am very aware that Hobart is not only an antarctic gateway but also a gateway to local environmental tourism. I value our Georgian heritage and our unique waterfront. I promise to protect these for our future.

As your councillor I will tirelessly promote jobs and opportunities for our youth and actively stimulate local business.

I will endeavour to improve Hobart's economic, environmental and social well-being through a common sense approach.

CHANDLER Debra

'Concern, common sense, making connections'

I am widely known in the community for building bridges using a common sense approach. My sense of humour and balanced perspective has led to the achievement of solid results in the community.

My credentials—

- have worked with various community groups, with positive results
- experience as director of a small business
- work within the Education Department speakers' program
- southern member of the Tasmanian Women's Council
- support worker for aged and intellectually disabled
- understand child care issues
- have a practical concern for the environment

With your support I will work to—

- ensure council is accountable to business and residential communities
- provide practical help for disadvantaged people
- celebrate multiculturalism and diversity within the region
- work with young people on projects aimed at developing skills and confidence
- identify problem areas, create inspiring projects to improve them.

CHRISTIE Ron

While door-knocking, many people mentioned to me their concerns. Concerns about rates, proposed developments for our city and suburbs, and others that escaped closer scrutiny. Aged care was mentioned as was services for our youth.

As an elected representative I will commit to these and other concerns and more importantly, follow through on your matters of public concern. As a representative of the community it is an alderman's requirement to listen to these concerns and based on consensus act accordingly for the good of the city and its citizens. These concerns and more are addressed by me on the web. Please visit www.ronchristie.com or if you wish to discuss a matter direct please call me on 0414 444 414. Thanks for reading – Ron.

DONNELLY Peter

Peter has always lived in Hobart, is married with 4 adult children and supports the traditional family values in our society. His family has a 106 year association with the city.

In a film career spanning 40 years as a cinematographer, Peter has been in close contact with the people of Hobart and their business interests.

He encourages city development with careful aesthetic planning that is compatible with Hobart's unique character.

With reduced professional commitments, Peter is now available to listen and serve as a full time alderman, with integrity and commonsense.

Peter believes that the recent re-valuations have over stressed many ratepayers and will work towards redressing this.

An alternative road link to bypass the city centre and gas reticulation needs to be planned.

The proposed tourist tramway needs to connect Battery Point with the botanical gardens.

Peter will respect your trust.

HALL Rebecca

I am a 26 year old mother of 2. I am an active member of the Hobart community, representing Hobart statewide many times. Particularly within the areas of youth affairs and women's health.

As editor of 'The Arc', a magazine produced through Hobart's Youth Action Resource Centre, I have provided a voice for Hobart's youth.

As a board member of the YWCA of Tasmania, I am working on the 'Working Women's Wardrobe', a project to provide clothing assistance to women entering work or training opportunities.

I feel the needs and views of all members of the community need to be heard to ensure council decisions truly reflect the community's wishes.

I value Hobart, the place, as well as the people. I am dedicated to preserving Hobart's uniqueness and diversity as well as working toward a vibrant and prosperous future.

HARVEY Bill

As a Tasmanian Greens candidate you can rest assured that I represent wide-ranging community values. I am a 40 year old, self-employed, environmental education teacher who has the understanding, vision and enthusiasm required to contribute to the progressive and environmentally sustainable development of Hobart.

I stand for—

- assisting aged citizens to join community activities
- fostering diversity and multiculturalism
- establishing a weekly, international cuisine night market
- developing Hobart as an international education hub
- helping youth develop their potential in life
- developing sustainable tourism opportunities
- ensuring natural and architectural heritage is protected
- protecting urban bushland and restoring degraded waterways
- developing incentives to create energy efficient buildings and houses
- supporting the development of a centre for environmental research and education
- implementing a process to develop a Local Agenda 21

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HAYES Eric

During my 4 years on council, I have focused on working for the people of Hobart without the need for political grandstanding.

People want action rather than words. Consequently, I've concentrated on using my business experience and community activities to help make Hobart a better place in which to live and work, also in my role as council's representative in tourism, a better place to visit.

As chairman of council's Festivals and Special Events committee, I have played a significant role in enhancing the Taste of Tasmania and the Summer Festival.

I proudly stand for responsible economic management to enable sensible development, while preserving our wonderful natural heritage.

If returned I will continue to work for the sound and careful management of the city's finances, creating new opportunities for business growth and investment, caring for our elderly and developing more initiatives to keep our young people in the state.

HINES Mat

Our city needs aldermen with vision and passion to see Hobart evolve as a leader in ecological and social planning.

A Greens endorsed candidate, I am a 24 year old Sustainable Communities honours student with a background in youth and student advocacy and community activism on local to global issues.

I will work with communities to—

- revitalise urban centres – greener, pedestrian friendly, support local business
- retain and restore public lands, cultural landscapes and natural ecosystems
- expand youth cultural, recreation and support services
- develop an inner city residential strategy based on affordable housing, community development and ecological design
- reclaim waterfront car parks as public open space
- provide GE-Free council services and events, support organic urban agriculture
- ensure informed, thorough review of planning scheme
- reduce car dependency – invest in public transport; improve pedestrian, cycle and skate routes

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JAMES Barry

My belief—

That local government is best served by competent decision makers that are able to demonstrate—

- an understanding, through past experience, of the working of local government
- a strong community service background that underpins the working of a council
- an understanding of, and familiarity with, the commercial business principles that should be applied to the decisions of a council

My commitment—

To the ratepayers of Hobart will be to provide an independent, commercial and honest approach to the business of the council.

My availability—

As an individual that has no restrictions on my time from business commitments I am able to devote more time than most to the careful assessment of council business and ratepayer requirements.

MOORE Sharon

As an endorsed Greens candidate, I strongly believe in Hobart's future as a sustainable city. With imaginative, community-based planning, Hobart could be one of the most livable cities in the world.

I have worked for many years in environmental management and conservation, and am currently a TAFE art student. If elected to council, my priorities will be—

- more stringent planning provisions to protect bushland and skylines
- reducing greenhouse gas emissions — fewer cars, more pedestrians and bikes
- keeping buildings and open space of high public value, like Domain House and The Springs, in public hands and for community use
- encouraging young and emerging artists by sponsoring community arts facilities and events
- a sustainable public transport system for residents and visitors — a rethink of council's tram proposal with community input

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REARDON Dale

I'm a 32 year old small business owner, a householder and a dog owner in our wonderful city. I will listen to your concerns and suggestions, represent you with enthusiasm, and bring new ideas to the council.

We all want to ensure that our hard-earned rates are spent wisely, not wasted on projects of no benefit to struggling ratepayers. We should waste no more money on the proposed intrusive boardwalk in Battery Point.

We need to ensure adequate control of dogs in public while making more space available for dogs to exercise.

Let's make sure that disabled parking places are properly used and that there are pram and wheelchair ramps wherever they are needed.

We need to make use of the expertise of local businesses and their employees on council projects; let's try to avoid such fiascos as last year's eve fireworks display.

Let's work together for our city.

RUZICKA Eva

Thanks for your confidence. Electing me resulted in a fresh approach to local government in Hobart. Changes like a public question time, a financially responsible bushland fund and strong backing for disabled access to council buildings, to name a few. I've initiated wider changes such as how council approaches paying for new projects and supported asset maintenance over the long term. I'm always looking for better ways of getting things done.

Since you elected me, I've learnt to ask better questions and to get results. I've become a better community worker. This is reflected in how I think and act on issues and developments, not just in my suburb, but also for the whole city.

When re-elected, I'll continue working as your fulltime alderman and participate in a wide range of council and community activities and committees. It's been a pleasure to be your alderman. Thanks for your support.

FREEMAN John

Losing the election for lord mayor as I did in 1999 was a humbling experience and made me review the errors which lead to such a result. My resignation was to allow my successor a chance to establish himself. I returned to council because council was drifting and many projects which had almost come to fruition during my term had been allowed to lapse and ultimately they were lost.

Hobart is the capital city but the steady drift of projects and money northward point out the need for leadership in Hobart.

The salutary experience of losing an election, and a period of time out of office, means that I will adopt a more consultative approach if you re-elect me.

I have always tried to stand up for what is best for Hobart and its ratepayers and I believe I can offer the leadership which our city needs.

VALENTINE Rob

As Lord Mayor I will continue to work hard serving the city and its diverse community. We should promote special assets like our antarctic connection, Maritime Museum, and other cultural attractions with the expected tourism increase. The Visitor Information Centre needs upgrading to service increased interest in our region and culture. Sensitive developments should be encouraged and inner-city living further promoted as a viable option. Our clean, green image is a great competitive advantage, but there is still work required eg storm water management. The environment must be protected, primarily for the people of Hobart but also to help increase our international profile. Hobart must cater for its residents, including our youth, elderly and people with disabilities, improving our visitor-friendly status. Regional planning needs improvement, including transport, tourism, waste and water recycling/management. I want to work with you for our future. Please give me your support.

ARCHER Lyn

As an Alderman I have played an important role for many years in the management and development of our city. As deputy lord mayor, I can bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to further improve the performance of council.

I am proud to be a servant of the community helping to build a better quality of life for everyone in the city of Hobart. During 4 terms I have worked tirelessly across the broad range of services setting a strong foundation for the future.

It is my belief that as chairman of the Development and Environmental Services Committee, I have played a key role in further strengthening the position of Hobart as one of the great cities of the world, culturally and aesthetically.

As deputy lord mayor I will work towards the continual improvement of council's performance in line with community's expectations.

HAIGH Darlene

I have a long commitment to the community of Hobart extending back over 14 years.

Since the death of my late husband, I have continued to offer my services on behalf of the city of Hobart, working tirelessly to bring about a better quality of life for everyone in the city and suburbs.

As chairman of the council's City Services Committee, I have worked for a equitable distribution of the rateable income to ensure your dollar is spent wisely on a full range of services.

My decision to stand for the position has been taken solely on the basis of giving more unity and purpose to the decision making of council.

I can bring to the role of deputy lord mayor a solid background of experience, leadership and a strong unifying influence over council, to build on our achievements.

Hobart needs decisive leadership and a balanced point of view!

CHRISTIE Ron

In addition to the comments I have written under the nomination for alderman, I wish to add that I see the role of mayor and deputy in any capital city as a full-time position. If elected deputy I propose to commit full-time to this position and bring to it a range of ideas and suggestions. These will address the many concerns I received from the community while door-knocking. These concerns are also listed on the web www.ronchristie.com or please contact me direct on 0414 444 414. Thank you for reading this information – Ron.

RUZICKA Eva

Hobart always faces interesting challenges. Vision, perseverance and patience are key qualities needed for council to initiate changes to overcome them.

Initiatives like—

- partnerships with businesses to capitalise on our antarctic and heritage tourism opportunities
- promoting Hobart as an education and information technology industry centre
- investigating economic development strategies to provide critical business support
- re-examining the costs and benefits of installing water meters to stop wastage
- reducing conflict between developers and residents with development partnerships
- supporting planning for an arts precinct for Salamanca's 'Paris end'
- building and sustaining working relationships with business, community groups and all spheres of government for good outcomes

Championing good ideas for our city, no matter the origin, is important. As a voice for calm reason, with your support, these are the leadership values and ideas I'll bring fulltime to the role of deputy lord mayor.