

RESPONSE FROM CANDIDATES FOR THE FORTHCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS FOR THE SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES, TO THE SHIRE MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO BLACKWOOD YOUTH ACTION

As the Government Relations Liaison Person for Blackwood Youth Action, I have now met with all six candidates who have nominated for five vacancies for the forthcoming Local Government election for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

The six candidates are:

Julia Ann Boyle

John Bookless

Tracy Lansdell

Sean Mahoney

Marta Sandberg

Amanda Rose

On behalf of Blackwood Youth Action, I approached all candidates to ascertain their response to the Shire providing a baseline financial contribution to BYA for four years.

I foreshadowed with all candidates that BYA will be making a submission to the Shire through the normal community funding application process for an amount of \$15,000 for each of the next four financial years.

I am pleased to report that all candidates were aware of the great work that BYA undertakes in the region. All candidates expressed merit in the Shire forming a closer relationship with BYA. In particular they all welcomed the BYA initiative to establish a young persons' hub at the former Police Department's house on the corner of Steere and Roe Streets.

As expected, none of the candidates were able to make an unconditional commitment to supporting BYA for such a financial contribution. Elected Councillors will need to consider all applications that will be made through the next community funding application process.

Post your vote early. Completed postal voting packages must reach the Shire Returning Officer by 6.00 pm Saturday 16 October 2021.

You may hand deliver your package to an electoral officer at the Shire during business hours before election day (16 October) or at the polling place at the Shire between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm on election day.


Ross Field

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