

SOUTH	WARD	CANDIDATES
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Group A Independent: Group Leader Justine McLaughlin

Group B Independent: Group Leader Jim Sanderson

Group C Liberal: Group Leader Zac Miles

SOUTH WARD GROUP A – INDEPENDENT

Group Leader – Justine McLaughlin

1. Bio of Group members

Justine McLAUGHLIN has been a Councillor on Hunters Hill Council for 5 years with one year's service as Deputy Mayor in 2015/16. Prior to joining Council Justine was an active local volunteer serving as President of the Hunters Hill Public School P&C Association and President of Hunters Hill Pre-School Association. Justine is admitted as a solicitor and has a background working in large multinational law firms as well as consulting for large corporations. She has three children and has lived in Hunters Hill for almost 20 years.

Sophie HUNT holds a Bachelor of Commerce from UNSW and is currently the CEO of an international luxury goods retailer. She has a strong background in finance, corporate governance and management. She has been an active local volunteer in local schools and sporting organisations. She was born and raised in Hunters Hill and is now raising her own family here.

Angus McCAFFREY is currently completing his university studies. He and his family are long term residents of Hunters Hill. Angus has been an active local volunteer from a young age in church and sporting organisations. Angus' passion is bringing the community together. He currently runs a series of "pop up" experiences for members of our community.

2. What are your key goals and vision for Hunters Hill and how do you hope to achieve it?

Our Group's key goal is simple: to provide our residents with the best possible living and working environment. This involves providing facilities and services that benefit all demographics in our Municipality. Feedback from residents indicates that safety and access (the basics) are key problem areas. In my experience it is these simple things that cause residents the most concern - uneven footpaths, bumpy roads, inadequate crossings and shelters for both young and old residents. Another area of concern is better eating and shopping experiences in our "villages". Other feedback indicates residents want to feel connected to their community -

through events, better community services and opportunities to congregate in attractive local environments. I intend to introduce an annual resident's survey and to act on the results. I also intend to reinvigorate 1/2 yearly precinct meetings in key neighbourhoods to receive feedback on problem areas and provide for a sense of community and inclusiveness within these neighbourhoods.

3. How will you respond to the increasing pressures of development in Hunters Hill so as to preserve its heritage and character, including its mature tree canopy?

I am passionate about maintaining the heritage and planning controls that currently exist in our LEP and to improve upon them. As a Councillor and as Chair of the Conservation Advisory Panel I have fought hard to ensure that new development in the Municipality responds to its context as a heritage garden suburb. Maintaining our tree canopy and street treescape is essential to this.

Any new development must show design excellence and respond to the immediate environment including maintaining the streetscape, consistent building setbacks and height restrictions. Our LEP and DCP sets the LIMITS of what we expect of development, it is NOT a starting point.

4. Do you support an upgrade of the heritage listing in the LEP to include more buildings from the 20th century?

In my opinion the evolution of Hunters Hill, from early settlement sandstone manors through to harbour workers cottages, Victorian terraces, early federation estates, pre and post war bungalows through to veteran's housing, is what makes Hunters Hill such an important historical suburb. The fact that we have maintained our Municipal boundaries means that you can still follow the evolution of our neighbourhoods as you drive through our streets. It is imperative that this history be maintained into the future and that includes the preservation of well-designed 20th century housing. Good architecture is to be valued and preserved regardless of its age.

5. What is your position on the Gladesville Shopping Village?

The Gladesville Shopping Village needs revitalisation. However, it is the scope and scale of redevelopment that needs to be carefully considered. The DCP for the GSV site sets the limits that the public and Council expect to see in a development that borders several residential streets. As mentioned above, the DCP sets limits, not starting points.

Any development on that site should show design excellence, plenty of open community space, green elements and services and facilities that shoppers need - ideally a library outlet, a Council service centre and medical facilities. Importantly myself and Clr Sheil pushed hard for, and

passed, amendments to the DCP for the GSV site which will ensure that any development must provide for generous setbacks, wide footpaths, deep soil planting, provide buffering, and respect the curtilage of the residential buildings in Massey and Cowell Streets. It is also essential that the integrity of the cottage at 10 Cowell Street is preserved in its entirety.

6. If your Group is standing as Independent, please state if you or any of your team are also members of a political party.

None of my candidates are members of political parties.

7. Please list how your preferences will be distributed.

My preferences will be distributed to Jim Sanderson's group in South Ward and I support current Deputy Mayor Mark Bennett for Mayor. He, in turn, is preferencing Independent Ross Williams. My group is strongly of the view that in a Council like Hunters Hill, party politics has no role to play in local government, the closest form of government to the people, and it is imperative that Councillors should first and foremost represent their residents and their community, not their party's policies.

SOUTH WARD GROUP B – INDEPENDENT

Group Leader – Jim Sanderson

1. Bio of Group members:

Jim SANDERSON BE (Syd) MEngSc LLB LLM (UNSW) has lived all but a few years of his life in Hunters Hill – he was educated at Hunters Hill Public School, Hunters Hill High School and the University of Sydney where he graduated in engineering. Jim's early career in engineering included substantial contributions to major projects including the Parliament House Flagmast and leading design teams in projects for a number of industries. He now runs Laboratories at UNSW Sydney. More recently Jim has studied law, completing his Bachelor of Laws in 2008 and his Master of Laws in 2012. Although never a member of a political party, he has campaigned on various issues including a major role in preventing the Carr Government closing Hunters Hill High School and most recently with Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition. Jim has made submissions to government on a range of matters including to the NSW Planning System Review where he proposed amendments to planning law to reduce misrepresentations made in development applications. He was a candidate for South Ward in 2012 and has since been a very active member of Council's Public Transport and Traffic Advisory Committee. Jim was an Independent candidate for our electorate at the last State election in 2015. He decided to stand out of concern about a number of State Government policies which he opposed, including forced council amalgamations and planning law that leaves communities and individuals with little say about planning decisions that affect them.

Dr Arthur CHESTERFIELD-EVANS MB BS FRCS (Eng) MAppSci (OHS) MPolEcon is a Medical Practitioner who has lived in Woolwich since 1991. Arthur was a Member of the Legislative Council ('MLC') in the NSW Parliament from 1998 to 2007 where he initiated inquiries into the Department of Community Services, Campbelltown Hospital, Mental Health and the Funeral Industry. As an MLC, he advocated for the Local Government Amendment (No Forced Amalgamations) Bill 2003 – had this bill been enacted it would have compelled ballots before council amalgamations could proceed. Arthur has been a tireless advocate for the public good including campaigns against the tobacco industry and its advertising and in serving as NSW President of the Doctors Reform Society of Australia, where he argued for the continuation of Medicare and improvements to the public health system. Arthur has made valuable contributions to local issues including the battles to save the Harbour foreshores of Woolwich Dock and Cockatoo Island as well as Hunters Hill High School and the Municipality of Hunter's Hill. Arthur has been a candidate for The Greens at recent State and Federal elections – his

opposition to forced council amalgamations was very much a part of those campaigns.

Rosalie DAVID is a former Hunter's Hill Councillor who has lived in Hunters Hill for over 50 years and like all members of the team strongly supports the continuing independence of the Municipality.

2. What are your key goals and vision for Hunters Hill and how do you hope to achieve it?

● **Protection of our culture, our heritage and our built and natural environments** – we will bring new capabilities to Council – we will ensure our LEP and other planning controls are properly applied, improved as required and not eroded as new District Plans come into effect.

● **Care of our public spaces** – Council must balance the competing demands of sporting facilities and bushland in open consultation with the community:

- We must protect our bushland and parks including looking at the balance of native flora to improve habitat for a broad spectrum of native fauna – letting Swamp She-Oak take-over is not the solution;
- At the same time, local sporting clubs should have access to appropriate amenities with minimal impact to surroundings; and
- Under no circumstances should any public recreational land end up in the hands of developers or assets like the Priory be inappropriately developed.

● **Open and transparent governance** – information should be freely available to the community unless there are genuine reasons for confidentiality. This openness should extend to matters such as development proposals where affected parties should be kept informed and given the opportunity to raise issues of concern early in the process.

● **Improved communication from Council**, including live-streaming of meetings and online access to development application material.

● Improved service delivery and addressing our infrastructure backlog particularly footpaths and roads – Council must set achievable goals and ensure they are delivered.

● **Access for all community members** – new pedestrian ways must comply with Australian legislation and applicable standards to cater for parents with young children and residents with reduced mobility.

- **Support of local culture and art** – we strongly support community events such as local art shows. Consistently, however, we will treat public art as we treat other public art as we treat other development: surrounding communities need to be properly consulted.
- Examination of Council energy use.

3. How will you respond to the increasing pressures of development in Hunters Hill so as to preserve its heritage and character, including its mature tree canopy?

Part of our policy is to keep our LEP and other planning controls up to date to ensure they are able to protect both our built and natural heritage. This will be particularly important in the current environment were the NSW Liberal Coalition Government continues to remove powers from Local Government. Having a strong enforceable LEP and other planning controls will be our first line of defence when planning decisions for development over \$5M is made by Local Planning Panels, as has been recently been legislated.

Proper application of our LEP and other planning controls is essential. We will bring new technical skills to Council – re will not hesitate overruling recommendations coming from Council's planning staff where we believe their DA assessment is flawed. We will use all reasonable measures to maintain and restore our tree canopy, which is such an important part of our heritage. Tree canopy coverage has a beneficial effect on our climate by: lowering temperatures, reducing energy usage and reducing or removing air pollutants.

4. Do you support an upgrade of the heritage listing in the LEP to include more buildings from the 20th century?

We support conservation of heritage items from the entirety of our 60,000 year history. We are therefore open to including more 20th Century buildings in heritage listings.

5. What is your position on the Gladesville Shopping Village?

Council should not have sold the land that opened the way for proposals to massively overdevelop the Gladesville Shopping Village precinct. The sale of this land for very much less than its potential value has left us in this uncertain state.

Council's LEP and Chapter 4.4 of the DCP provide more than an ample envelope for future development – we would therefore oppose any Gateway process to expand this envelope. We will also work with the residents of Gladesville to minimise the impact of any future proposed development.

However, we note that thanks to recent legislation sponsored by Planning Minister and Local State Liberal Member, Anthony Roberts, decisions about developments valued at over \$5M have been removed from Council.

6. If your Group is standing as Independent, please state if you or any of your team are also members of a political party.

Jim Sanderson has never been a member of any political party.

Arthur Chesterfield-Evans is a member of The Greens but is not endorsed to run for The Greens at this election. We are open about Arthur's membership of The Greens as we do not see anything in their policy that is in conflict with Arthur standing to represent his community.

Rosalie David is not a member of a political party.

7. Please list how your preferences will be distributed.

How to Vote for SOUTH WARD COUNCILLORS on larger lime coloured ballot paper

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 LIBERAL
GROUP A <input type="checkbox"/> McLAUGHLIN Justine Independent	GROUP B <input type="checkbox"/> SANDERSON Jim Independent	GROUP C <input type="checkbox"/> MILES Zac LIBERAL
<input type="checkbox"/> McCAFFREY Angus Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> CHESTERFIELD-EVANS Arthur	<input type="checkbox"/> MESSINA Vince LIBERAL
<input type="checkbox"/> HUNT Sophie Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> DAVID Rosalie Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> SHEERIN James LIBERAL

How to Vote Ross Williams for Mayor

on smaller grey ballot paper
We support Ross in his vision for a Strong Independent Municipality.

MAYOR
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 BENNETT Mark Independent
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 WILLIAMS Ross Independent

SOUTH WARD GROUP C – LIBERAL

Group C Leader – Zac Miles

1. Bio of Group members:

Ben COLLINS is a CPA and Chartered Company Secretary operating a private practice from Lane Cove. He has a Bachelor of Taxation from the University of New South Wales and a Graduate Diploma in Corporate Governance from the Governance Institute of Australia. He lives with his wife Jessica and two (soon to be three) young children in Hunters Hill.

James SHEERIN has lived in Hunters Hill his entire life. Born and raised here, James attended schooling from Hunters Hill Day-care, Public School and St Joseph's College Hunters Hill where he was a 5th Generation St Joseph's Student (James' Great-Great Grandfather was one of the original co-architects of St Joseph's College). Having been in the community since the 1990's James has been an active member of the Hunters Hill Community through Rugby and Soccer Teams whilst also working throughout the Hunters Hill and Gladesville area. James has strong family history with positive involvement in local government. James' father was a previous Mayor and long serving councillor of Hunters Hill. James' focus is on not only serving the community today, but being a voice for tomorrow's younger demographic of Hunters Hill.

Zac MILES is a current serving Councillor, who is passionate about continuing to represent the community he has served over the prior 5 years. Zac grew up in Hunters Hill and loves the vibrant energetic community, and is passionate about protecting our areas unique character. Zac has worked as a jackaroo in Queensland, a adviser in the NSW parliament and up until recently ran his own small business focusing on Public and Government Relations, Communications and corporate strategy. Zac resigned from his work to pursue running for the Mayoralty full-time.

2. What are your key goals and vision for Hunters Hill and how do you hope to achieve it?

Our principal vision for the Municipality of Hunters Hill is to maintain its truly unique character while supporting the needs of families and small businesses.

To achieve this vision we have formulated a series of policies which balance these needs while protecting and the precious endowment of our natural and built heritage assets. Our principal policy for heritage preservation is "**we will protect our unique heritage and the environment**".

As a group we understand that the greatest resource the Municipality of Hunters Hill has is its natural heritage assets. We will introduce a series of measures to remove the pressure on these assets from runoff of fertilisers high in phosphates, as well as introducing infrastructure upgrades to significantly reduce pollution storm water pollution.

Finally, we will commit to repairing the poor state of our footpaths which in many cases severely affects the mobility options of our mobility challenged residents and visitors across the municipality.

3. How will you respond to the increasing pressures of development in Hunters Hill so as to preserve its heritage and character, including its mature tree canopy?

It is well understood that Sydney municipalities are facing constant increased pressures on population targets.

We plan to respond to these demands by actively engaging with the state government's planning departments to ensure any future population growth has the underlying infrastructure to support any increases in population.

Mature trees are one of any area's greatest assets. Mature trees provide shade and shelter and assist in providing a stabilising effect on temperature fluctuations in both summer and winter. This in turn leads to a significant reduction in energy consumption. In addition, mature trees significantly reduce the level of atmospheric pollution, particularly fine particle pollutants which can be particularly difficult for asthma sufferers.

Our group will continue to work with state government to manage, reduce and remediate the effects of the 10/50 rules on the Hunters Hill Municipality.

As part of a transformation of council we will support the protection of our mature tree canopy by implementing a range of passive protection solutions to monitor and protect our existing mature tree canopy from poisoning by tree vandals.

Additionally, as a group we will support community engagement for strengthening of our DCP through the following principles: -

- a) encouraging the removal of certain environmental weed tree species from the municipality
- b) promoting fauna species native to the Moocooboola region.
- c) fostering community support to maintain mature trees on their property.

4. Do you support an upgrade of the heritage listing in the LEP to include more buildings from the 20th century?

The Municipality of Hunters Hill has the highest percentage of heritage items of any municipality in Sydney. This list of items (many unique across Sydney) is an asset the community should be proud of and a testament to efforts and energies of The Trust over the last 50 years.

We have specifically stipulated in our policies that we "***will protect our unique heritage and the environment***".

As a group, we actively support community engagement in a review of the list of Schedule 5 Local Heritage listings in the Hunters Hill Local Environment Plan 2012.

5. What is your position on the Gladesville Shopping Village?

The current owner of the consolidated commercial site referred to as Gladesville Shopping Village (GSV) has applied for a modification to Hunters Hill's Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2012. We support council rejecting the Planning Proposal to modify the current LEP, and reject the application of the developer to increase the height and density of the site without community engagement.

As part of our policies we have committed to design excellence measures in our planning controls to ensure any new buildings don't detract from the heritage and character of any region of Hunters Hill – including Gladesville. We expect these design excellence measures to enhance new developments in both the residential areas as well as the commercial precincts across our municipality.

We are happy to have the skills and experience of a candidate in our group (Justin Parry-Okeden) who has worked tirelessly with council over the last four years, and thanks to the support of the Gladesville Community Group and The Hunters Hill Trust has managed to reinstate modifications to the DCP (such as setbacks) which were previously removed by council in 2010. We hope to leverage Justin's support in moving forward in the Gladesville precinct.

6. If your Group is standing as Independent, please state if you or any of your team are also members of a political party.

Ben, Peter, Justin, Vince, James and Zac are all registered members of the Liberal Party.

7. Please list how your preferences will be distributed.

We have not entered into any preference deals with other groups.

As a group we believe strongly in the policies we have put forward, and respect the astuteness of our constituents to exercise their preference options as they see fit.

We ask our constituents to "Just Vote 1", but support their choice to select a single candidate/group or alternatively distribute their individual preference as they personally choose.