

Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc.

*A grass-roots community group that's definitely NOT a public company**

Keep Macedon Ranges Rural *Say NO To Suburbia*

MARRA CANDIDATE STAR RATINGS 2008 Council Election

MARRA has rated Council candidates by assessing current Councillors on their record, and contacting all others with a phone survey. Ratings and stars are based on strengths, background, knowledge, experience, skills, performance and affiliations, along with stance on / grasp of finances, governance, planning, environment, heritage, social, and protecting Macedon Ranges to keep it rural. **In MARRA's opinion, candidates in each ward rate as shown below:**

★East Ward★

- 4.5 Hilary Roberts (Mr.)
- 4.5 Hugh Tighe
- 4.0 Joan Donovan
- 3.5 Patrick Testa
- 1.0 Henry Bleeck
- 1.0 Sandra McGregor
- 0.5 Geoff Neil
- 0.5 Graham Hackett (*MRRS Ltd*)*
- 0.5 Eric Nothard (*MRRS Ltd*)*

Did not participate in survey

Henry McLaughlin
Joe Morabito

★West Ward★

- 5.0 Tom Gyorffy
- 5.0 Neil Manning
- 4.0 Liz Livingstone
- 2.5 Roger Jukes
- 1.5 Henryka Benson
- 1.5 Joan Drago
- 1.0 Russell Yardley
- 0.5 Noel Harvey
- 0.5 L. Peeler (*MRRS Ltd*)*
- 0.5 Brian Wilson (*MRRS Ltd*)*

Did not participate in survey

Alan Todd

★South Ward★

- 5.0 Rob Guthrie
- 4.5 Angela Cassar
- 3.5 John Letchford
- 3.5 Ann e Moore
- 3.5 Christine Thompson
- 3.0 Brian Whitefield
- 2.0 Russell Mowatt
- 0.5 Helen Relph
- 0.5 Gerry Shepherd (*MRRS Ltd*)*
- 0.5 M. Wiedermann (*MRRS Ltd*)*
- 0.0 Fritz Boegel (*MRRS Ltd*)*

Did not participate in survey

Deborah Elliott (*MRRS Ltd*)*
Ewald Jeske (*MRRS Ltd*)*
Christine Roussiyan

For more information:

www.mrra.asn.au

Make your vote count:

Put a different number in each box on the ballot paper,

Put only one ballot paper in each declaration envelope, and

Sign the outside of your envelope

Ode to A Rural Macedon Ranges Too Beautiful To Lose

If you came to, or wish to remain living in, the Macedon Ranges region because of the non-cluttered housing and 'open spaces' character of the district;

If you believe that development should be a steady and gradual process and kept within the bounds of established local character and are alarmed at the way land and housing developers tend to target certain towns and irreversibly change them;

If you accept that Melbourne has a Government-created suburban population crisis but do not want the crisis bursting over you and skittling your chosen life-style;

If you believe that large scale development comes with too many unwanted appendages;

If you do not want the prospect of living with what may become permanent and increased household water restrictions, remembering that water produced in the Macedon Ranges now can be channelled to almost anywhere the Government want to send it;

If your present lifestyle is important to you and you believe that experimenting with large-scale change may spell disaster to this life-style that you want to go on enjoying;

If you are sick of hearing that progress or development cannot be stood in the way of and see that not you but governments and developers are the sole determiners of the kind of progress that takes place;

If you do not want to become impelled to consider uprooting yourself and setting out to find a place to live that has the character your present place of abode used to have, and are prepared to be on the march again one day if similar circumstances arise;

If you believe that our elected government should be made up of the wisest, most genuine and sympathetic representatives we can find;

Then at these Shire elections, you would be wise to give your vote to the candidates whose platform, one way or another, encompasses the sentiments described above.

Your vote and preferences really do count

At these elections, a company – Macedon Ranges Residents Secretariat Ltd – is running candidates in what seems to be an attempt to take over Council. MRRS Ltd appears to aspire to running Council as a business with a board of directors, who will apparently determine planning strategy. It appears that the company has a 50 – 100 year plan for Macedon Ranges which seems to support 5 acre subdivision in rural areas potentially including Mount Macedon; commercial development at the Memorial Cross; pokies; geo-thermal energy production; less heritage protection; and a Macedon Ranges without Statement of Planning Policy No. 8. The company's philosophy seems to be that Macedon Ranges must populate and develop to survive, and grow to protect against some form of invasion. Apparently new towns are to be created supported by industrial development to create jobs for locals.

Please...

Question, and think very, very carefully before you vote.

Every vote will determine what Macedon Ranges' future will be.

At this election, keep it community, and keep it rural.