

Media Release



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VFF calls for farmers to nominate for upcoming local council elections

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is urging interested farmers to nominate for their upcoming relevant local council elections to ensure agriculture is represented and the needs of Victorian farmers are heard.

VFF President David Jochinke said we need more farmers on councils to be the voice of local farmers and agriculture.

“No one knows the issues and concerns of the Victorian farming community better than farmers themselves.”

“We need more farmers on councils, so our message is heard on key issues including the need for fair rates, maintenance of local roads and keeping roadsides clear of weeds.”

“Farming communities need to work together to seek out the best candidates and give them our support,” Mr Jochinke said.

The VFF reminds all interested potential candidates of the below key dates and requirements to ensure nominations are accepted:

- 17 September 2020- nominations open- candidates must complete the mandatory [Local Government Candidate Training](#) before submitting any application;
- 22 September 2020- nominations close 12 noon;
- 23 September 2020- lodgement of candidate statements, photos and questionnaires close 12 noon

Candidates can access further information, including how to nominate via the Victorian Electoral Commission’s website <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/>

“Farmer’s voices are more important than ever before.”

“We have a real opportunity for agriculture to help lead the country on its economic rebuild and farming knowledge and expertise at a local government level will be vital during our recovery,” Mr Jochinke said.

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