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Subject: 2027 Local Government Elections 'Shape Your World'

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Get ready to 'Shape Your World' by enrolling to vote or becoming a candidate in the 2027 local government elections.

Residents of the Rural City of Murray Bridge are being encouraged to get involved in shaping the future of Council at the next election.

That can be as easy as making sure you are enrolled to vote before enrolments close on 4 January 2027, and then voting in the postal ballot in March 2027.

Those who want to take the next step and actively represent their community are encouraged to consider nominating as a candidate when nominations open on Tuesday, 26 January 2027.

Rural City of Murray Bridge CEO Heather Barclay said local government is the most closely connected level of government to the local community, meaning there are plenty of opportunities to make a real difference.

"Council is responsible for critical day-to-day services that our community needs like waste collection, road maintenance, footpaths and wastewater," Ms Barclay said.

"It also delivers the things that make our city the vibrant, connected and welcoming place it is, such as sporting facilities, the Swimming Centre, gallery, youth hub, major events, local tourism support, community programs and so much more.

"If there is something our community needs, there is a good chance you can make a difference to help deliver it by becoming an Elected Member, or voting for the candidates you feel will best represent you."

Council is partnering with the LGA and the Electoral Commission of South Australia to encourage local involvement in the upcoming elections through the 'Shape Your World' campaign. It aims to inspire people from all walks of life to step forward and help shape the future of their communities.

Across South Australia's 68 councils, over 600 elected members make decisions that affect everyday community life – from local infrastructure and planning, to parks, libraries and community services.

"When community-minded people step forward, we strengthen the decisions that shape our streets, our services and our shared future," Ms Barclay said.

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"Local leadership matters and it starts with everyday people putting their hand up to represent their community.

"It is also important that Council represents the diversity that is such a strong part of our community. We encourage people from all backgrounds, ages, genders, cultures and industries to consider nominating."

South Australia's next local government elections will take place in 2027, with candidate nominations opening 26 January 2027 and closing at 12pm on 9 February 2027.

Voting in South Australian council elections is conducted by postal ballot, making it easy for residents to participate and have their say in the future of their local community.

To check whether you're currently enrolled to vote in local government elections, visit www.councilelections.sa.gov.au, or call 1300 655 232.

The Shape Your World campaign will run throughout the lead-up to the 2027 elections and includes resources for prospective candidates and information sessions to help people understand the role of local government.

For more information about becoming a candidate or the 2027 council elections, visit: www.councilelections.sa.gov.au

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