

A Better Eurobodalla

For open, accountable and responsive government in the Eurobodalla

March 2021 Newsletter

In Eurobodalla we're calling for:

- Open, accountable and responsive local, state and federal government.
- A council with a sustainable, practical vision that can cost-effectively meet the needs of residents and ratepayers.
- Local government that actively and accurately represents Eurobodalla residents' interests to state and federal government.
- Candidates for the 2021 local government election who genuinely listen; who tackle key issues of concern and urgency and who safeguard the interests of all of us.



What we've been up to.....

Meetings with Councillors

ABE co-convenors Brett Stevenson & Bernie O'Neil met with Mayor Innes on Monday 1 March on the understanding that she would be standing for re-election. However Councillor Innes, who was accompanied at the meeting by Council's General Manager, would not confirm whether she would be a candidate in September's council elections. So the meeting was brief and the Mayor was invited to contact ABE again if, and when, she decides to stand for re-election.

On 29 March, ABE met with Deputy Mayor Rob Pollock, who confirmed he will be seeking re-election. Councillor Pollock identified his three main issues for the Council leading up to the September election as completing the Bateman's Bay Regional Aquatic Arts and Leisure Centre; completing the link road from Bateman's Bay through Malua Bay and improving coordination of tourism across the shire. The new Eurobodalla Hospital was also mentioned as an important issue.

On 31 March, ABE met with Councillor Anthony Mayne, who also intends to stand for re-election. Councillor Mayne's priority issues are improving transparency in Council decision-making and ways of conducting Council business; adopting best practice, informed development across the shire; and employment growth in Eurobodalla with a view to supporting jobs of the future.

More information about these, and other candidates, will appear on the 'Candidates' page of the ABE website (abettereurobodalla.org) in the coming weeks as we continue to meet with current councillors who intend to stand again, as well as new candidates who will be standing for the first time.

If you know of anyone who is thinking of standing for Council in September's elections ask them to get in contact with us at: abettereurobodalla@gmail.com

Public Appearances

ABE attended the Moruya Country Markets on 6 March, and met a range of Eurobodalla's full-time and part-time residents to spread the

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Bernie O'Neil presented at Eurobodalla Council's Public Access session on 2 March on behalf of ABE. Her presentation was about Council's access to and use of expert advice focussing on financial management and bushfire risk management. A copy of her presentation can be found on the ABE website on the '[Recent ABE Presentations](#)' page. Our next Public Access presentation is planned for 20 April when we will address the use of commercial-in-confidence provisions and the culture of secrecy that has developed in the way our council operates.

ABE also attended meetings with our Federal Members for Gilmore (Fiona Phillips) and Eden-Monaro (Kristy McBain) and used the opportunity to introduce ourselves and provide them with information about ABE.

ABE will be out and about at events over Easter and the school holidays. Look for our banners (see below) and come and say hi.

Letters to Council

On Friday 26 March ABE wrote to Council asking what changes will be made to the \$70 million+ Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic Arts and Leisure Centre so that it can also serve as an evacuation centre. This letter and Council's response will be posted on our website.

Promotional Material

ABE has recently produced an outdoor banner and 2 X-banners which can be used to identify us at events we attend around the shire. Keep an eye out for the ABE logo making an appearance across the Eurobodalla between now and the local government elections on the 4th September 2021 and let us know if there are any events you think we should attend.

ABE has also prepared an A4 poster informing non-resident ratepayers that they can vote in September's elections and letting them know how to register to vote with Council. We will be putting these posters up around Eurobodalla. If you would like a poster to put up at your local café or notice board, email us (see email address above) and we'll get copies to you.



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The non-resident electoral roll is now open for non-resident property owners or lessees to register to vote. Registration forms are available on Eurobodalla Council's website. For an **individual owner or lessee**, then [this is the correct form to use](#). For **multiple owners or lessees**, just one of the owners or lessees needs to be nominated to go on the electoral roll, and [this is the correct form to use](#).

As Eurobodalla Shire is not divided up into wards, ignore the questions on these forms which mention wards.

Please note that the forms on Council's website are normal PDF files which cannot be edited, so they must be printed out before being manually filled in. ABE has created editable versions of these files that can be filled in electronically and these are available on our website [here](#) and [here](#). Council has advised that digital signatures cannot be used on the editable forms, so once filled in, the forms need to be printed out for signing before being scanned and emailed, or posted, to Council.

Registration forms can be submitted up until **26th July 2021**, but it is advisable to get them in well before this date.



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