

TOP THREE PRIORITIES

RETURNING PASSENGER RAIL



TOURISM across Southern Grampians 10 towns



REFORM

– Council doing business better



42 years a country vet, farming sheep and cattle near Cavendish and south of Bransholme with husband auto electrician Brian Ball. Hamilton provided our four children with fantastic secondary education.



I will give the best return on your councillor investment. Providing corporate knowledge of council operations, detailed understanding of Southern Grampians, extensive regional backgrounding combined with agricultural industry, small business and tourism experience.

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VOTE 1



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My vision is a proactive hardworking council team, transparent, responsive, caring for our community and country, planning for growth of the whole Shire.

New Hamilton Gallery Position

Dec 2018 - I supported doing the business case on a NHG @ Lake Hamilton

Sept 11 2019 - **I VOTED AGAINST** adopting the business case for the NHG @ Lake Hamilton because:

- too expensive,
- lack of transparency
- lack of community consultation

I moved an amendment to put the Business Case out for Public Consultation and no one seconded that amendment... so I voted against ADOPTING the business case

Community consultation and surveys

The community not asked for submissions or brought along with the potential project. The New Hamilton Gallery is the best example of this. Councillors on the Project Steering Committee could have helped the consultants produce better value.

Just doing my job

People tell me I am brave, I think I am just doing my job.

- I am the one who will ask the key questions and seek accountability
- I am discouraged when asking questions about council expenditure
- For example why was it necessary to rip up the Hamilton Gallery perfectly good pure woollen carpet which reflected our wool growing area and had been down for just three years?
- Costing over \$60,000 to put down then replace with vinyl planks
- How long do families wait until they can afford a quality carpet?
- What did happen to that almost new woollen carpet?

Congratulations to all new candidates nominating for Council.

We need reform.

- Councillor business done differently, effectively
- More transparency.
- Councillor only meetings frequent
- Councillor in portfolios representing our Shire
- Return control to elected Councillors applying more financial scrutiny

Delivering Fair Go Rating System for all including farmers.

Councillor only meetings, getting ahead of the game!

Councillors in portfolios representing our Shire.

It may appear I am critical of the Executive. It's actually a council not operating at their best which transfers the power to the Executive. I think they would prefer a council to get their act together and give them clear direction as to what the priorities are.

YOUR \$\$\$\$ Delivering Fair Go Rating System for all including farmers

As a rural and residential ratepayer I can't afford this top heavy management.

Check the Annual Financial Report Year for June 30 2020

- \$1.27 Million in consultancies doubled in 12 months
- \$650,000 increased employee costs.
- The more you pay the less say you have.
- Unidentified item (Others) more than doubled to \$1.34 million.

Best projects are community driven

- Volunteer groups frustrated and obstructed in achieving commonsense outcomes for their community.
- Plans for major funding applications not made public in a timely manner. (2018 1.3 Million Soccer Hockey Pavilion, then 2020 1.2 Million Pedrina Park Inclusive Sports Hub Pavilion.)
- User groups not convened together, instead consultation held in separate silos. (Pedrina Park and Hamilton Showgrounds Masterplans)
- Establishment of Councillor Community Advisory Committees blocked. The only Hamilton Council Community public asset Advisory Committee is for the Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange. Major HRLX projects achieved over several terms of council.
- Successful community examples are Cavendish Recreational Reserve Committee achieved with the Pick my Project Amenities block.
- And what an amazing facility driven by locals built by locals is the Balmoral Community Centre.

Policy versus Operational?

Some public policies created and not approved or discussed with Council. Three examples are Street Trading, Transfer stations during COVID and the Pre COVID Hardship Policy.

Getting on with it

- Council could have purchased Lonsdale St vacant building linking Melville Oval with money wasted in the last 4 years.

Ready to move in

- Would SES and CFA like support in a pitch for the Baimbridge Road Kitset building?
- Rather than cramming into Hamilton Showgrounds is this a better site? A new showgrounds build would be smaller, less central and 5 to 10 years away. If not there, find a better place.

Achievements

- Grampians Peaks Trail and Dunkeld Loop Walk with expansion of Dunkeld Visitor Hub. Finishing the Mt Rouse steps. Hamilton Gateway Business Park.
- Successes include township community driven projects, greater grants, digital innovation, planting street trees, free swimming in 6 outdoor pools, Lake Hamilton dog park, murals and laneway activation.

Projects for new council

- Meanwhile major projects like Cox Street stalled despite \$2.7 Million State funding (our matching funds redirected from current budget.) What action on Heavy Truck Route?
- What happened to Passenger Rail Advocacy?
- No campaign supporting Hamilton meat processing where our major produce could be value added as branded product creating 100's of jobs by private enterprise not seeking council funds.

JUST LEADERSHIP.