
Join us at the KelledyJones Lawyers Local Government Elections Breakfast – your roadmap to navigate the November 2014 Local Government Elections

Friday 4 July
7:30am – 9:30am
Crowne Plaza
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Whether you are a first-time candidate, a long-standing councillor or council employee the **KelledyJones Lawyers Local Government Elections Breakfast** will give you valuable insight into the framework and parameters that apply to the 2014 elections process.

The breakfast will arm you with up-to-date, relevant and practical information and will feature dynamic presentations and discussion around:

- The roadmap to understanding ‘the rules’ and responsibilities
- Key dates and protocols
- Guidelines on election material content and distribution
- Caretaker period - balancing council duties during the elections process
- Code of conduct - how it applies to candidates, councillors and staff

Presenters

South Australia’s Ombudsman Richard Bingham and South Australian Electoral Commissioner Kay Mousley will share their insights and first-hand experiences of navigating a Local Government elections process.

Richard will explain how and when matters and complaints are referred to and dealt with by the Ombudsman’s office during an elections process. He will also discuss how findings and recommendations are actioned by council and councillors.

Kay will explain her role as Returning Officer. She will discuss the importance of governance, the roles and responsibilities of candidates, councillors and staff to ensure probity during council elections.

An interactive panel discussion and Q&A session featuring Richard, Kay, Mayor Allan Aughey and Michael Kelledy will follow the presentations.

The KelledyJones Lawyers Local Government Elections Breakfast is for:

- Mayors and councillors
- Council CEOs, directors and general managers
- Council staff including governance and communication managers and officers
- Prospective candidates

About KelledyJones Lawyers

KelledyJones is South Australia’s first law firm devoted solely to working with local government. KelledyJones provides dedicated legal, strategic and business support exclusively to South Australia councils and public authorities.

About the presenters

Richard Bingham – South Australia's Ombudsman

Richard was appointed as South Australian Ombudsman on 1 June 2009. Before that, he was Chair of the Tasmanian Electoral Commission, from when it was established in 2005. He was also the Independent Assessor for the redress process for people who suffered abuse in State care in Tasmania. Richard was Secretary of the Tasmanian Department of Justice from 1994-2004 and acted as Ombudsman and Health Complaints Commissioner in Tasmania from 2005-2006.

Kay Mousley – South Australian Electoral Commissioner

Kay Mousley has more than 30 years of elections and management experience. After an extensive career with the Australian Electoral Commission conducting federal, state, council, industrial, indigenous and international elections, Kay became the Electoral Commissioner for South Australia in 2005. Kay has conducted three State Elections, three high profile by-elections, as well as sitting on the Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission in 2007 and 2012. As Electoral Commissioner, Kay is the designated Returning Officer for all council elections and is responsible for certifying local government elector representation reviews.

Natasha Jones – KelledyJones Lawyers

Natasha is a specialist public and administrative law adviser. Her breadth of experience, coupled with her strategic approach, sees her advising councils across the State. She has significant expertise in advising councils and related entities on their statutory powers and obligations, the interpretation of legislation and policy, freedom of information and internal audit processes.

Mayor Allan Aughey – Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council

Allan represents the community of the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council with enthusiasm and an enlightened approach to the advancement of the community and region. Allan's vast experience in local government started in Port Pirie having been elected as youngest ever Councillor to the Corporation of City of Port Pirie, then as Alderman and Deputy Mayor in 2006. Allan strongly believes in an open, fair-minded and decisive Council that exists to serve the ratepayers, and in equity and support for all towns in the area. Allan is also currently a trustee and Board Member of Country Arts SA and has previously been a chairperson on the Northern Regional Cultural Trust.

Michael Kelledy – KelledyJones Lawyers

Michael is a public law specialist. He is widely recognised as the key legal adviser to Local Government in South Australia and is one of Australia's foremost experts in local government law. Michael's work has been recognised in the peer-nominated *Best Lawyers Australia* list, which identifies outstanding legal talent. Michael is an acknowledged authority on the legislation and common law principles that impact local government.

We look forward to seeing you at the only South Australian breakfast of its kind.

Registration

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Program

7.30-7.35

Welcome and overview
Natasha Jones, KelledyJones Lawyers

7.35-7.55

Key election considerations
Michael Kelledy, KelledyJones Lawyers

7.55-8.20

Navigating the elections process
Richard Bingham, SA Ombudsman

8.20-8.50

Probity in the elections process
Kay Mousley, SA Electoral Commissioner

8.50-9.00

Reflections of a Mayor
Allan Aughey, Mayor of Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council

9.00-9.25

Interactive panel discussion with the speakers

9.25-9.30

Summary and Close
Natasha Jones, KelledyJones Lawyers

**\$50 per person (ex GST).
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