2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION RESULT TRENDS

**Highlights**

* 49.4 per cent of 637 vacancies were filled by incumbent councillors, while 32.6 per cent of contesting councillors were defeated
* 50.5 per cent are new councillors, and voters elected 38 per cent women councillors.

**Candidates**

* 2,135 candidates nominated across 78 municipalities (Geelong did not hold an election)
* 466 sitting councillors contested the election (77 per cent), while 138 councillors retired
* All incumbents contested the election in 12 municipalities
* 46 councillors from 19 municipalities (7 per cent of vacancies) were elected unopposed.

**Returned (incumbent) councillors**

* 315 contesting incumbent councillors were returned (49.4 per cent)
* 47 incumbent mayors were returned, and another 15 mayors retired
* 13 councils retained all incumbents who contested the elections, while a further 20 councils lost only one contesting councillor
* 11 municipalities had six or more sitting councillors returned
* 34 councillors were re-elected unopposed, including seven mayors (Boroondara, Campaspe, Corangamite, Loddon, Mansfield, Murrindindi, Towong).

**New councillors**

* 322 new councillors were elected (50.5 per cent of the total vacancies)
* 12 new councillors were elected unopposed across six municipalities
* More than 50 per cent of councillors are new in 42 municipalities
* Five councils have large numbers of new councillors as a majority of incumbents retired
* Highest number of new councillors are in Brimbank (11), Bass Coast (8) and Mornington Peninsula (8).

**Defeated councillors**

* 152 contesting councillors were defeated (32.6 per cent)
* A majority of incumbents who contested the election were defeated in eight councils
* 14 contesting mayors were defeated: Colac Otway, Frankston, Glen Eira, Glenelg, Horsham, Latrobe, Macedon Ranges, Mitchell, Moorabool, Nillumbik, South Gippsland, Whitehorse, Wyndham, Yarra.

**Women representation**

* 241 or 38 per cent of all councillors elected are women, up from 34 per cent in 2012
* All 78 councils have women councillors
* Fifteen councils have a majority of women councillors: Brimbank (7/11), Corangamite (5/7), Darebin (6/9), Greater Bendigo (5/9), Indigo (4/7), Macedon Ranges (4/7), Manningham (5/9), Maribyrnong (5/7), Melton (5/9), Moonee Valley (5/9), Murrindindi (5/7), Stonnington (5/9), Surf Coast (5/9), Whitehorse (6/10), Yarra (5/9).

| **Municipality** | **Mayor** | **Incumbents** | | **Returned councillors** | **New councillors** | **Women councillors^** | **Elected unopposed** | **TOTAL ELECTED#** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Retired** | **Lost** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alpine | Returned | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 (2) | - | 7 |
| Ararat | Returned | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 (2) | - | 7 |
| Ballarat | Returned | 0 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 (4) | - | 9 |
| Banyule | Returned | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 (1) | 2 | 7 |
| Bass Coast | Retired | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 2 (3) | - | 9 (7) |
| Baw Baw | Returned | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 (3) | - | 9 |
| Bayside | Returned | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 (2) | - | 7 |
| Benalla | Retired | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 (4) | - | 7 |
| Boroondara | Returned\* | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 (3) | 1 | 10 |
| Brimbank | - | 0 | 0 | - | 11 | 7 | - | 11 |
| Buloke | Retired | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 (2) | - | 7 |
| Campaspe | Returned\* | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 (3) | 3 | 9 |
| Cardinia | Returned | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 (4) | - | 9 |
| Casey | Returned | 0 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 4 (4) | - | 11 |
| Central Goldfields | Returned | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 (3) | 1 | 7 |
| Colac Otway | Defeated | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 (1) | - | 7 |
| Corangamite | Returned\* | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 (2) | 3 | 7 |
| Darebin | Retired | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 (2) | - | 9 |
| East Gippsland | Returned | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 (3) | - | 9 |
| Frankston | Defeated | 0 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 (3) | - | 9 |
| Gannawarra | Returned | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 (1) | - | 7 |
| Glen Eira | Defeated | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 (2) | - | 9 |
| Glenelg | Defeated | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 (2) | - | 7 |
| Golden Plains | Returned | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 (2) | - | 7 |
| Greater Bendigo | Retired | 2 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 (3) | - | 9 |
| Greater Dandenong | Returned | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 3 (3) | - | 11 |
| **Greater Geelong Under administration until 2017** | | | | | | | | |
| Greater Shepparton | Returned | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 (2) | - | 9 (7) |
| Hepburn | Returned | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 (1) | 2 | 7 |
| Hindmarsh | Returned | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 (2) | 2 | 6 |
| Hobsons Bay | Returned | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 (3)\*\* | - | 7 |
| Horsham | Defeated | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 (3) | - | 7 |
| Hume | Retired | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 (3) | - | 11 |
| Indigo | Returned | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 (3) | - | 7 |
| Kingston | Returned | 2 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 4 (3) | - | 9 |
| Knox | Returned | 2 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2 (3) | 2 | 9 |
| Latrobe | Defeated | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 (4) | - | 9 |
| Loddon | Returned\* | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 (2) | 3 | 5 |
| Macedon Ranges | Defeated | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 (2) | - | 9 |
| Manningham | Returned | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 (4) | - | 9 |
| Mansfield | Returned\* | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 (2) | 5 | 5 |
| Maribyrnong | Retired | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 (2) | - | 7 |
| Maroondah | Retired | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 (5) | - | 9 |
| Melbourne | Returned | 1 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 (4) | - | 11 |
| Melton | Returned | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 (5) | - | 9 (7) |
| Mildura | Returned | 0 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 (4) | - | 9 |
| Mitchell | Defeated | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 (2) | - | 9 |
| Moira | Returned | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 (3) | - | 9 |
| Monash | Returned | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 (4) | - | 11 |
| Moonee Valley | Returned | 0 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 5 (4) | - | 9 |
| Moorabool | Defeated | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 (1) | 1 | 7 |
| Moreland | Returned | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 5 (6) | - | 11 |
| Mornington Peninsula | Retired | 6 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 5 (3) | - | 11 |
| Mount Alexander | Returned | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 (3) | 2 | 7 |
| Moyne | Returned | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 (1) | - | 7 |
| Murrindindi | Returned\* | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 (2) | 4 | 7 |
| Nillumbik | Defeated | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 (4) | - | 7 |
| Northern Grampians | Returned | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 (2) | 4 | 7 |
| Port Phillip | Returned | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 3 (5) | - | 9 (7) |
| Pyrenees | Returned | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 (1) | 3 | 5 |
| Queenscliffe | Returned | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 (3) | - | 5 |
| South Gippsland | Defeated | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 4 (3) | - | 9 |
| Southern Grampians | Retired | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 (2) | - | 7 |
| Stonnington | Retired | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 (4) | - | 9 |
| Strathbogie | Retired | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 (2) | - | 7 |
| Surf Coast | Returned | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 5 (5) | 1 | 9 |
| Swan Hill | Returned | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 (1) | 1 | 7 |
| Towong | Returned\* | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 (2) | 5 | 5 |
| Wangaratta | - | - | - | 0 | 7 | 1 (3) | - | 7 |
| Warrnambool | Returned | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 (2) | - | 7 |
| Wellington | Returned | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 (2) | - | 9 |
| West Wimmera | Retired | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 (1) | - | 5 |
| Whitehorse | Defeated | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 (4) | - | 10 |
| Whittlesea | Returned | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 (3) | - | 11 |
| Wodonga | Returned | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 (2) | - | 7 |
| Wyndham | Defeated | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 3 (4) | - | 11 |
| Yarra | Defeated | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 (4) | - | 9 |
| Yarra Ranges | Retired | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 (2) | 1 | 9 |
| Yarriambiack | Retired | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 (3) | - | 7 |
|  |  | **138** | **152** | **315** | **322** | **241 (212)** | **46** | **637** |

**New councillor refers to any elected representative who was not a councillor in the 2012-16 term.**

\* Denotes mayors returned unopposed

\*\*Includes one intersex councillor

^ Values in brackets represent female representation on the previous council

# Values in brackets represent number of councillors on the previous council

*Note: fact sheet updated March 2017 to reflect by-elections held in East Gippsland, Queenscliffe and Melbourne to replace elected candidates who resigned prior to taking the Councillor Oath of Office.*