



## **President and Board Elections 2025**

**Election of  
Director**

### **Metropolitan North Region**

Voting instructions,  
candidates' statements  
and photographs

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**COX, Lawrie**

I was first elected to the Shire of Whittlesea in 1979 -1986, returning in 2016 – 2020 at the City of Whittlesea and recently elected in the seat of Ganbu Gulinj. The area is the developing urban fringe facing all the challenges of road construction, rubbish dumping and lack of infrastructure. Having experienced the fringe growth living in Epping and now Wollert I would like to advocate for more growth funds in the North. I have been a past representative on the MAV for my council. In my professional life my experience covers Industrial Relations but also a Director/Trustee for Superannuation covering a period of 34 years. That role was for a similar fund that applies to Local Government as a Defined Benefit and Accumulation style of investment. The exposure to a defined benefit scheme with a long tail and Insurances are the two most important aspects I see the MAV delivering on. On the policy front we have lots of challenges to ensure help for our growth but also maintenance for established areas. The Metropolitan North covers both and I would look forward to working with you on delivering better outcomes.

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**SHERRY, Karen**

My vision is for MAV is to create consensus amongst councils and build a stronger media profile. Councils are being attacked by interest groups that issue scathing media releases. We need to be seen as the voice of Victorian councils and become more proactive in our advocacy. We see how cost of living, housing and climate change impacts our communities. This experience puts the MAV in a strong position to advocate to other levels of government. Our northern council grouping has over one million people and generates billions of dollars' worth of revenue. We are also stewards of millions of dollars' worth of public infrastructure and fragile environmental assets. We can leverage this to achieve better outcomes for our region. MAV's educational programs also need to be expanded to further councillors' professional development. I grew up in the former City of Preston (now Darebin). I have been a Councillor at Hume City Council since 2016 and I have always used facilities in all parts of the north. I have current post graduate urban planning studies at RMIT. I am also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. More information is available at [www.karensberry.com](http://www.karensberry.com) or call me on 0484240973.