

CAMPAIGNING FOR A NEW, SINGLE SITE HOSPITAL

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If you live in Wodonga and want a Councillor to fight for a new hospital on a new site for our community, here are the results of our questionnaire to the candidates. Consider these results when you cast your postal vote. Thank you to all the candidates who responded. Full responses are on our Facebook page.

Baranduda Range Ward Candidate Survey responses

Summary of responses

	Lu PELIZZARI	Josh KNIGHT
Support a greenfield	Yes	
Attended forum/s	No	
Preferencing	No	

For the Baranduda Ward Lu Pelizzari was the only respondent.

“I do support the call for a new state of the art hospital on a new site for the border community. Our population far exceeds the capacity of both the Albury and Wodonga hospitals.”

Authorised: Lu Pelizzari, PO Box 8019, Wodonga 3689



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Sumsion Ward Candidate Survey responses



Summary of responses

	Michael GOBEL	Danny CHAMBERLAIN	Clare Parslow
Support a greenfield	Yes	Yes	
Attended forum/s	Yes	Yes	
Preferencing	No	?	

For the Sumsion Ward the candidates are Michael Gobel, Danny Chamberlain and Clare Parslow. Only Michael and Danny responded to our survey.

“I am very supportive of BBH and BMA’s call for a greenfields hospital. My support was published by The Border Mail in 2 opinion pieces.”
Authorised: Michael Gobel, PO Box 410, Wodonga VIC 3689

“I have made my position clear. I have advocated and worked for a single site hospital on a greenfield site as the only viable option.”
Authorised: Danny Chamberlain, 13 Pollard Street, Wodonga VIC 3689



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WARD Barnawartha North Candidate Survey responses



Summary of responses

	Michelle COWAN	Rachael VOOGT	Matt BURKE
Support a greenfield	Yes	Yes	Not responding *
Attended forum/s	Yes	No	Yes
Preferencing	No	No	No

*see candidates response for reason

For the Barnawartha North Ward all candidates responded with Michelle Cowan and Rachael Voogt in support of a Greenfield site and Matt Burke choosing not to respond to Q1 - an explanation is on his slide.

“I fully support BBH and the BMA in calling for a new hospital on a new site. My advocacy for a greenfield hospital supports our medical community.”
Authorised: Michelle Cowan, PO 1108, Wodonga 3689

“Yes, I support a greenfield hospital. “
Authorised: R Voogt, 1A, 111 Hume St, Wodonga 3689

“Given that one of your co-founders is a fellow campaigner in my ward, I therefore will not be responding to your first question.” Authorised: Matt Burke OAM, PO Box 1088, Wodonga 3689



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Racecourse Ward Candidate Survey responses



Summary of responses

	Libby HALL	Ash GILL	Brett BAIRD
Support a greenfield	Yes	?	Yes
Attended forum/s	Yes	No	Yes
Preferencing	No	No	No

For the Racecourse Ward the candidates are Libby Hall, Ash Gill and Brett Baird. Libby Hall and Brett Baird are in support of a Greenfield site, Ash is undecided.

“I believe a new single-site hospital on a greenfield site is the best way forward in providing the best health outcomes for our people and regional communities.
Authorised: Libby Hall, PO Box 1105, Wodonga 3689

“I believe the community, including myself, may not have all the information necessary to form a fully-formed opinion on the new hospital debate.”
Authorised: Ash Gill, PO Box 548, Wodonga 3689

“I will be pushing for a new greenfield hospital to be built in Wodonga and to have it as the major trauma and emergency centre for the region as well.”
Authorised: Brett Baird, PO Box 5150, Wodonga 3689



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Marimba Park Candidate Survey responses



Summary of responses

	Lorence FERRO	Danny LOWE	Olga QUILTY
Support a greenfield	Yes	Yes	Yes
Attended forum/s	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preferencing	No	No	No

For the Marimba Ward the candidates are Lorence Ferro, Danny Lowe and Olga Quilty. All are in favour of a greenfield hospital.

“Based on the information that I have at my disposal, and I am open to evidence to the contrary, I support a new Greenfield hospital.”
Authorised: Lorence Ferro, PO Box 8078, Wodonga VIC 3689

Do you support the call for a greenfield hospital (new hospital on a new site)?
“Yes.”
Authorised: Danny Lowe, PO Box 927, Wodonga Vic 3689

“With the information currently publicly available, I support the advocacy for a greenfield site hospital in our region.”
Authorised: Olga Quilty, PO Box 8012, Wodonga 3689



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Lake Hume Ward Candidate Survey responses



Summary of responses

	Hannah SEYMOUR	Ron MILDREN	Graeme SIMPENDORFER
Support a greenfield	Yes	Yes*	Yes
Attended forum/s	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preferencing	Yes	?	No

*Based on Mr Mildren's public position on the hospital development as stated in his plan, BBH has given this a tick

For the Lake Hume Ward the candidates are Hannah Seymour, Ron Mildren and Graeme Simpfendorfer. All in favour of a Greenfield site.

"I support a new hospital on a new site. This is the only way to provide for the needs of our growing community."

Authorised: Hannah Seymour, PO Box 1437, Wodonga 3689

"I have led the local government campaign bringing the majority of regional councils to the campaign. I seek the best single site health service."

Authorised: Ron Mildren, PO Box 1317, Wodonga 3689

"I have always supported the BMA's calls for a greenfield hospital. It's clear a new hospital is essential to meet the growing demands of the region." Authorised: Graeme Simpfendorfer, PO Box 554, Wodonga 3689



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Huon Ward Candidate Survey responses



Summary of responses

	Cassie Aldridge	Tim QUILTY
Support a greenfield	Yes	Yes
Attended forum/s	No	Yes
Preferencing	No	No

For the Huon Ward the candidates are Cassie Aldridge and Tim Quilty, both in support of a Greenfield site.

“My personal preference is for a greenfield hospital development. I believe we can’t lose sight of our region’s short-term healthcare needs.” Authorised: Cassie Aldridge, PO Box 585, Wodonga 3689

“I have been advocating for a new greenfield single site hospital since 2016. I raised this issue in parliament and will continue to push for this.” Authorised: Tim Quilty, PO Box 8012, Wodonga VIC 3690



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'Reject parochialism': plan to get new Border hospital set out



Picture (left) from
The Border Mail

Thank you Albury City Council Councillors for supporting a motion 8-1 put forward by Cr Geoff Hudson in Monday night's meeting, in support of a new single-site Albury Wodonga hospital in either city.

Need more info?

- Click [HERE](#) to download and read our latest advocacy document
- Click [HERE](#) to download and read the facts – Brownfield vs Greenfield

And don't forget ...



Scan here to sign
our petition



... and get your friends and family to sign as well!

**THERE ARE 876 RESPONSES
TO OUR PETITION. MAKE SURE
YOUR NAME IS AMONG THEM!**

The recording is at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ic1xu1XEHgI>

At the start of the recording you will hear Dr Lachie McKeeman from Border Medical Association and Better Border Health's Stan Stavros speak to the topic.

Once you have listened to them you can then fast forward to 1hour 16mins to hear Cr Hudson's motion and the Councillors' comments.

Albury City will now join many of our regions councils all advocating together for a **NEW GREENFIELD SINGLE SITE HOSPITAL**.

Thank you for putting this on the agenda. And thank you to the community who have and continue to lobby hard for what our region deserves.