

**Electoral structure review - Corangamite Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
Chris Lang - Lismore - 10 February 2023, 05:40 pm**

Number of Councillors:

The present number of 7 appears to be appropriate for our shire.

Electoral structure:

The subdivided structure works well now for our shire.

The shires of Heytesbury, Hampden and town of Camperdown were amalgamated in 1994. They each have a different climate, geography, economy, and population demographic and density.

The 2021 Census indicates that the population of Camperdown (together with other larger towns in Victoria) has generally a different age profile, education level, wealth, outlook and interests to the outlying farming populations.

I have attached a spreadsheet comparing some 2021 Census figures comparing our town of Lismore with Camperdown (and the rest of the country). Data for nearby small local towns looks similar.

The ratepayers in each Ward are accustomed to talking to their local councillor who they know and who knows their community groups and local issues.

The councillor normally also lives in the Ward but this would not be necessary provided that they take a special interest in the Ward and are known by the locals.

All councillors would deal with the general matters of the shire as in an unsubdivided structure, but I feel that it is important that at least 1 councillor has the in-depth knowledge of each community or Ward, and is known by them. The rural Wards have different needs.

To my knowledge the elections for Ward councillors have always (at least in our Ward) had a satisfactory candidate or there has been a contested election. Where there has been an uncontested election there has been a long standing and proven outstanding councillor.

Ward boundaries:

The present boundaries seem appropriate, but if it must have 1 councillor per Ward, the Camperdown town could be split in 2. I have no preference for where that boundary lies.

Thanks,
Chris.

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Summary of where Lismore (3324) varies most from the rest of Shire, Victoria and Australia.

	Lismore 2011	Lismore 2016	Lismore 2021	Lismore 2021	Vic 2021	Aust 2021
Total people	559	529	577	3,354	6,503,191	25,423,789
Families houses	158 345	129 315	151 330	890 1720		
median age yrs	53	52	49	51	38	38
0-4 yrs %	4.5	4.9	5.2	4.2	5.8	5.8
5-9 yrs %	3.8	6	5.9	5.3	6.2	6.2
10 – 19 yrs %	10.9	8.9	9.6	11.5	11.8	11.7
20 – 39 yrs %	12.9	16.2	14.5	18.2	28.5	27.7
40 – 64 yrs%	43.3	36.2	32.5	30	32.3	32.5
Over 65 %	24.7	27.7	25.9	30.9	14.2	14
Divorced/separated %	16.7	16.2	19.6	13.3	11.3	12
tertiary education %	4.9	8	5.5	11.9	24.5	23.3
Catholic secondary school %	14.6	12	11	9.1	4.9	4.8
Born Australia %	85.9	83.6	83.2	85.4	65	66.9
Both parents born Aust %	81.8	75.2	72	76.4	42.4	45.9
Aboriginal %	0		3.5	0.9	1	3.2
median personal income \$	372	489	607	628	803	805
person voluntary work %	29.4	32	24	21	13	14
No long term health condition %			49.4	50	61	60.2
unoccupied dwellings %	22.9	25.9	17	13	11	10
occupied dwellings 3 or mor cars %	19.8	26.9	33	19.7	18	19
Dwelling owned outright %	53.5	49.5	45	48.8	32	31
household income <\$650 %	43.3	41	33.6	25.5	16.4	16.5
household income >\$3000 %	1.3	3.3	9.9	11.6	24.2	24.3
median rent \$	75	102	150	240	370	375
Rent > 30% income %	1.3	3.1	15.6	34	30.9	32.2
median mortgage repayment \$	480	666	650	1127	1859	1863
Mortgage > 30% income %	5.2	2.6	4.3	7.7	15.5	14.5