

Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
Adrian Schonfelder - Barrabool - 13 February 2023, 02:16 pm

My name is Cr Adrian Schonfelder and I represent the Winchelsea Ward on the Surf Coast Shire. It is imperative that any future council has a representative who is either from or has a strong connection to Lorne and Winchelsea. My family has lived constantly in the Surf Coast Shire for 175 years and I am a 6th generation resident who has had 3 other relatives serve on council in this area for almost a century, namely my great grandfather William Anderson, my grandfather Douglas Anderson and my cousin Max Anderson who served as Councillors at The Shire of Barrabool.

I was elected as the youngest councillor in Victoria's history at The Shire of Barrabool in 1993 at the age of 18 being 30 years ago prior to Council Amalgamations. My preference is for Aboriginal names to be used as Ward names and I am favouring either individual wards that would include a separate ward for Lorne and Winchelsea or 3 wards with 3 councillors in each to be named Jan Juc (Torquay area), Managwahwz (Aireys Inlet, Anglesea and Lorne) and Modewarre (Moriac and Winchelsea area).

Barwon, Brim Brim, Connewarre and Moriac are Aboriginal names that could be used if 1 member wards are decided upon.

Obviously consultation is required with First Nations members of our community and I would imagine they would welcome the use of Aboriginal names for words.

Furthermore I support the status quo of retaining 9 councillors at Surf Coast Shire.