

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Running for Council

The Your Community, Country and Council (YCCC) project is managed by Charles Pakana of Connection Matters Radio on behalf of the VLGA. It's primary objective is to assist in the promotion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' self-determination through their candidacy in the forthcoming (October 2020) Victorian local government elections.

The following live (Zoom) forums are free to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. For more information, contact Charles Pakana via email at: charles.k.pakana@gmail.com or visit www.vlga.org.au/events.

Roles, Skills and Preparation

www.vlga.org.au/events

Wednesday 5 August 2020 10:30am to 11:30am with Steve Cooper



Steve Cooper has over 40 years experience in local government. With his practice, *Civic Mind*, and in partnership with the VLGA he works across councils in issues of ethics and governance. He will be presenting and answering questions on subjects relating to:

- The role of council and councillors
- Limitations on councillor behaviour and conduct
- Skills and attributes best suited to a candidate
- Preparing as a candidate
- Time requirements of a councillor

The Media and Social Media

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Wednesday 12 August 2020 10:30am to 11:30am with Shahni Wellington



Shahni Wellington is a proud Jerrinja woman and a multi-award nominated journalist specialising in politics, indigenous affairs and sport. She is currently NITV's Political Correspondent working out of Parliament House, Canberra. Shahni will be presenting and answering questions on subjects relating to:

- Pitching stories to the media
- Profile building using social media platforms
- Social media as platforms to promote key issues

Candidacy and Community Engagement

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Wednesday 19 August 2020 10:30am to 11:30am with Georgia Cromarty



Georgia Cromarty is a proud Central and Eastern Arrernte woman from Central Australia. She is the Aboriginal Inclusion Officer at the Victorian Electoral Commission, having previously worked in an advisory capacity for the AEC and Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission. Georgia will be presenting and answering questions on subjects relating to:

- Overview of candidacy and eligibility to nominate
- The importance of engaging your community
- Motivational and facilitative factors in indigenous under-enrolment
- The electoral roll - public access and enrolment forms