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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Mallee Electorate Candidates Forum**

Hindmarsh Shire Council's invitation to all candidates standing in the Mallee Electorate for the forthcoming federal election to participate in an open forum on Monday 15 April 2019 has received a positive response.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said, "At the time of writing this media release we have seven candidates including, Nationals Candidate Dr Anne Webster, Labor Candidate Carole Hart, Independent Candidate Ray Kingston, Independent Candidate Christopher Lahy, Science Party Candidate Leigh Firman, Independent Candidate Cecilia Moar and Independent Candidate Jason Modica confirming their attendance. We are just waiting for confirmation from the Liberal Party candidate, but everyone else is planning to be there!".

Cr Ismay added "The forum will be independently facilitated by Jessica Grimble, Editor of the Wimmera Mail Times, and each candidate will be allocated a set time to individually address the audience. This will then be followed by an open question and answer session from the floor".

Cr Ron Ismay said "This will be an excellent opportunity for the participating candidates to present themselves to their Wimmera Southern Mallee constituents while at the same time it will allow residents to get to know the candidates".

The forum will commence at 6:00pm and should conclude by 8:00pm with a light supper and refreshments available afterwards at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street Nhill.

"I encourage Wimmera and Southern Mallee residents to attend this forum to hear from the Mallee electorate candidates first hand and to bring along your questions as there will be plenty of time to ask them" concluded Cr Ismay.

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