

# THE FACES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:



## THE MAYOR



- Elected by the community
- Leads the council
- Chairs council meetings
- Represents the council to the broader community

## COUNCILLORS



- Elected by the community
- Make decisions in the best interests of the community
- Represent the community
- Participate in community activities

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Appointed by the elected members
- Leads the administration
- Implements council decisions
- Responsible for the ongoing operation of council

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

The Executive Staff manage a department, responsible for a specific function of the council. There are usually 5 departments, which are:

- Finance
- Infrastructure and Environment
- Community Services
- Planning and Compliance
- Corporate

## STAFF

- All the people who work for the council and carry out the decisions made by the elected members



## GOVERNANCE OFFICER

- The governance officer works closely with the elected members
- They arrange, record and distribute meeting agendas and minutes
- They support the mayor on the procedures and rules of the meetings

## RETURNING OFFICER

- Responsible for the election of the mayor and councillors
- In South Australian local government elections, the returning officer is the Electoral Commission of South Australia
- Acts independently and impartially
- They prepare election materials, distribute ballot papers, count the votes and declare the successful candidates

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS



- Community members are the people who live, work, study, participate and are involved in the council area.
- They are the real people in charge – because they get to elect the mayor and councillors, who represent them!