

My name is Tim Bull, Nationals candidate for Gippsland East.

I was born and raised in Metung, married 18 years – 3 kids – Daniel 14, Lachlan 11 and Nikita 5. My family was in the boat building and boat hire business – Bulls Cruisers.

I was a journalist locally for 20 years, the last eight as newspaper editor. In 2004 I took up a position with ASC in a program that introduces primary school aged children to an active and healthy lifestyle, provides them with good role models and teaches good sportsmanship. I am a passionate East Gippslander, spent my entire childhood on the lakes and spend a lot of time in the outdoors.



MALLACOOTA

I visited Mallacoota last week on the campaign trail and enjoy holidaying there. I am keen to resolve the issues surrounding the industrial centre with the shire and the vegetation situation at the airport.

Of course the Bastion Point boat ramp is a real issue locally.

On my visit I met with those for and against the proposal and left with many more questions than I arrived with. The project is a proposal by the East Gippsland Shire and is not a Victoria state Government project. It has already received some State Government approvals and the Government of Victoria has committed funds to the East Gippsland Shire for the project. I accept it is necessary that there needs to be a safe boat launching ramp constructed, no one seems to argue with that, however the details of the final design are a matter for the proponent, the East Gippsland Shire, subject to the necessary consents and approvals. However, given that this project has not received final consent it will inevitably be subject to review by an incoming Coalition government and we will do that.

REGULAR VISITS

My commitment to Mallacoota, as with all regional towns, is that I will be a regular visitor – I will come to you!

If you want to see your local member I will advertise the fact I am coming and it is my intention to visit all towns within my electorate every couple of months to meet with locals and discuss any areas of concern.

DISABILITY

I decided to run for parliament 11 months ago borne largely out of frustration over the disability sector, the lack of services in rural areas and obscene waiting lists.

– all areas that have got worse in the years since my son's diagnosis of autism 10 years ago. I have been an active campaigner and advocate for families on disability issues for many years. I was on the parents group that successfully lobbied for the EGSS. I am delighted the Nationals State conference earlier this year committed to a review of the aiding system in schools and the Coalition has committed to reform disability funding in through a National Disability Insurance Scheme that will provide lifetime support for people with a disability.

SAFETY

I am concerned about the fact people no longer feel safe walking the streets after dark and violent crime in this state is on the rise, that we have a health and ambulance system that has been run down to the stage they are in crisis - this has come from people working in these sectors themselves.

I won't talk about what I will call for, I will tell you what we will deliver on election

To address these issues, the Coalition has announced 1600 more police on our streets to restore law and order and combat rising crime. To get tough on crime we will also

- Abolish "home detention" as a means of getting out of prison sentences
- Abolish suspended sentences - and get tougher on criminals.

We will employ 340 more ambulance officers, including over 40 in Gippsland to improve response time and remove periods of non coverage that presently exist.

ENVIRONMENT

In relation to the environment and our iconic Gippsland Lakes - I am delighted to announce that the Coalition will allocate \$10m to improve the health of the Gippsland Lakes on election.



Sonia Buckley

Liberal Candidate for Gippsland East

As part of my campaign to win the seat of Gippsland East I have visited Mallacoota, and talked with many people about a wide range of local issues.

One topic which arose again and again was the proposed boat ramp at Bastion Point, -- a proposal put forward by East Gippsland Shire, to which the Government of Victoria has committed funds.

I accept it is necessary that there needs to be a safe boat launching ramp constructed. However, the details of the final design are a matter for the proponent, the East Gippsland Shire, subject to the necessary consents and approvals.

Given that this project has not received final consent it will inevitably be subject to review by an incoming Baillieu Government.

This long-standing issue has been fraught with difficulty. As the local MP, I will work with the community for an environmentally sound boat ramp proposal that services local needs, and preserves the pristine beach and ancient rock formations.

As the Liberal candidate for Gippsland East, I have spent the last six months travelling the length and breadth of the electorate, meeting people, learning about their hopes, and listening and understanding the issues that are important to them.

The Brumby Labor Government's neglect of East Gippsland, its failure to meet the social, environmental, economic and infrastructure needs of the region, and the failure of the present Member for Gippsland East, Craig Ingram, to live up to his "Wish List", and actually achieve, flags the need for a change to effective representation in Parliament.

If elected, I will be the "Voice of the East", and work as part of a Baillieu Government to deliver:

- Appointment of a MICA paramedic to Cann River.

- \$10 million to restore the health of the Gippsland Lakes.

- \$10 million towards the cost of redevelopment of Bairnsdale Secondary College, and \$3 million to upgrade Toorloo Primary School.

- \$8 million over four years to enable East Gippsland and Wellington Shires to improve roads and bridges.

- \$350,000 to convert the former Bairnsdale Police Station to a Youth Centre that will be managed and operated locally, with the support and involvement of agencies providing youth programs in the region.

- The return of Alpine Grazing for better land management and fire mitigation.

- Natural Gas for Lakes Entrance and Orbost.

- Guaranteed resource security for the timber industry.

- A \$1 billion Regional Development Fund.

- \$136 million for the CFA and to support volunteers.

- \$108 million to assist Victorians with a mental illness.

Other projects include:

- The axing of Firewood Permits and the ability to collect firewood all year, including from roadsides.

- A feasibility study to convert the former State Government Offices at Bairnsdale to a Well-Being Centre.

- Hall improvements at Benambra and Tinamba, and

- A feasibility study into the establishment of overnight stopping places for mobile homes throughout the region.

If elected on 27 November I am confident that my representation of Gippsland East will justify the trust placed in me.

THE GREENS.



Jill Redwood for Gippsland East

Well-known writer, cartoonist and outspoken environmentalist, Jill Redwood, is the Greens Lower House candidate for the November 27th state election.

"I'm throwing my hat in the ring for this region again so that voters have the option to vote for the clean, progressive policies of the Greens rather than the divisive, deceptive and unaccountable style that has become the hallmark of the major parties and current incumbents.

Jill has lived and worked in Gippsland for over 30 years and has spoken out for the environment since the mid 1980s.



After leaving an early career in biological research, Jill's life and work moved from near Walhalla to Maffra and then to Cann River. After the 1983 fires burnt out her property, Jill bought land in Goongerah in the early 1980s where she built an environmentally low impact house. She now runs an eco-accommodation business and a small organic property on the edge of the Errinundra National park.

Jill has bred and trained heavy horses, and is a long-time advocate for low impact living. She has also been a CFA member for the past 20 years and fought fires in the disastrous '03 and '06 fire seasons.

"Like many people, I see there is a desperate need to bring some sanity, compassion and honesty into the world, at both local and global level," said Jill. "Having campaigned for an improved environment for so long, I know how politicians are easily influenced by large developers and big business."

"In contrast, the Greens have always been a party with social compassion, environmental understanding and political ethics. The Greens are not beholden to large donors in exchange for political favours at the expense of the community. We don't rely on dirty campaigns to gain votes. Due to this our support is growing strongly and we are a real third force in politics and obviously becoming a worry to the major political players."



Jill Redwood's main focus areas are:

- genuine forest and biodiversity conservation,
- ensuring water resources are correctly managed, not wasted,
- the inappropriate influence of large businesses on government decisions at the expense of the community,
- employment based on the new economy - not relying on the old dirty extractive industries
- the real threat of climate change and
- maintaining the character of



Gippsland by controlling unsuitable developments and population increases.



Jill is standing for the Lower House - ph 5154 0145. Samantha Dunn is candidate for the Upper House and is on 0429 292 904

Mallacoota betrayed over Bastion Point

The Victorian Greens MPs are the only ones who have consistently and actively supported the low impact community plan to upgrade and protect Bastion Point.



The 10 year battle for this beautiful stretch of the Wilderness Coast has seen a tenacious effort by locals to protect the character of this beach.

The plan for the \$6.5 million industrial scale earthworks is destructive overkill but is supported by Mr Ingram and the Labor party. The community plan would cost a quarter of that. If our politicians need to use up money, there are plenty of other upgrades and projects that could benefit locals and tourists.



Jill and Bob Brown at the Supreme Court in August this year after a win against logging the old growth habitat of rare wildlife.

Labor Candidate for Gippsland East - Gregg Cook



I am a father of two and live in Maffra and run a business in family law mediation and dispute resolution and as a social worker supporting offenders released from prison. I grew up in Mallacoota and have worked in Gippsland East for most of my career. This work has included working with farmers in agricultural advisory and education roles as well as a Secondary teacher.

It has been a privilege serving my community in the Apex and Lions Service Clubs as well as being the Controller of Maffra SES. I am also an elected Councillor with the Wellington Shire.

We are growing rapidly in Gippsland East, thanks to the record investment of the Labor Government. Providing natural gas, expanding the Bairnsdale Hospital, record spending on the refurbishment of both primary and secondary schools right across the region, return of the Bairnsdale train, road and tourist infrastructure improvements, provided water saving infrastructure that provides agricultural water security and improves the environmental health of the Gippsland Lakes system.

The Labor Government has recognised the value of Gippsland East's vast natural resources. It has implemented forestry, fisheries and catchment management plans that strengthen the sustainability of the jobs that these resources generate and at the same time maintaining the environmental integrity of our special part of the world for the long term.

For this reason, in terms of the Bastion Point development proposal; I believe that the alternative option promoted by the 'Save Bastion Group' is a better option. I think improving the safety through redeveloping the actual Bastion Point boat ramp is critical but don't believe the sea wall addition adds to the safe access to the ocean and potentially ruins the environmental integrity. I also struggle to see how the project stacks up on economic grounds either.

This current Labor Government has done more for Gippsland East than any previous Government in the region's history.

A decade ago, when the Liberal-National Government was in power and held the Gippsland East seat, we had high unemployment and low business growth. The Coalition at the time withdrew investment, closed schools, it closed rail lines and it reduced hospital funding. The Coalition treated us with contempt and the National Party as partners of the Coalition Government stood back, with their hands in pockets and failed to represent those hardest hit in Regional Victoria.

The Labor Party believes that the success of Victoria is underpinned by the strength of our regional and rural communities. The Labor Party has proven it governs for all Victorians.

Labor has a good record for delivering in Gippsland East, and should be rewarded for this good governance. I believe this can only be enhanced by ensuring the voices of Gippsland East are heard in Spring Street.