

# Notice of Special Councillor Election

December 27, 2013

The Victorian Bridge Association (VBA) is pleased to call for nominations for the position of Special Councillor on the VBA Council for 2014.

All Victorian affiliated clubs have been allocated to one of 4 zones (2 country and 2 metro). Clubs in each zone are entitled to elect one Special Councillor to represent their zone on the VBA Council. The VBA does not participate in Special Councillor elections but does manage the process.

Nominees for election must be current financial members of one (or more) affiliated clubs within the zone they are seeking to represent and must be endorsed in writing by the President or Secretary of an affiliated bridge club within the zone they seek to represent.

The detailed regulations, including the allocation of clubs to zones, are attached to this notice.

Please return nominations to Kim Frazer, VBA Secretary, by 5pm on Saturday 15th February 2014.

The election period will immediately follow the close of nominations. If a zone has only one nominee, they will be elected and all clubs in that zone will be so advised. Otherwise the VBA will advise all clubs of the nominations in their zone and call for votes from the clubs. Votes must be returned to the VBA in the approved form by 31st March 2014. Only active affiliated clubs as defined in the VBA articles of association are entitled to vote.

The VBA Secretary will announce the inaugural Special Councillors by April 7th 2014 and all Special Councillors will be inducted onto the VBA Council as soon as practicable thereafter.

## Background

At the VBA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3 December 2013, the articles of association were changed by special resolution to alter the composition of the VBA Council. 4 Ordinary Councillor positions elected by VBA members were eliminated and 4 new Special Councillor positions were created. Special Councillors have the same duties and responsibilities as Ordinary Councillors; only the election method is different.

In future years, the nomination and election cycle for Special Councillors will be arranged so that Special Councillors are determined by and announced at the VBA AGM.

Please note that the zones for electing Special Councillors are unrelated to zones/regions for other purposes (eg GNOT regions).

Kim Frazer

VBA Secretary