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Voices for Ovens Valley seeks Community Independent for 2026 State Election

A newly formed community group, **Voices for Ovens Valley (V4OV)**, is inviting residents across Moira, Wangaratta and Alpine to help shape the future of state representation ahead of the 2026 Victorian State election.

Voices for Ovens Valley aims to support a fair, transparent and community-led process to identify and endorse a Community Independent candidate to represent the Ovens Valley electorate in the Victorian Parliament.

Brian Thompson, a spokesperson for the group, has said today,

“We think our community will be best served by a Community Independent who listens, goes into bat for us and is not beholden to any political party”

“It starts now. We want to hear from people across the electorate.

Please do the 5-minute survey, tell us what is important to you and what you expect from your representative in State Parliament”.

V4OV is grounded in the values of community, courage, respect and integrity — and is calling on residents to:

- Contribute to the region-wide community survey
<https://www.voicesforovensvalley.org/get-involved>
- Sign up for updates and upcoming events
- Take part in shaping the process for independent representation

Further details about the candidate Expression of Interests (EOI) process and how to engage with the community review and endorsement process will be released in late-March via the group’s website.

Anyone with questions, including potential candidates, is encouraged to contact **team@voicesforovensvalley.org**

Further information, including the community survey, is available via the Voices for Ovens Valley website.
www.voicesforovensvalley.org

