

## CHARLES HODGSON



I'm a genuinely independent candidate for Division 5. My wife and I moved to the Hinterland from Sydney, fifteen years ago. We now have two boys, one each in primary and high school.

I have a degree in business and have owned multiple small businesses in the areas of Information Technology, news and media.

For over a decade working as a Sunshine Coast video journalist, I have produced hundreds of news videos, accumulating a wealth of knowledge on the inner workings of council.

We need to deal with the consequences of faster than expected population growth, while maintaining the character and prosperity of our towns.

Helping businesses mitigate against external shocks such as fires, floods, storms and things like corona viruses which have the effect of reducing business activity into our towns.

The need for greater consultation with local communities and businesses on decisions which directly affect them.

Ensuring equity in divisional and levy funding, and their implications for tourism and accommodation providers in Montville.

I believe in preserving our greenspace and supporting the Arts as these are at the heart of Montville's value proposition.

I'd also like to see better connectivity with the range's paths and cycleways despite the topographical challenges.

My resolve is to stay close to the people, engage widely, listen genuinely and demonstrate the tenacity to achieve positive hinterland outcomes, even when it appears the tide is against us.