

POLITICAL COMMENT

QPRC councillor Peter Marshall standing for The Greens in Monaro

Peter Marshall is The Greens candidate for Monaro in the NSW election on 23 March 2019.

A councillor on Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, he lives in Captains Flat and is active in his local fire brigade and community association. Peter has worked in mental health and corrective services. He is passionate about community action and environmental sustainability.

"The Greens are standing up for what matters," Peter said.

The Liberal-National state government has increased logging in native forests, weakened land clearing laws and allowed feral animals to invade our national parks and forests.

John Barilaro's 'brumby bill' protects wild horses in Kosciuszko National Park at the expense of native animals and plants. The Greens support removing the wild horses humanely.

"The Greens will halt logging in conservation areas and strengthen land clearing laws."

"As global warming intensifies, Monaro will suffer longer and more frequent droughts and hotter days, increasing the likelihood and severity of fires."

"The Liberal-National Government promotes coal-fired power stations that are fuelling dangerous climate change," Peter said. "Renewable energy is the future. NSW should have 100% renewable electricity by 2030 and zero net emissions by 2040."

Many Monaro communities lack essential services and facilities, from safe roads to mobile phone coverage. Roads are poorly maintained because the Liberal-National government has starved councils of adequate funding.

The Greens will invest in public services, providing local jobs and improving quality of life. This includes aged care, public schools and hospitals, community and mental health services, addressing violence, particularly domestic violence, and abolishing TAFE fees.

"The LNP government, and Labor before them, have curtailed community involvement in planning decisions, including through the forced merger of councils into large areas with few common interests. The Greens will return planning power to local communities, reduce the influence of developers, and, where communities wish, enable demerger of forcibly-merged councils.

The Greens do not accept corporate donations and are working to cap political donations, extend the ban on donations to the fossil fuel and gambling sectors, and improve reporting.

"Our democracy should work for everyone, not just those who can buy access," Peter said. ■



VOTE

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Peter Marshall for Monaro in March 2019

Peter Marshall is your Greens candidate for Monaro at the NSW election on 23 March
The Greens are standing up for what matters.

We have a five-point plan for Monaro:

- protect Monaro's unique natural environment
- develop the local renewable and low-emission economy
- create a fairer, inclusive society
- put people at the centre of planning laws
- clean up politics so our democracy works for everyone.

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WHO'S A HOT DOG THEN?

Cool animals

Dr Jessica Yuen on keeping pets safe in the heat

With summer well and truly underway, now is a good time to remember that our pets are just as likely as we are to be affected by the hot weather.

Signs of heat exhaustion in dogs and cats can include excessive panting, laboured breathing, increased heart and breathing rates, drooling, weakness, vomiting, bloody diarrhoea, seizures and death. On a hot day it can be easy to miss these signs and think that your pet is just feeling the heat, which can have tragic consequences.

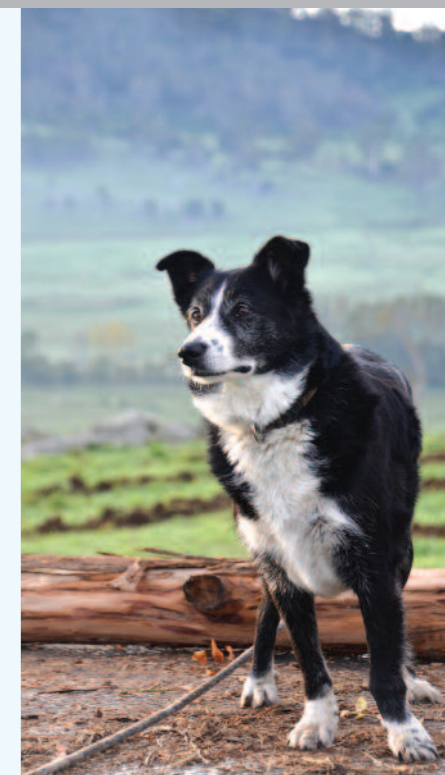
Smaller pets such as birds, rabbits and guinea pigs show the same signs, although often pass away more quickly, meaning you may not have seen the signs early enough to prevent death.

To help keep your pet safe, it is recommended that you keep them inside in airconditioning, or use fans in your home to improve airflow. Always ensure your pet has fresh, clean water,

and consider freezing ice cubes, a drink bottle or stock to place in their bowl of water to keep it cool throughout the day. Placing ice bricks under bedding or hutches can also help. Swimming in the river or playing under the sprinkler or in a kids clam shell pool are also great cooling methods for dogs.

Try to exercise or play with your pet in the early morning or late evening, so you can avoid the worst heat of the day. Grooming your dog or cat can also encourage airflow close to their skin, as well as quick drying if they are swimming regularly.

Surfaces like cement, sand or the back of a vehicle can heat up very quickly and cause burns to your pet's feet or body. Before your pet accesses these areas, place your hand against the surface for at least five seconds to check for heat. If the surface is too hot for you to hold your hand on comfortably, it will be too hot for your pet. If your pet



does come in contact with one of these surfaces, carry out first aid by running cool water over the areas for at least twenty minutes and seek veterinary assistance.

Animals are also able to become sunburnt, so try to avoid the sun when the UV index is at its highest, and consider using animal sun cream, particularly on areas of pink skin or white hair. ■

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