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LUCKY DRAW: On Monday Goulburn Post manager Helen Esson and Meet the Candidates emcee Robert Walker drew the order of speakers for tonight's forum.

Saville to open speeches

By LOUISE THROWER

THE order is in and the stage is set for tonight's Meet the Candidates forum at the Goulburn Workers Club.

The evening, hosted by Goulburn Post and Goulburn Rostrum, is voters' chance to hear from 17 of the 18 candidates lining up for the September 8 elections.

At this stage, Roger Lucas is the only apology.

Emcee Robert Walker is urging people to attend.

"Here's your chance," he said.

"Make your vote count and take it seriously."

Each candidate will be given five minutes to make their pitch. Mr Walker and Goulburn Post manager Helen Esson conducted draw from a hat on Monday to determine the order (printed below). Robin Saville is first off the blocks.

Speeches will be followed by an informal meet and greet, where the audience can pose questions to candidates.

In contrast to the 2008 poll in which 26 candidates ran for Council, this year's election has only rounded up 18 hopefuls.

Deputy Mayor Bob Kirk, at least, says there's not the same mood for change. Four years ago, seven new councillors were elected.

But it's sparking plenty of jostling nevertheless.

For only the second time in Goulburn Mulwaree's history, a ticket of five self-labelled independents, all Labor Party members, are contesting the poll. Another ticket, led by former Mayor Paul Stephenson, employed the strategy with success in 2004, following amalgamations.

The Marketplace redevelopment, heritage, the future of the Montague St markets, a university campus for Goulburn, rates and financial accountability have reared as major issues. Candidates are trying to outdo each other in the press release stakes.

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SPORTING HERO: North Goulburn Public School students were excited when yesterday they met two-time Olympic Gold Medallist Michael Klim at the local Bunnings Warehouse's official opening.

Bunnings nails it

AFTER five years of planning, Bunnings Warehouse Goulburn celebrated its first day of trade yesterday.

Two-time Olympic Gold Medallist Michael Klim officially opened the store and spent the morning taking part in team building exercises with staff.

The retail giant has wanted to enter the local market for quite some time. It began scouting for land five years ago and purchased its Ducks Lane Property two years

ago. Since then Wesfarmers has invested \$23 million in the project and created 90 new employment opportunities.

The 11,387 square metre structure took six months to build and was designed with environmental sustainability in mind.

Four 35,000 litre underground rainwater tanks have been installed to support the irrigation systems in the outdoor nursery and for use in the store's toilets. A recycled water tank also has been

installed – to collect run off from the nursery for reuse on the surrounding landscaping – along with basin tap flow restrictors, half flush cistern adaptors and water efficient fixtures and fittings.

The architects put a strong focus on energy efficiency. LED lights have been installed in the car park and nursery and the warehouse has been fitted tri level lighting, which automatically dims to ambient light when nat-

ural daylight is reached, as well as skylights above every aisle.

The design also features a heat pump system for hot water and the latest generation evaporative cooling to ensure the store climate is at a comfortable level.

Complex manager Chris Fox has worked for Bunnings for a number of years and told the Post its presence is good news for the community.

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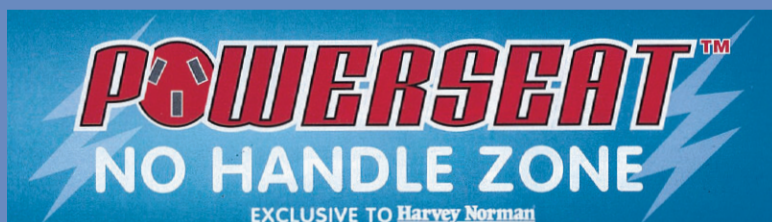
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