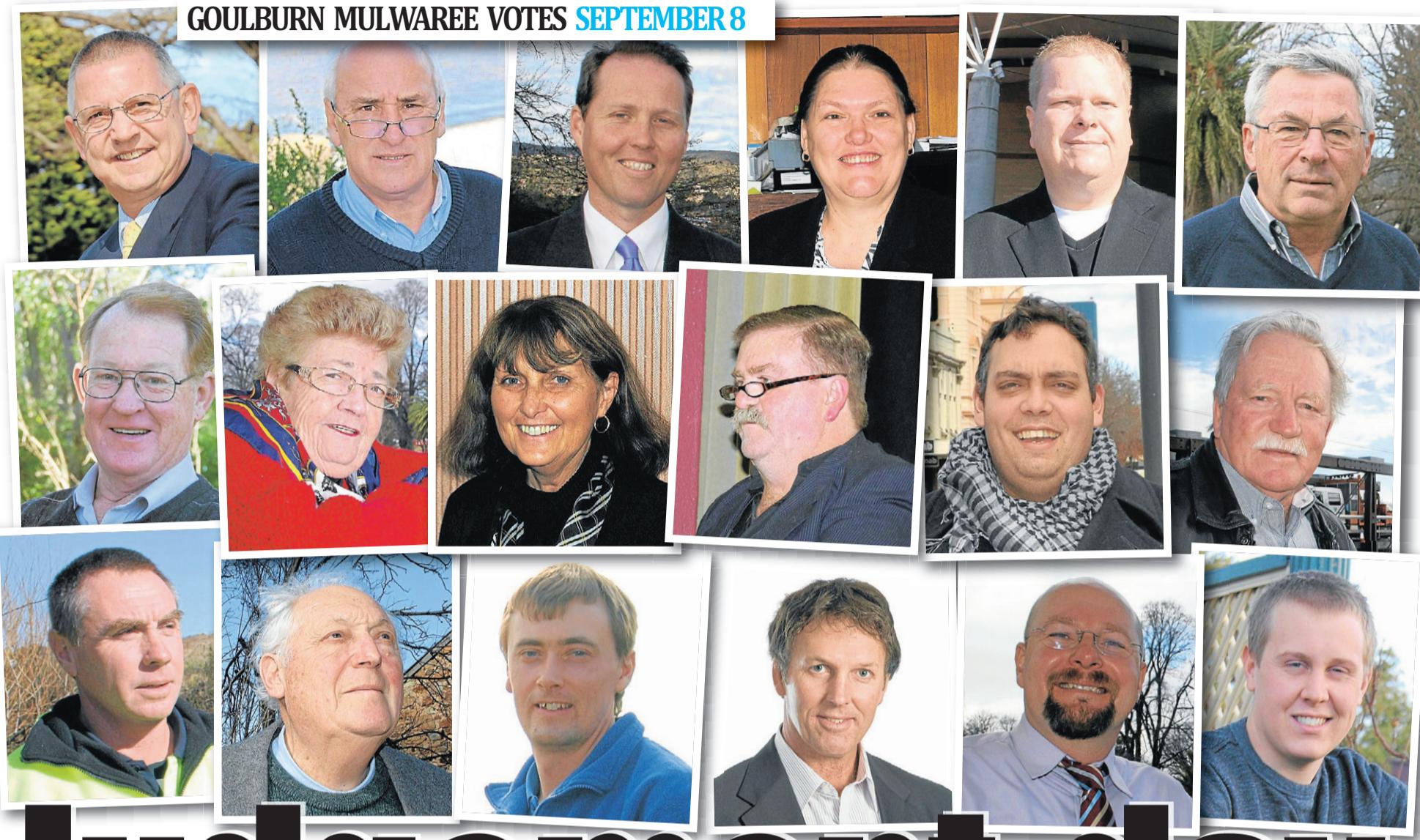


GOULBURN MULWAREE VOTES **SEPTEMBER 8**

Judgement day

By **GERARD WALSH**
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POLLING booths across Goulburn Mulwaree open at 8am tomorrow for the council elections, with 18 candidates vying for nine positions.

All nine incumbent councillors are contesting again.

They have campaigned strongly on maintaining stability and building on the "good work" of the past four years.

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"I have been sticking to my every day routine, as I still have responsibilities up until after the election, but I have been spending

time at the pre-poll stations," Mayor Geoff Kettle said yesterday.

The nine challengers – including the five members of the Progressive Group of Independents – are advocating change.

"The campaign has been good so far. We have received a positive community reaction to a shift to see new people and a change," Progressive Group candidate Jason Shepherd said.

Three women will be contesting

the election – all existing councillors – Margaret O'Neill, Carol James and Nina Dillon.

The youngest candidate is Sam Rowland at 20 years of age, the oldest Laszlo Strasser at 81.

Cr Geoff Peterson, who gained a spot on Council at the 2009 by-election, said candidates have been strangely co-operative with each other.

"There were many occasions where I and others put out other candidates' signs and brought

them in at the end of the day, only because it was the right thing to do," he said from the Clinton Street pre-polling centre.

More than 18,000 people are expected to vote in Goulburn Mulwaree.

Voting is compulsory, with booths closing at 6pm.

Results of the council elections will be posted live online on the NSW Electoral Commission Virtual Tally Room website from 6.30pm tomorrow.



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