

Wangaratta council candidate Luke Davies sings his election pledges

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A PROSPECTIVE Victorian councillor has taken to song to spruik his election credentials.

Luke Davies, who is standing for Wangaratta Council, has recorded a three minute song called 'Rates, rubbish and roads' to outline his campaign.

Mr Davies said he believes he's the first candidate in the state to put his election pledges into song.

"I just decided to do something different and put what I'm standing for into song," he said.

"I'm not aware of any other candidates doing this and it is a bit unusual.

"As the arts candidate, I'm obviously calling for that not to be cut.

"I think it's good that I can put across a different point of view, and it's all good for publicity."

Mr Davies, a musician and instrument maker, sang the song at a recent Victorian Farmers Federation meet the candidates forum.

"It went right off and people were telling me it was the highlight of the night," he said.

"I might release another song in a couple of weeks."

Wangaratta Council candidate Luke Davies has recorded a song for his election campaign.

In the song, Mr Davies, 53, urges voters to be careful where they cast they vote and to back a candidate "who will have to work together to make this council better."

The blues/folk/roots performer said the song only took him a few hours to create.

"It didn't take long, I knocked it over in an afternoon," he said.

"I did one a few months ago called V/Line Blues which didn't win me many friends at V/Line."

Mr Davies is one of 10 candidates standing in City Ward, where there are four vacancies.

It will be the first time the council has had councillors for three years after the previous councillors were sacked in September 2013.

The dismissal of the councillors followed allegations of bullying and intimidation by councillors towards other councillors and council staff, resulting in the resignation of one councillor, the chief executive officer and the remaining members of the executive management team.