



First election votes already cast

THE first votes have already been cast in the 2014 State election, but there is still time to learn more about the candidates who want to represent Hammond.

Murray Bridge resident Trevor Wilson was first into the city's early voting centre when it opened on Friday morning, as he expected to be travelling later in the campaign.

Aside from Electoral Commission of South Australia staff, the only people there to meet him were Liberal Party volunteers Norm and Margaret Paterson, handing out how-to-vote cards as they have done for the past 50 years.

It was not much of a rush, but interest is sure to rise closer to election day.

The Murray Valley Standard has invited all five candidates for Hammond to answer voters' questions and explain why they deserve our votes at the Murray Bridge Community Club at 7pm

on Tuesday, March 11.

Liberal MP Adrian Pederick, Labor candidate Lou Bailey, the Nationals' Rachel Tittley, Family First's Daniel Gutteridge and the Greens' Damien Pyne have all agreed to attend.

The Standard will also take questions submitted via Facebook and Twitter on the night.

- Details: To submit your questions for the electoral forum, email peri.strathearn@fairfax-media.com.au, post them to PO Box 244, Murray Bridge SA 5253 or drop them into The Standard's office at 110-118 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.

Anyone wishing to cast their vote ahead of election day can do so at 37 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge.



First in, first served: Trevor Wilson, of Murray Bridge, was the first person to cast his vote for the Hammond electorate in the State election.



Dedication: Margaret and Norm Paterson, of Cooke Plains, offer voters how-to-vote cards at the Early Voting Centre.