

An excerpt from a report in NT in November 1931 that 12 candidates were standing for 6 council places in Dornoch and 4 of them women!!!

On scanning the list of candidates, it is most surprising to find four ladies included in the number. It is not our purpose to decry the valuable services rendered in many ways to a community by ladies, but we emphatically do not think they are suited to become members of a Town Council. They are ideal where church, welfare and social schemes are concerned, but what do they know about lighting, water, drainage and housing schemes, and the hundred and one other business propositions which come before a public body like a Town Council? The answer is little or nothing, and no discredit to them for the simple reason these things are outside of their scope, knowledge and experience. It would be better for the lady candidates to refrain right now from canvassing and intimate to the electors that they do not want returned to the Town Council to what is essentially a man's job, not one for a lady. It would be just as justifiable on the men's part to seek to become members of a branch of the SWRI, an organisation which is run on useful and ideal lines by the ladies, but about which the gentlemen have no knowledge. In the forthcoming election, sentiment should not be allowed to sway the good sense of electors. You want practical, business men on your Council. See that you return them. Don't be led away with parrot cries and preconceived notions and fancies which have no substance. Ratepayers! Your money is at stake. See you elect members who know how to handle it in your interests. In the past a tight hold has not been kept on expenditure. The high rates to be met bear that out.