

**2020 Glen Eira City Council
Camden Ward
Candidate Statements**

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ZYNGIER, David

As a former local school principal and university academic, a co-founder of the Glen Eira Emergency Climate Action Network, a lifelong area resident, and as someone whose children and grandchildren give me a strong stake in our collective future, I am thrilled to be the Greens Candidate for the Camden ward of the Glen Eira Council election. My vision is for a green, sustainable, and environmentally conscious community, with a strong local economy, an accessible local government that preserves our vibrant neighbourhoods. I have deep connections to the Melbourne Jewish community as the former principal of a Jewish school, as an active member of my synagogue Kehilat Nitzan, as an advocate of Jewish LGBTQI+ rights, and as an activist in the Jewish Climate Network. I volunteer for the youth at-risk Ardoch Foundation, the anti-racist anti-bullying organisation Courage to Care, and the Father Bob Foundation delivering meals to food insecure residents in Glen Eira. I stand with the Greens because their values social justice, peace, democracy, and the environment have informed my lifetime of activism. If elected, my priorities will be to 1) Promote community wellbeing, social justice and inclusion, and support for wellbeing initiatives for all groups, abilities, and ages. 2) Ensure that Council upholds its commitment to be carbon neutral, increasing our sustainability and open green space for public use. 3) Pursue greater openness, transparency, and participation for Glen Eira residents in the decision-making of Council. Change is inevitable, but it should not be at the cost of our heritage, environment, or cultural assets. I love to be part of a team to make lives better. Please call me 0413 537 613 to learn more. Vote David Zyngier for a Councillor who understands the hopes and needs of people in our area.

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GROSSBARD, Alan

It is a great honour to once again be running for Council of the City of Glen Eira. Having lived in Camden Ward for the past 38 years, I have become involved in many local organisations as well as have had the privilege of being Mayor of the City of Glen Eira. During my time in Council I was involved in creating the 'Glen Eira 2020: Green, Gracious and Gregarious' plan which I helped develop and implement. This was to prevent inappropriate developments. I am now seeing more extensive multi storey construction dominate our great suburbs. With a new vision currently being developed to cover the next 20 years, I want to be part of this planning process to ensure we continue to be proud of Glen Eira and its high living standards supported by quality services. As a past senior executive of large national and international energy companies and currently teaching at RMIT University in the business and communication fields, my financial background will help oversee the budget to ensure rates rises are kept to a minimum. It is so important that our community is serviced with more parks and gardens, support small businesses, cater for youth, disability and aged services, and make our streets and community safe. I am open to discussing any issues with you and strongly believe that consulting the community is a large part of any decision making process. I support non political affiliated candidates Sam Parasol, Nelli Khoroshina, Simone Zmood , Harry Graeve and Cameron Simpkins. You are welcomed to contact me on 0421886661 or alan.grossbard@gmail.com. I look forward to taking on this challenge and seeing our great City blossom.

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GRAEVE, Harry

I've lived in Glen Eira my whole life. My wife and I made our home here, the kids have gone to school here, and we've been very active in our local scout troop. We've made the most of what Glen Eira has to offer, be that our parks and gardens on a sunny day, soaking up the talents of a local musician at one of the intimate venues, or the simple pleasure of walking down our beautiful streets in Elsternwick, Caulfield and beyond. I am contesting this election as an independent candidate, as my interest was piqued by the disgraceful handling of the Inkerman Road Cycling Corridor, which did not consider the better options on the table. I have worked in the road safety space for many years, and as a member of the Australasian College of Road Safety, I am in a unique position to access the project. Council might not think so, but I know for a fact that we can reduce the collision risk of cyclists whilst reducing congestion, retain all of our parking and reduce the carbon footprint of the municipality. On other big issues, we can stop destroying the historic character of our area without halting all development, and we can balance the budget, without needing to justify rate increases at a time like this. Thank you for considering me to represent you and our neighbours in the next Glen Eira City Council Vote 1 Greave, 2 Zmood, 3 Simpkins, 4 Grossbard, 5 Parasol, 6 Khoroshina and number all the other boxes to make your vote valid.

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IAMPOLSKI, Rachel

Hi there, my name is Rachel. As a lifelong resident of Glen Eira and a PhD candidate investigating how we govern heritage and our connection to place at the Centre for Urban Research, RMIT, I am excited for the opportunity to be part of shaping our city's future. A substantial amount of research exists on how we can plan for, and sustain more liveable cities, however often this data does not leave academia. My objective is to bring research and governance together, and ensure that any decision I make as a councillor is backed by evidence and the community voice. As we continue to densify, I will fight to protect liveability, sustainability, and neighbourhood character over developer interests. We need more sensitive design, greater setbacks and more communal amenities to offset the impact on neighbouring residents. We need to urgently green our city to accommodate the increase in residents and the climate emergency. I will fight tirelessly to create more accessible, diverse open green space (including buybacks of private land), and to increase tree coverage and bio-diversity. Additionally, I will push for: more dynamic and adaptable public spaces and commercial zones, to help bring business and vibrancy back to our streets post-covid; upgrades to biking and walking infrastructure; increased social services for new mums, the elderly, or isolated members of the community; and a sensible and sensitive approach to rates, with greater concessions. Glen Eira is rapidly changing and I pledge to be part of a switched on, evidence-backed and forward thinking government that is able to respond to, and plan for the short and long term issues facing our city. I am running independently and support open, inclusive, and representative governance. I ask for your support so we can (finally) lead change together!

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KARSLAKE, Jane

Community service and care in the community have never been more important. I am standing in Camden to represent my community and pledge to act faithfully, in the community interest striving for an accountable and transparent council. Having lived in Camden for almost 30 years, I feel privileged that my family has enjoyed the benefits of council services including libraries, maternal health, early learning, and leisure centres. I was recently a leader in the community campaign to defend council residential aged care services from privatisation. I am committed to maintaining services that reduce social isolation and maintain high quality public care for older residents. Accountability and transparency in government is essential to build confidence and adapt to a post COVID world. Councilors must govern for all community members and reflect this diversity. As a parent with considerable life experience, I also bring an understanding of local government developed over 20 years working with councils and, before that, community services to the role. I am an active community member, having served on my school council, the community toy library and in volunteer roles throughout my life. Our built environment has many treasures that deserve respect while we embrace growth and identify inappropriate development. Council needs better planning to ensure public enjoyment of our environment and improve recreational amenities, passive recreational spaces, and sustainable transport alternatives. In recovery we will be more aware of the value of care and inclusion. I will strive to ensure that Council decisions reflect these values and consider the needs of the people of Glen Eira. Increasing community participation in safe recreation, arts and cultural experiences in our neighbourhoods needs to be a focus. Invigorating businesses and communities and ensuring activities are accessible, and equitably delivered will be a priority for me.

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MILEIKOWSKI, Ethan

I want to be your next councillor because I believe I can effect positive change in the things I've heard residents care most about. Business owners and small-traders, fearful of what a post-pandemic economy means for our shop fronts, cafes, and restaurants. Local families, worried about our aged care services, and the condition and accessibility of green spaces. Home-owners, apprehensive and unconsulted, concerned that development is stripping away the personality of our community. I've lived in Caulfield my entire life. My family owns and operates a business here. I love being a resident of Glen Eira, but I recognise that change is needed to move us in the right direction. We need better support for small businesses, and more investment in local jobs. We need to ensure that starting and maintaining a business in Glen Eira is as easy as possible. We need more consultative and inclusionary development strategy, to protect the character of our community and ensure we build for the future. We need better provision of aged care services, more open, green spaces, and a more confident outlook towards energy efficiency. Most importantly, we need those on our council, responsible for advocating for our benefit, to be transparent and accountable to the residents. As your councillor, I'll promote a vital, new approach to government, with evidence-based policy and residents at the centre of council decision making. I'll work diligently to ensure that you feel like your voice is being heard, and that you feel like a valued and active member of our Glen Eira community. With your vote, I know we can bring about extraordinary and essential change within Glen Eira, and ensure that our local council is built for the challenges of tomorrow. To find out more about my campaign, please visit <https://reason.org.au/ethan-mileikowski/>.

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ZMOOD, Simone

I am standing for Council as a strong, independent, female voice, with a plan to fight for the needs of all residents and local businesses. I am a management consultant, wife and proud mum of four, with years of experience in community groups and on boards (including Environment Victoria and the Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia), and will shortly finish my PhD on talent development of young people. My plan includes: (1) ensuring a COVID-sensitive Council (including real rate relief, not just hardship policies, and backing local businesses through this crisis), (2) more green open space and appropriate development (including height controls in South Caulfield and Gardenvale, protecting neighbourhood character, investment for all park users, and upgraded footpaths), (3) bringing our community back together (by listening to residents, improving school safety, providing more opportunities for young residents, ensuring better in-home care for our seniors, and bringing back world-class shopping strips to Glen Eira). I have never been in a political party and will represent and listen to all residents and businesses. For more information, please see my Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SimoneForCamden/>), email me (SimoneForCamden@gmail.com), or call me on 0401 635 979. To support my vision, please vote [1] Simone Zmood, 2 Cameron Simpkins, 3 Harry Graeve, 4 Sam Parasol, 5 Nellie Khoroshina, and 6 Alan Grossbard, and make sure to number all the other boxes.

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MANSFIELD, Jesse Dean

Hello, my name is Jesse Mansfield. I am a passionate advocate for our diverse local community, and I am running for office because I believe the Glen Eira Council can meaningfully improve the lives of its residents. I have a strong connection to our area, having spent my school years at Ripponlea primary, CBC St Kilda, and Caulfield Grammar, while I am a regular sight walking my dogs around Princes Park and shopping on Glen Huntly Road. My key priorities are: (1) Incorporating mandatory height limits and overshadowing provisions into all activity centre plans, as well as promoting the inclusion of rent-reduced dwellings and neighbourhood amenities in new developments. (2) Ensuring residents and their visitors have somewhere to park by mandating sufficient off-street parking for new buildings. (3) Decreasing congestion in our area by investing in local walking and safe cycling infrastructure. (4) Supporting residents who have lost part or all of their income by ensuring free or low-cost meals are available to locals who need them and providing rate relief to low-income households. (5) Dealing with our litter problem through expanded cleaning services for streets and parks, and placing more public bins near tram and bus stops. (6) Reaching net-zero emissions from council operations and facilities by 2025, and reducing the local impact of climate change by increasing tree canopy coverage. Our priority as a council must be to support our residents, but we should also be looking for ways to improve our area and to shape what we want it to look like in 10-20 years. That is why I am asking you to vote 1 Jesse Mansfield and preference all the other candidates in the order of your choosing, because it is time for a change in Glen Eira.

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STECKOLL, Ricci

The Coronavirus pandemic has kept us in our homes and shown us just how important having a strong local community with great services is. This pandemic has amplified not just our short falls, but so much of what we have taken for granted. Local green space, affordable and reliable childcare, and of course safe and dignified aged care are front and centre right now. A strong local community needs strong local services, I'm running to strength these services. I'll work to assist our great local businesses by providing the support needed to operate in a post-COVID world. I'll support our Arts community who are doing it tough right now. Further, this pandemic has shown us how vital and fragile our precious council-run Early Education and Aged Care services are. I'll support and strengthen them, not privatise or cut them. I will also work to improve and increase the amount of open public spaces in our neighbourhoods. Personally, I've been a proud resident of Glen Eira for over 25 years, I went to school here, I studied in our local libraries, I spent summers at GESAC, and I have volunteered with local youth movements and community organisations. I am grateful to call Glen Eira home. As a financial services professional I have experience working on major private and public sector projects. I want to use this experience to ensure our local resources are spent effectively and on the services we need. As a community volunteer, I've worked with Jewish community representatives and mentored youth from disadvantaged backgrounds. This experience has taught me the value of our local community and the need to give back. I'm proud to have the support and endorsement of Josh Burns MP, Federal Member for Macnamara, and former Mayor Mary Delahunty. I hope to have yours too.

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TEROLLI, Jon

I'm Jon Terolli. 23 years old. My philosophy and ideals for our community, our people and our country stem from a deep compassion towards family, friends, country and freedom, and of course the incredibly diverse culture that we have in Australia. Having studied and experience in small business, I know the importance that comes with making decision in a collaborative way to ensure transparency, inclusion and continues improvement of conduct. As councillor, I will be advocating for improved local services and amenities, apply sensible spending, protect the heritage of our suburbs, push for a more robust and lively environment, increase spending on open and recreational spaces, enhance the safety of our neighbourhoods, focus on the youth and be a voice for any and all residents with their council concerns and matters. Development is an important but delicate issue to juggle, that is why I will pursue a policy that proportionally and lawfully supports the development of high storey buildings. We need to preserve the character of our neighbourhoods by applying sensible, reasonable and appropriate development schemes. I will aim to increase state and federal government initiatives towards local projects, providing less pressure to residents on council rates, helping council provide funding to imminent strategic issues. It is also important we always support environmentally friendly initiatives for the future of our planet and children. Given the difficulties society, business and residents have gone through in 2020, extra precautions and investments needed will be treated as my priority. I will always be a soldier of freedom, advocating for a free thinking, free speech inclusive democratic society where residents and their opinions are heard and respected. Lets make Glen Eira the envy of councils! From Bentleigh to Caulfield, to Elsternwick and Gardenvale vote 1 for Jon and all other boxes to your preference.

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SIMPKINS, Cameron

I live in Elsternwick with my partner and daughters, and am standing for Council so that residents get the voice they deserve. We are losing the character of our neighbourhood as more and more overdevelopment is occurring (particularly in Caulfield South, Elsternwick and Gardenvale). Many of our heritage homes have been lost to the wrecking ball without good reason. Council has got millions in developer contributions sitting in a locked box, but we are yet to see any new parks or public amenity. Most Councils recognise we are doing it tough with COVID-19, but Glen Eira has approved massive rate rises. If elected, I will reset the Council agenda and put residents first. I have grown tired of the council not listening to people. I think its time to roll up the sleeves and change things up. I spent 20 years in the Army Infantry Corps, finishing up with the rank of Major. After my service, I have worked all over Australia, from North Queensland, to the Pilbara and Tasmania. I have worked in mining, transport, construction, and as a self-employed furniture maker. I have walked unassisted across the Great Sandy Desert, and played rugby for the NSW Waratahs and Victoria. I have coached rowing at school, club, state and elite level, and believe in the power of sport to connect people. I hold an MBA, a Masters of Business Law, and a trade qualification. I know how to work hard, and how hard it is to work at the moment. A strong believer in family, community connectivity and a fair go. With your vote I can make changes for all of us. I recommend that you vote 1 Simpkins, then 2 Zmood 3 Graeve 4 Parasol 5 Grossbard 6 Khoroshina and complete all boxes.

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KHOROSHINA, Nellie

I am a resident of Camden Ward for over 25 years. Having a solid experience as an owner of a small business, I passionately support a strong development of businesses in our city. Many livelihoods and families depend on creating a flourishing environment for opportunities in business. As a mother of an aged parent, I am concerned at the quality of care for our elderly and want to see better services to support them. Also, our new mothers, single parents and young families need to be provided with affordable kindergartens and childcare facilities to meet their needs. Safety of our streets and multicultural communities are a great concern to me and require our immediate attention. Living near the Caulfield Racecourse, I believe we need to be involved in a thorough consultation process with the community so that Glen Eira residents can have a world class redevelopment of this iconic site. I support the non political candidates Alan Grossbard, Simone Zmood, Sam Parasol, Harry Greave and Cameron Simpkins. I would like to bring into Glen Eira Council all my community services and cultural expertise to provide a valuable contribution to our residents.

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PARASOL, Sam

Council needs to be truly independent, stop the party politics and individual agendas, and put the community first, with strong governance and accountability. As a candidate endorsed by Ratepayers Victoria, I will be a loud voice for ratepayers and residents, advocating for improvements to community safety and support for small business, preventing overdevelopment and maintaining neighbourhood character. We need more open space for parklands and sporting facilities for both young and old. We need to focus on building a sustainable community and planning for our post COVID-19 future - without compromising what makes Camden Ward such a great place to live. I am an independent self-funded candidate and have been a community volunteer for decades. I established and then was honorary founding Chairman of the Caulfield Park Bendigo Community Bank for over 10 years and continue as a Director - generating over \$2 million for our local community. I have run a successful company, worked with the City of Yarra to enhance the environment of Richmond station and served as a Director of the Australian Fashion Institute. I have been very active in community sport as both a competitor and an administrator, I am passionate about the health and wellbeing of our local community. My wife and I have been proud residents of Camden Ward for over 40 years, raised our three married sons here and now have seven grandchildren. Time for Positive Changes! Vote 1 Sam Parasol. Make sure to number every box on the ballot paper. I support all independent candidates.