

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

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OSWALD, Markus

Hello, I am Markus Oswald. Glen Eira has been home for my wife Chelsie and I for 14 years, our family and friends live here and our two daughters are growing up in our community, attending local schools and participating in local sporting groups. I am committed to making Rosstown, and Glen Eira, the best place we can to live in. I have the community and business experience to make a strong positive contribution. I manage and own an engineering business and serve as the treasurer and Board member of a not for profit industry group. My experience includes being a committee member of local community groups, working with local and state governments, Fellow of the Governance Institute and a former member of Councils Transport Advisory Committee. I am a strong believer in clear, transparent and achievable goals. Council should be championing for a strong community endorsed framework about how we live in our community, how we feel about the community and how we move about our suburbs. There are a lot of plans, ideas and issues to be addressed in Glen Eira over the next four years, so it is important that the community's voice is heard before decisions are made. My focus will be planning and creating a better community together; high quality Council services and facilities that enhance liveability; better conversations between Council and the community; more open space; caring for our environment and promoting local sustainability; and ensuring value for money and responsible governance. As a Councillor, I will be local, independent, present, respectful and passionate about representing our community. I would be honoured to represent the Rosstown Ward, with a focus on our community, our choices. Please visit markus4rosstown.com.au or my Facebook page @Markus4Rosstown, chat with me on 0412 064 125 or email hello@markus4rosstown.com.au.

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PTOK, Gregor

Thank you! These candidate statements are a lot of text. I appreciate you reading this one. 1) About Greg: Trained in law and mediation, I run a small management consultancy for local government. Through my migration experience, I believe the most important things are care for each other and care for our place. To make ours a place where people thrive, I volunteer my time: from contributing as school councillor / treasurer through volunteering as junior basketball coach / team manager / club secretary to simply helping my elderly neighbour with her shopping. 2) Caring for our place: I grew up near Munich in a 1,200-year-old town. Places that have been tended by people for many, many generations are deeply nourishing. Contrast that with the wave of developments that has hit our suburbs. I have been disappointed by the "object to the development" and the "contribute to strategic planning" paths. When elected, I will work for gentler transitions between established buildings and new builds. 3) Caring for our community: We are from here and from all corners of the globe. Through each other, we have access to the wisdom that comes with deep roots in our neighbourhoods; and to the wisdom of many cultures from around the world. At a time of unprecedented challenge, we need both. When elected, I will work to bring our collective wisdom to the table. For example, I want to find out how lessons from the "Miracle of Wörgl" can help boost our local economy. During the Great Depression, Wörgl council was able to complete major infrastructure projects and achieve full employment in its community. Thank you for reading my candidate statement. I am independent, caring, creative and reliable. To connect or find out more, head to www.gregor-ptok.com.au or call 0492 986 686.

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ATHANASOPOULOS, Tony

Since 2016, I have been incredibly proud to be your voice on council. We have achieved a lot but, with your support, I believe there is more to do. As you might know, I am a Carnegie local and I run my small business, Liana James Hair and Beauty, right here on Koornang Road. Four years ago, I made commitments about what I would like to see for our area. Since then, we have delivered funding for the Murrumbeena Park Community Hub and the redevelopment of sports pavilions at Lord Reserve and Koornang Park. We have achieved the states first ever interim building height controls. And we worked hard to assist with level crossing removals at Grange, Koornang, Murrumbeena and Poath Roads and secured the best outcomes for new open space, bike paths and play areas. I have also focused on the basics - cleaner streets, better maintained footpaths, protecting our tree lined streets and improving local services, parks and roads. In the coming months and years, I want our council to protect our heritage and preserve neighbourhood character. We need to create more open space for our area, including at the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve. We must have more investment in local services for children, youth, families and seniors. Finally we have to create more local car parking, clean up shopping areas and update more sporting pavilions and play spaces. I want to continue to be your experienced voice to be there for you at Council. I would very much appreciate your support. To support me, please put Tony Athanasopoulos 1, John van Noorden 2 and Dev Oza 3 who are also outstanding candidates then number every box as set out on my brochure. For more information, contact me on 0431273843 or tony@ljhair.com.au

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HO, Kelvin

I have lived in Carnegie for more than 13 years, and I love this area as a place to raise my family. However, there is much that needs to be done to protect and improve it. My previous experience as a councillor has given me a greater understanding of the challenges facing Glen Eira, and a greater appetite for helping solve them. My priorities will include improving community safety; fighting congestion on our streets; opposing inappropriate development and excessive rate increases; promoting our multicultural community; recognising and catering for the diverse needs of different households in the community; caring for the elderly and people with disabilities; more tree planting on our streets and parks; ensuring genuine consultation on all matters that affect residents; and continued investment in libraries, sporting facilities and parks. I am dedicated to community service. In 2013, I established the Australian Chinese Leadership Foundation, to cultivate outstanding talent in both the political and business fields. Following the 2015 Great Ocean Road bush fires, the Foundation, under my leadership, donated \$10,000 to a fund set up to assist the victims, and has donated medical equipment to the local community to help fight COVID-19. As the founder and a director of a public company, I understand the crucial role of proper governance, and will bring these skills to Council. I work for a direct marketing company, and play sport in Carnegie, so I understand how important it is to help local traders and community groups, especially through the COVID crisis. I will work hard to achieve the best possible results for the community and have the community experience, energy and fresh ideas to improve the Council over the next four years. Vote 1 Kelvin Ho, 2 Simon Balzer, 3 Margaret Esakoff and number every other box.

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DARIOL, Jack

I have lived in Glen Eira for the last 25 years and currently work as a qualified accountant for a small business in the area. I will be using what I've learned in that role to go over the budget to ensure wasteful spending is cut, keeping your rates down. Having worked with many small businesses, I am aware of how important they are as the lifeblood of our area. We need jobs more than ever, small business deserves our support, especially now, and I will work to reduce red-tape where I can. This year has taught us of the importance of our public parks, so I will make maintenance of them a priority. The role of councillor should always have a No Nonsense approach. Social politics should be kept on the sidelines. At the end of the day all we want is to pay as little as possible for our rates, have our parks suitable for people of all ages, our roads attended to when required and our bins picked up on time. That is what I'll make my focus as councillor of Glen Eira.

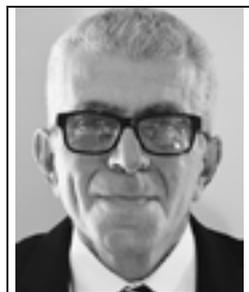
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PILLING, Neil

Hello, I have been a resident of Murrumbeena for 26 years and am standing as an independent candidate. I am passionate and committed to our community and have a proud and rewarding history of involvement with many local sporting and community organisations. I have been incredibly honoured to have represented you on Council from 2008 to 2016, including as Mayor in 2014 and 2016. When previously on Council I helped to deliver and complete the GESAC Sports and Aquatic complex, the new pavilion at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve and the Booran Rd Family Park. All are fantastic, well-used facilities. Recently, in the midst of the worst pandemic and recession in living memory, all current Councillors voted to increase your rates, while several surrounding Councils have frozen or reduced rates. Your vote will help me to introduce a rates freeze, one of many ways I pledge to support our residents and businesses to recover from these difficult times. My other major priorities include the completion of the new Carnegie outdoor pool and a new sporting complex at Murrumbeena Park; tightening planning zones to prevent overdevelopment in our neighbourhood streets; new investment in open spaces and community and local sporting facilities; and improving recycling services, the local environment and sustainability programs. Most importantly I will dedicate myself to continue to be an open, available and hardworking advocate for you and our local community. I am again humbly seeking your endorsement. Yours faithfully, thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me on 0418310631 or neilpilling@hotmail.com. Vote 1 Neil Pilling then number all other boxes in the order of your choice.

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ZOIS, Con

Glen Eiras children are our future. As an educator for over 35 years, and a former Acting Principal of a leading independent school, I understand the needs and challenges of our youth. Education is the foundation of democracy. We must ensure a quality education for all. Council has an important role here, from its Early Learning Centres and school holiday programs, to youth services and libraries, which must keep evolving to provide access to improved learning and technology. Council must also support community groups catering for adults trying to improve their skills, knowledge and embracing the value of cultural diversity. We must seek more open space for the sports clubs that cater for our youth, and to help all of us stay healthy. I also support the redevelopment of Carnegie Pool, keeping rates affordable, and more importantly looking after the environment. As a Murrumbeena resident for over 34 years, I share residents concern over the overdevelopment of our suburban streets and resulting congestion. Council must do better here. Our shopping strips, street lighting and footpaths should be improved. I believe in being proactive, especially in these difficult times. I am passionate about assisting the most vulnerable in our community, making sure that they are not forgotten. Our community should come together to establish a centre from which assistance such as essential food supplies, clothing, books and toys can be given to those in need, such as the homeless, elderly, or struggling families. Council is there to serve us, so must genuinely consult to determine what is best for the community. If elected, I will always listen and will do my best to help with any issues you have. Contact 0417315929 or zoisy@iprimus.com.au To support me, vote Con Zois 1, Margaret Esakoff 2, Simon Balzer 3, and number every other box.

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PENNICUIK, Sue

As a long-term resident of Glen Eira, I am proud to be the Greens Candidate for Rosstown ward in the Glen Eira City Council election. As your former Greens state MP for the Southern Metropolitan Region, I believe that my demonstrated commitment to improving our community and environment will be valuable in the work of a local councillor. My vision is for an open and forward thinking council that puts caring for people and our environment at the forefront of all its decisions. It was great to see our council join cities around the world in declaring a climate emergency and adopting emission reduction targets. Glen Eira has pioneered green bin organics, increased its focus on local transport options and supported local businesses affected by COVID-19. If elected as your councillor, I will work hard to build on those achievements and others, as there is still much more to be done. My priorities are to: 1) Ensure council is inclusive and transparent in its decision making. 2) Improve our environmental performance, waste reduction and recycling and reduce carbon emissions. 3) Preserve our unique neighbourhoods and heritage places and create more accessible public open space. 4) Make it easier and safer to cycle or walk to our local shopping strips, parks and playgrounds. 5) Continue to provide high quality services for people of all ages, needs and abilities. People can have many different views on local issues which is why genuine community involvement in council activities is critical. I have always enjoyed working with people and local groups on the issues they care about and I have a strong record of working with all levels of government to achieve outcomes for the community. Please email me at sue.pennicuik@vic.greens.org.au. Vote: Sue Pennicuik for a sustainable Glen Eira where no-one is left behind.

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ESAKOFF, Margaret

I am independent and free of all political party influence, dedicated and experienced (Mayor 2005, 2007, 2011 and 2019-20), understand and respect community needs and will concentrate on local issues. I'm also a local volunteer with a business background. I grew up and raised my family here, assisted ageing parents, and now have grandchildren, so I fully understand the needs of every age demographic - a full circle of experience to draw on. I will support the community, sporting clubs, other community groups and small businesses through the pandemic. In 2021, I will strive to freeze our rates, already Melbourne's second lowest, if financial pressures remain. I want a clean, healthy, safe, liveable City with more focus on basics including footpaths. I want better planning outcomes to protect our amenity from overdevelopment and will act on the feedback to the Glen Huntly Structure Plan and Carnegie Planning Scheme Amendment consultations. We completed the fabulous Booran Reserve and many other new and improved open spaces, parks and playgrounds including at EE Gunn Reserve and the popular new dog agility park, Pawfield Park. I will continue to improve our parks and create new ones, and fight the scourge of graffiti and dumped rubbish. I strongly advocated for and will work to complete Murrumbeena Park's new Hub and Pavilion, the Koornang Park Pavilion upgrade and the Lord Reserve Pavilion rebuild, all of which have been designed, and to see the exciting Carnegie Memorial Pool redevelopment through detailed design and completion. I support upgrades of our local shopping strips to ensure they remain viable and enjoyable. Much has been achieved, but there is so much more I want to contribute. Contact margaretesakoff@gmail.com or 0412957807. Vote 1 Margaret Esakoff, 2 Con Zois, 3 Simon Balzer and remember to number every other box.

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OZA, Dev

As a Glen Eira resident planning to start a family, I want to see a Glen Eira that is economically thriving, connected and safe for all. I believe that new challenges require a fresh approach. We've been hit hard by the ongoing COVID pandemic and now more than ever we need fresh faces with business experience, innovative ideas and integrity to make things happen. I run a technology company and sit on the board of a non-profit organisation. I want to use my skills to transform the council to work for you. I believe that lower rates can be achieved through better financial management, community consultation and without compromising on the facilities and services that we love about Glen Eira. I have a passion for a connected and diverse community. In the past I have volunteered as a mentor for young migrants from a disadvantaged background. This year, I founded the Glen Eira COVID Initiative and also work alongside organisations which focus on helping vulnerable residents from the Jewish and other communities. If elected, I will stand for lower rates, support for our local businesses beyond COVID, supporting our seniors, reducing overdevelopment, retaining our council-run aged care and early education centres, safe and sustainable green spaces with more energy efficient lighting and most importantly listening to what you have to say. To support enthusiasm, new ideas and a clear voice - your voice, Vote 1 for Dev Oza and number all the other candidates in the order of your choice. Please also consider two other outstanding candidates John Van Noorden and Tony Athanasopoulos.

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SPAULDING, Robert

Rob Spaulding – True community representation. Born and raised in Glen Eira and have lived in the Rosstown Ward for over 40 years. My wife and I have raised five children in this community and over the decades I have helped develop a thriving sport and recreation scene for our municipality. I was previously President of Murrumbeena Football Netball Club (for 12 years) and am currently Chair of the committee overseeing the \$11.1 million redevelopment of the Murrumbeena Park clubrooms. I am a professional photographer, creative director and copywriter and have run my own agencies within the municipality. I have previously served as a Glen Eira Councillor and would once again deliver fair-minded and independent advocacy on important local issues. My commitment to you and our community is as a true independent - a councillor who will serve the community free from party policies or influences. As your community representative, I will reflect the aspirations of the people of Rosstown Ward. I support: Fair rates – I will advocate to minimise burdens on the household budget and ensure prudent council spending. Mental health assistance – We live in unprecedented times and support for wellbeing is paramount. I will advocate for mental health assistance for anybody who needs it. Sport and recreation for all – I will champion accessible sporting and recreational facilities for people of all ages and abilities to build community inclusion and maintain mental health. Elder-youth connection - I have a goal of bringing together community elders and youth to strengthen intergenerational and cultural understanding and enrich the values that keep our community thriving. Sensible planning - I will promote sensible town planning and greening of our city. I am passionate about giving back to the community that has enabled my family to grow and thrive. Visit www.robforgleneira.com.au or call 0428 149 490.

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BALZER, Simon

I'm standing for Council to be an active member of my community, and to contribute my time and experience to the area I love living in so much. I'm 47, and have worked in horticulture, sales and management. Having completed my MBA in 2007, I'm now in a senior management role. People describe me as hardworking, diligent and conscientious. My key priorities are protecting the heritage and improving the amenity of our suburbs; opposing overdevelopment and dealing with congestion; improving our existing parks and open spaces and building new ones; supporting community groups and activities; and gathering and acting upon community feedback. As a Liberal Party member, I'll work to keep rates low. We need better sporting facilities and improved safety around schools, shops and stations. We must never forget that our elderly and residents of all abilities have the right to participate fully in our community, and I will prioritise support services, and work to remove the barriers you face. Now more than ever, heading towards a post COVID world, support for businesses to get back on their feet will be critical to community vitality. We must revitalise our shopping strips including Carnegie, Glen Huntly, Murrumbeena and Poath Road, and I'll advocate for increased stimulus package support for local business. As a new councillor I'll be keen to hear from all residents and ratepayers, to make sure you have a voice in council. I want to ensure my first term as councillor is a productive one which addresses as many of your concerns as possible. I will work with all other councillors to benefit our community. There's more about me on my Facebook page [fb.me/SimonB4GE](https://www.facebook.com/SimonB4GE). I can be contacted on 0439 959 384. Vote 1 Simon Balzer, 2 Kelvin Ho, 3 Margaret Esakoff, 4 Con Zois and number every other box.

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VAN NOORDEN, John

Hi, I'm John van Noorden, and I want to be your voice on our local Council. I would first like to acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land on which we in Glen Eira live; the Boonerwung people of the Kulin Nation. My wife and I are both honest, hard-working people who moved to Glen Eira to live in a home that's close to public transport, great local businesses and restaurants that you can drive to and actually park near, and to be a part of a diverse and thriving community. We feel grateful to live in such a great area, and I'm running for Council because like you, I want to make Glen Eira an even better place to live. I live my life by four fundamental values - dedication, courage, honesty, reflection. I vow to judge issues on their merits and fight hard to represent small businesses. I will be your voice at Council, and help to build a community where everyone has the best opportunity at a happy, healthy, and safe life. If you want a dedicated and honest Council, just vote with your values. Vote for good Council. Vote for positive change. Vote 1 for John van Noorden. If my values align with yours, and you think I'd represent you best, then there are two other great candidates who also deserve your attention. Vote 3 for Tony Athanasopoulos, vote 2 for Dev Oza, and vote 1 for John van Noorden, and then number every other box. Thank you