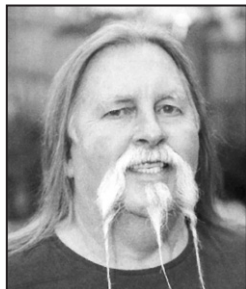


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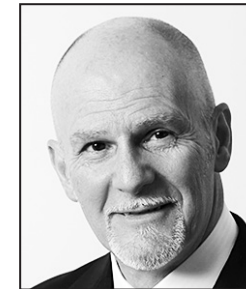
**OSECKAS,
Peter**

I have lived in Geelong my entire life and lived in the Kardinia ward for the last 37 years. I am so proud of the city that Geelong has become, but with progress also comes damage to our natural environment and the increase in a number of human and animal issues. I have decided to stand as a candidate to give back to the community that has been my home for the past 60 years. I am passionate about protecting the environment and in implementing programs that will see areas such as the Barwon River return to its natural health. I would like to see community share of power resources and increased investment into renewable energy. There is a need to address the concerning treatment of animals in our local area, this includes lack of funding for our rescue centres, but also duck hunting, greyhound racing, puppy farms, the use of 1080 poison and the culling of Australian wildlife. Another area I feel strongly about is education. We need to educate the younger generations to be ambitious and dream big for their future, and ensure we provide the programs and resources that enable them to get there.



**NELSON,
Ron**

I love Geelong, where I have lived and worked for over 40 years. I will fight for Council to deliver core responsibilities: free hard rubbish collection and tip vouchers; fixing roads and potholes; making our community safer; and improving our sporting clubs and community facilities - the heartbeat of our neighbourhoods. Recently I led the fight to save Highton Library and promise to keep our local libraries open. We need a long-term vision to be a clever, cultural and innovative destination. A place that's great for families and provides more jobs through growing local business and attracting more organisations to Geelong. This is achievable by keeping rates low and implementing streamlined and sensitive planning. I have a long history of successfully advocating for fellow residents and local businesses, and I am currently working for people with disabilities. I am proud to support many local sporting clubs and many local charities. In the last year, I am the only candidate who has rallied and advocated for the community regarding Administrators decisions on library closures, questionable budget reporting, planning decisions and drainage protection measures. I promise to work tirelessly for you and respectfully request you Vote 1 Ron Nelson (www.ronnelson.com.au 0429 531 875).



**MANN,
Doug**

The Clever and Creative Future policy is the most consultative document ever produced in Geelong. I support it as a blueprint for our future and thousands of Geelong people agree. It is a plan for a city that works for people. A prosperous, smart, vibrant place where all that is great about the region can thrive around a city that pulses with life: arts, culture, food, natural beauty. A place that will attract the brightest and best to live here. A responsibly led and informed community can do this. It's already happening elsewhere, so why not Geelong? There are prerequisites, of course. First, we must reject the Old Geelong where division along political lines brought paralysis and worse. Next we ensure that the people continue to have their say, Council is accessible and decision-making well informed. Then we ensure a united front on seeing through excellent policy such as the One Planet Living framework. With wise planning, infrastructure can be fixed, people can be helped. And we can prosper. So, why not, Geelong! As a successful creative professional I have the experience and drive to help make this happen. Vote 1 Doug Mann. Vision, Leadership, Integrity, [#dougmann4geelong](https://twitter.com/dougmann4geelong).



**KENNEDY,
Norman**

I have moved to Geelong to live in the most important and exciting Regional City in Victoria. I want to be part of a Council that attracts new industry to provide employment for a growing population, while also encouraging more housing using sensitive planning controls that don't spoil the environment for existing residents. As a new face, I am unaligned to factions from the former Council and bring a fresh perspective to issues. I am passionate about local government and bring a depth of experience of working in the community and not-for-profit sectors. My experience as a Councillor and Mayor in the initial term of the Glen Eira Council following commissioners is relevant. My community roles have included at RMIT on Student Council and RMIT Council, also President of the Elsternwick Rotary Club. Roles as Treasurer of the Royal Society of Victoria, Board Member Local Authorities (Vision) Superannuation Board. As a professional Engineer, I worked for over 24 years in managerial roles with Telstra including in Saudi Arabia. I currently work for the State Government. Through all these activities I have learnt to listen and to work cooperatively and respectfully with people from various backgrounds and experience.



**MURNANE,
Pat**

I have lived in the Kardinia Ward for the past 40 years with my wife Marilyn, raising four children all of whom also live in the Geelong area with their families. Given I am an independent candidate with no political ambitions or affiliations, I will enjoy the freedom to focus solely on creating positive outcomes for the residents of the Kardinia Ward and the Geelong region. My vision for the Council is a dedicated group of professionals committed and working as a team to win the respect and support of the community through hard work and informed decision-making. I have built my personal and professional reputation on community engagement. Over the past 20 years I have established 11 community companies in the Geelong region, who are financially contributing to hundreds of community projects. In 2016 I was awarded the Committee for Geelong Leadership Award for outstanding leadership in the Geelong community. As a regional manager leading a staff of 150 people, I believe my extensive business experience - especially my financial expertise - will be a valuable asset to the Council team, as will be the wide network of working relationships I have built in most sectors of Geelong business.



**TAYLOR,
Elliot C.**

I'm a photographer who has lived in Geelong for 10 years now, I have the benefit of seeing this city from an outside perspective. We are a beautiful area, but we need to work to continue to be seen as a friendly, vibrant, animal-friendly place that can compete with the bigger cities. I believe we need to funnel significantly more funds into the Geelong Animal Welfare Society, an organisation that is a real asset to the pet owners of Geelong, but in recent years has been in the red by several hundreds of thousands of dollars. We have also seen a rise in crime in the last year in suburbs all over Kardinia. We need more investment in local community and neighbourhood watch groups that encourage communities to work together to reduce the risk of crime in their area. I want to work in line with the Clever and Creative Future Plan recently published by The City of Geelong to ensure that the Geelong of 30 years in the future is one of the most healthy, educated, eco-friendly and advanced cities in Australia.

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**LYONS-LEE,
Brent**

Like you, I'm a ratepayer. I live in Waurm Ponds with my family and was educated at Christian College. I'm an ordained Baptist Minister and an Australian Labor Party member. I want to make our community an even better place to live by making sure Geelong Council services aren't cut, whilst keeping costs in-check for residents. I'll advocate for better elderly citizens services including proper funding of Home Care and Meals On Wheels, along with making sure childcare and leisure centre fees are affordable. My capital project priorities include facilities upgrades for vital sporting clubs at Grovedale's Burdoo Reserve, Queens Park, Winter and McDonald Reserves in Belmont. I'll lobby to have Barwon Heads Road upgraded. I'll fight to save Highton Library and make sure the Armstrong Creek Library is built. Investment priorities for Grovedale East include a new Children's Hub, upgraded facilities at Barwon Soccer Club and an indoor sports complex built at Brearley Reserve. Residents need a greater say on planning decisions, especially Pokies venue licences. I'm an experienced and trusted community leader and social justice campaigner. I value integrity and I will commit to driving Council to be the transparent, hardworking body the people of Kardinia deserve. facebook.com/brentlyonsleeforkardinia

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**HARWOOD,
Bruce**

Vote 1 Bruce Harwood Time to put a strong experienced voice back on council. I have always put the Geelong community first and will continue to do so. No Political Alliance - never been a member of any political party. Politics has unfortunately been a distraction to many councils. Experience - after 13 years on council, 6 as the Finance portfolio holder, I understand the council's budgets and where the community gets best financial value. I have always been available to listen to the community and act to achieve results. As a former policeman for nearly 28 years and a Company Director for 8 years I have a strong work ethic and broad outlook on our community. Local - I was born and educated in Geelong, heavily engaged in local community sporting clubs, an owner / Director of two local companies and have a strong passion for our environment. My focus will be on local roads receiving urgent treatment, use of our local rubbish as a potential energy source, economic & tourism opportunities including a Conference Convention Centre and bio technology business and sustainable environmental policies especially for our waterways. Follow me at Facebook/Bruce.KardiniaWard. Vote 1 Bruce Harwood. Community First.

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**NEWMAN,
Lois**

I'm a university student and I'm passionate about helping our beautiful community grow stronger. I want to be part of a council that ensures everyone enjoys living in our area, where the community and local environment is put first. I also feel particularly inspired to be a voice for other young people. I love that we can quickly access the beach and the bush, which I want to protect. I'm standing with the Greens because we have a shared commitment to integrity and working in the best interests of the community. My key areas of focus include: (1) improving public transport, cycling and walking routes; (2) ensuring development is fair and transparent as our population grows; (3) supporting local businesses and creative projects; (4) saving local libraries; (5) protecting our environmental assets, and (6) ensuring youth have access to engaging activities. For more information, visit: <https://greens.org.au/candidate/vic/lois-newman>. Let me know what's important to you at lois.newman@vic.greens.org.au or 0490875213. Vote [1] Lois Newman for a strong voice of integrity for our community.

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**HAUENSTEIN,
Darren**

Hello, my name is Darren Hauenstein, I am nominating for Council as a lifetime Geelong resident and contributor to the growth of our community. My wife Nicole, our three children and I love Geelong. I strongly believe in the values of respect, trust and integrity; I have demonstrated these values throughout my professional career and long-term role as President of the South Barwon Cricket Club. I am an independent candidate, so have no political agenda and can be counted on to play my role in the best interests of the community. My management skills developed as an IT professional over 20 years with Target Australia and personal commitment to protecting and enhancing our regional assets position me ideally as a candidate for election. After the previous council was stood down it is important that the new Council provides stability and reliability, my career proves this is how I operate. My community involvement has shown that I treat people with respect from all levels so will work with the community for the best solution and not for personal rewards. I have a strong team orientated work ethic and am really focussed on getting the job done. Vote 1 - Darren Hauenstein!

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**WALKER,
Mary**

I am a lifetime citizen of Geelong with a strong local voice, and a commitment to see Geelong grow and prosper and continue to be a community working together to make our home town "safer and Greater". An ex school teacher, journalist and director of festivals and theatre productions I am well known in Geelong and am the recipient of the Regional Victorian of the year Award for services to my community. I am committed, to a safe city and will fight hard to secure an adequate police force, security lighting and cameras. Services to the elderly, and adequate child care are essentials as well as the basic areas of road and street maintenance along with attention to the "housekeeping" of public buildings and amenities. Council must listen to its citizens, and I will always be available by phone, internet and with personal interviews if required. For a dedicated, energetic, sincere voice on Council. Vote 1 Mary Walker.