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## Monash City Council

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# Letter of Transmittal

19 April 2021

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Dear Dr Diamond

Pursuant to Regulation 83 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020, I submit this report to the Chief Executive Officer of Monash City Council on the general election held in October 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warwick Gately'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'W' and 'G'.

**Warwick Gately AM**  
Electoral Commissioner

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## Introduction

The Victorian local government general elections are held every four years as defined by the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) (**LG Act**). In 2020, general elections were held for 76 of the 79 Victorian councils<sup>1</sup> with Saturday 24 October marking election day. In accordance with section 263(1) of the LG Act, the Victorian Electoral Commission (**VEC**) is the statutory election service provider for the conduct of local government elections in Victoria.

This report provides information on the 2020 Monash City Council general election including details of the end-to-end service delivery of electoral activities throughout the election timeline. This report also provides details of post-election items including compulsory voting enforcement.

### About the Victorian Electoral Commission

The VEC is an independent statutory authority established under the *Electoral Act 2002* (Vic) (**the Electoral Act**). The VEC's principal functions are to conduct State elections, local government elections, certain statutory elections and polls, commercial and community elections, and to support electoral representation processes for local councils and the Electoral Boundaries Commission for State electoral boundaries. The VEC is also responsible for maintaining the Victorian register of electors and administering political funding and donation disclosure laws. The VEC has a mandated role to conduct electoral research, provide communication and education services, and inform and engage Victorians in the democratic process.

Warwick Gately AM is the appointed Electoral Commissioner and Liz Williams is the appointed Deputy Electoral Commissioner. The Electoral Commissioner and Deputy Electoral Commissioner report to the Victorian Parliament in relation to the VEC's operations and activities.

The Electoral Commissioner heads the VEC's Executive Management Group that comprises the Deputy Electoral Commissioner, the Executive Director, Corporate Services and seven Directors, each leading the main functional areas of the VEC. Each Director acts as subject matter experts within their legislative responsibilities under the LG Act and the Electoral Act.

The VEC has a dedicated local government election program which is managed by Katrina Collins and incorporates a range of programs, projects and activities that are supported through strategic planning, project management, and process mapping. The program is overseen by the VEC's Planning Group and has sponsorship from the Executive Management Group.

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<sup>1</sup> The South Gippsland Shire Council was placed into administration in mid-2019. The Council's general election has been postponed until October 2021. Casey City Council and Whittlesea City Council were placed into

administration in early 2020. The Councils' general elections have been postponed until October 2024.

# Key changes

## Changes in legislation

The new LG Act received royal assent on 24 March 2020 and introduced a number of changes, some requiring immediate implementation and others to be implemented progressively. Those requiring immediate implementation had a significant impact on the 2020 local government election program.

Following the LG Act completing its passage through Parliament, the VEC implemented the necessary changes to the 2020 local government election program in response to the reforms as they applied to the elections.

### The key changes from the LG Act are as follows:

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Local government electoral structures | <p>The default electoral structure for all local councils is single-councillor wards, although some regional and rural local councils may be unsubdivided or divided into wards with equal numbers of councillors in each ward.</p> <p>The VEC is no longer responsible for conducting electoral representation reviews of all local councils in Victoria.</p> <p>An independent Local Government Electoral Representation Advisory Panel will review council electoral structures. The panel includes the Electoral Commissioner and other members appointed by the Minister for Local Government.</p> |
| Voting system                         | <p>The voting system (attendance or postal) is set by the Minister for Local Government.</p> <p>All local council elections are conducted according to the same voting system.</p>  |
| Enrolment and voters' rolls           | <p>Non-resident property owners need to apply to be enrolled (this change will be implemented in stages leading up to the 2024 local government elections).</p> <p>Amendments to the voters' roll are completed by the VEC only (excluding Melbourne City Council).</p>   |
| Candidate qualifications              | <p>It is compulsory for local government candidates to complete mandatory training prior to nominating for local government elections.</p>  |
| Nominations/candidate statements      | <p>When nominating, candidates are required to declare they have completed the mandatory Local Government Candidate Training.</p> <p>The maximum number of words for a candidate statement was increased to 300 (350 for the Melbourne City Council Leadership Team and Councillor Groups).</p>   |
| Election staff                        | <p>The term 'Election Manager' replaced 'Returning Officer' making the term consistent with the <i>Electoral Act 2002</i>.</p>  |
| Extraordinary vacancies               | <p>The VEC will fix the timeline for local council by-elections (previously fixed by the Minister).</p> <p>Changes to the countback process which now draws on a broader pool of ballot papers to determine the successful candidate at a countback.</p>  |
| Compulsory voting                     | <p>From the 2024 local government general elections onwards, it will be compulsory for everyone enrolled on a voters' roll to vote.</p>   |

The LG Act made other changes to the local government electoral landscape, including:

- operational and technical provisions for electoral matters are now prescribed in the Regulations rather than being contained in the LG Act.
- disputed election results are now heard by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (**VCAT**).

On 8 May 2020, the Minister determined<sup>2</sup> all of the 2020 general elections would be held by postal voting. As such, the VEC adjusted preparations in response to the Minister's determination.

In addition, new Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 (**the Regulations**) came into operation on 13 July 2020.

### **Response to public health crisis: Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

In response to the coronavirus (**COVID-19**) global pandemic, a State of Emergency was declared in Victoria on 16 March 2020. While the VEC was well advanced in planning for the elections, some uncertainty arose due to speculation that the elections could be rescheduled.

Following the Local Government Minister's confirmation on 15 May 2020 that the 2020 local government elections would proceed, the VEC's operating model was adjusted to deliver a compliant election while meeting health, safety, social distancing and hygiene obligations to voters, election staff, councils, candidates and all other stakeholders.

On Wednesday 1 September 2020, the Governor in Council made amendments to the regulations to allow certain provisions to be varied in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the amendments allowed the VEC to determine an appropriate method for eligible candidates to lodge their nomination form and pay their nomination fee electronically; and to allow the Election Manager to determine the maximum number of scrutineers that may be present for any activity at any one time. The amended regulations commenced the day after

they were made and remain in place until 26 April 2021.

On 29 September 2020, the Governor in Council made further changes to the Regulations to provide greater clarity of mitigation options for any disruptions to the voting timeline, including delays across the postal network that could threaten the integrity of the elections. The changes allowed the Electoral Commissioner to alter the last day of voting and/or the extended postal vote receipt deadline if necessary, to maintain and protect election integrity.

The VEC developed a COVIDSafe Election Plan<sup>3</sup> in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services which complemented the VEC's Service Plan. The COVIDSafe Election Plan outlined the VEC's actions and strategies to deliver safe and compliant local government elections.

The plan considered all electoral operations and activities and included changes such as (but not limited to):

- acquiring larger election office spaces to accommodate social distancing practices
- moving operations from face-to-face to online (when legislation permitted), for example:
  - the VEC's briefing meetings with individual councils
  - the candidate information sessions
- modifying the timeline for ballot paper extraction and counting activities
- modifying scrutineer practices.

The VEC acknowledges the collaboration and contributions of council officers in navigating the changes required to the program due to COVID-19.

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<sup>2</sup> The Minister published this decision in the Government Gazette on 18 May 2020

<sup>3</sup> 'VEC COVIDSafe election plan' - <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/publications/local-council-election-reports-and-plans>

## Election dates

**The key timelines that applied to the 2020 local government elections were as follows.**

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|--|--|
| Deadline fixed by the VEC for council primary enrolment data               | Monday 13 July 2020                          |
| Close of roll  | 4 pm Friday 28 August 2020                   |
| Opening of the election office to the public                               | Wednesday 16 September 2020                  |
| Certification of the voters' roll and opening of nominations               | Thursday 17 September 2020                   |
| Close of nominations   | 12 noon Tuesday 22 September 2020            |
| *Ballot draw   | From 1 pm on Tuesday 22 September 2020       |
| *Deadline for lodging candidate statements, photographs and questionnaires | 12 noon Wednesday 23 September 2020          |
| *General mail out of ballot packs to voters                                | Tuesday 6 October to Thursday 8 October 2020 |
| *Close of voting   | 6 pm Friday 23 October 2020                  |
| Day prescribed as Election Day   | Saturday 24 October 2020                     |
| *Close of extended postal vote receipt period                              | 12 noon Friday 30 October 2020               |
| Declaration of election results  | No later than Friday 13 November 2020        |

\*Dates with asterisks relate to contested elections only.



## About Monash City Council

Monash City Council is comprised of 11 councillors elected from one two-councillor ward and three three-councillor wards.

The internal boundaries of Monash City Council were last reviewed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* through a subdivision review in April 2020.



**Figure 1:** The electoral structure of Monash City Council at the general election held on 24 October 2020.

## Voters' roll

The VEC prepared the voters' roll for the election under section 8(2)(c) of the Electoral Act and in accordance with section 249 of the LG Act. The close of roll for the election was 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020. Pursuant to section 249(4) of the LG Act, the VEC certified the voters' roll on Thursday 17 September 2020.

At certification, the voters' roll for the 2020 Monash City Council general election included 120,823 enrolled voters.

## Composition of the voters' roll

The LG Act specifies that the voters' roll for a local government election is formed by combining two separate lists of voters.

1. The Electoral Commissioner's list (EC list) – List of State electors that are enrolled within that local government area.
2. The Chief Executive Officer's list (CEO list) – List of council-entitled voters.

Refer to **Appendix 1** for a breakdown of the Monash City Council general election voters' roll.

## Amendments to the voters' roll

In accordance with section 250 of the LG Act, the VEC is able to amend any error or omission in the preparation, printing or copying of the voters' roll, or correct any misnomer or inaccurate description of any person, place or thing on the voters' roll. Following the passage of the LG Act, amendments to the voters' roll are to be certified by the VEC. All voters added to the roll were issued with a ballot pack. Where a voter was deleted from the roll after the mail-out of ballot material, the VEC had systems in place to ensure that returned ballot papers from the deleted voters could be identified and excluded from the extraction and count. Where roll amendments were required, the total number of voters on the roll was updated.

Following the close of roll, the VEC made two amendments to the voters' roll, no additions and two deletions.

# Advertising and communication campaign

## State-wide advertising

The VEC delivered a state-wide advertising campaign to maximise public awareness and participation amongst all eligible voters. Campaign activities and consistent messaging were delivered across two phases – enrolment and voting – and through multiple traditional and emerging mediums, including radio, digital and social media, and offline/outdoor advertising.

## Statutory advertising

The VEC published a series of statutory notices throughout the election as required by the LG Act. The notices included critical information relevant to each milestone of the election timeline.

It is acknowledged that for the 2020 general election, Monash City Council nominated newspapers for the statutory notices however those nominated newspapers ceased circulation during the election period. Following this notification, Monash City Council nominated the following newspaper for the statutory notices to appear in:

- The Age.

In 2020, the VEC established a new policy position for statutory advertising in alignment with the updated definition of ‘publish’ in the LG Act. The policy position included the following:

- all statutory and non-statutory election advertising would be published on the VEC website, and
- where available, all statutory and non-statutory election advertising would be published in local newspapers and/or other selected newspapers identified following consultation with the council.

Refer to **Appendix 2** for further information in relation to the statutory advertising.

## VEC website

The VEC provided council specific information regarding the election on its website under the ‘2020 local council election’ page. The VEC website went live for the local government elections in early August 2020. Whilst some council specific data remained static during the election, the website was regularly updated with content relevant to the election and at each key milestone such as close of roll, nominations, voting and results.

## Media liaison

An online media webinar was held on Friday 21 August 2020. The webinar could be downloaded or accessed at a later time for those who were unable to participate live. The media briefing summarised the planning and timeline for the 2020 local government elections, and also provided a specific update in relation to the availability of election results in light of COVID-19.

Media outlets were provided with a media information booklet that outlined the election timeline and key messages, and provided the VEC’s head office media contacts. The VEC’s communication team supported each Election Manager as the primary media spokesperson in relation to each election.

The VEC’s media liaison program principally featured staged media releases aimed to highlight key milestones during the election timeline, and capitalise on existing general news coverage. More information on the VEC’s media release schedule is available at **Appendix 3**.

## Social media campaign

As part of its state-wide advertising campaign, the VEC used paid promotions on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat and WeChat, targeting voters through audience segmentation.

This advertising was supported by a defined timeline of organic social media posts on the VEC's channels, designed to cover each of the key messages of the communication campaign to further extend the reach to the community and promote conversation about the democratic process.

## VEC VoterAlert advisories

Electors on the State enrolment register are able to sign up to the VEC's free SMS or email alert service VoterAlert, to receive reminder messages pertinent to elections that affect them. They can subscribe to receive SMS messages only, email only, or both SMS and email.

During the general election, the VEC used its VoterAlert service to send the following direct messages to those State-enrolled voters on the roll for the election.

The messages were rolled out in the following schedule:

Wednesday 19 August to Wednesday 26 August 2020 – 84,416 VoterAlert messages were sent by SMS and email reminding voters to enrol or update their details by the close of roll.

Friday 9 October to Friday 13 October 2020 – 85,634 VoterAlert messages were sent by SMS and email advising that the VEC had commenced posting ballot packs.

In mid-October, the VEC commenced sending its final VoterAlert – a reminder to post ballot packs by the voting deadline. Whilst approximately 900,000 of the 1.8 million voters scheduled to receive an alert were contacted it was identified that an unanticipated high volume of calls was received by both the VEC and councils as a result of the alert. Therefore the VEC suspended the VoterAlert messages scheduled for the remaining 900,000 voters.

More information on the VEC's VoterAlert advisories is available at **Appendix 4**.

## Voter engagement

The VEC delivered an extensive voter engagement program. The program sessions were implemented throughout Victoria and were specific to local demographics. Please refer to **Appendix 5** to view the full list of initiatives for the 2020 local government elections. Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the VEC's programs traditionally offered through face-to-face education and engagement were redesigned to comply with health, safety, social distancing and hygiene obligations.

## Blind and low vision services

Braille and large print ballot material was available to blind and low vision voters who had registered for these products by 5 pm on Tuesday 15 September 2020.

The VEC received and processed four requests for braille ballot material and six requests for large print ballot material for Monash City Council.

## Interpreting services

The VEC engaged the Victorian Interpreting and Language Services' Language Link to provide a telephone interpreting service for telephone enquiries from voters who had a first language other than English. The VEC advertised direct lines for 20 languages other than English and a general line for all other languages.

## Telephone enquiry service

A local telephone enquiry service was provided at the election office from Wednesday 16 September 2020 until the close of voting, for enquiries regarding the election.

The local telephone enquiry service was supplemented by an overflow call centre at the VEC's head office. The overflow call centre received calls made directly to the VEC's head office line (131 VEC, 131 832 or +61 3 8620 1100 for callers outside of Australia) and diverted calls from the election office when the election office lines were at capacity. Additionally, email enquiries were received and processed through [info@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@vec.vic.gov.au).

The types of calls that are typical during an election relate to:

- voting entitlements and compulsory voting obligations
- enrolment questions
- ballot pack had not been received
- ballot material was spoiled or destroyed, so replacement ballot material was required
- a voter advising that they were overseas or interstate
- queries regarding the content of the ballot pack.

A breakdown of the daily number of calls received by the telephone enquiry service and the overflow call centre in respect to the election is available at **Appendix 6**.

## Election Manager

The VEC maintains a pool of trained senior election officials located across the state to fill election management roles for State and local government elections. Election-specific training is provided to senior election officials prior to each election management appointment.

The size of the election management team appointed for the conduct of an election is based on the size of the council. As required under the LG Act an Election Manager is appointed to conduct the election and is supported by one or more Assistant Election Managers for larger councils, or a senior election official for smaller councils.

In accordance with section 3 of the LG Act, the Electoral Commissioner appointed Bill Kennedy as the Election Manager for the 2020 Monash City Council general election.

The appointed Assistant Election Managers were John Morgan and Thye-Seng Teh.

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<sup>4</sup> VEC 2020 Determination No.1 - Nominations from candidates impacted by COVID-19 Public Health Directions in respect to local government elections -

## Election office

The Election Manager was responsible for the establishment and management of the election office located at the Monash Seminar and Training Centre, 1A Atherton Road, Oakleigh. The election office was provided by the council.

In accordance with the VEC's COVIDSafe election plan, the election office was open to the public by appointment only. The election office was available for appointments from Wednesday 16 September until Friday 23 October 2020 between 9 am and 5 pm. Opening hours were extended on Thursday 22 October (9 am to 8 pm) and Friday 23 October (9 am to 6 pm) to allow for final enquiries and the hand-delivery of ballots prior to the close of voting. Enquiries regarding the election were also managed by phone.

## Candidates

Nominations for the election opened at 9 am on Thursday 17 September and closed at 12 noon on Tuesday 22 September 2020. Candidates were required to lodge their nomination forms in person at the election office. A \$250 nomination fee applied.

On Wednesday 9 September 2020, the Electoral Commissioner published a determination<sup>4</sup> establishing a framework for prospective candidates who were prevented from attending the election office due to health directions regarding COVID-19 under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*. The determination outlined provisions for electronic lodgement of the nomination form and nomination fee for affected candidates.

### Candidate information

The VEC developed a suite of resources that were accessible to prospective candidates prior to the nomination period. From early September, candidates were able to access the VEC's information about the process of nominating and becoming a candidate for the election. The VEC's online *Candidate Helper*,

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/legislation/determinations>

accessible via the VEC website, went live on Thursday 3 September 2020. The *Candidate Helper* enabled candidates to pre-complete their nomination form and other forms online before lodging them with the Election Manager.

For the 2020 elections, the VEC's candidate information session was recorded and available for online streaming from the VEC website. The session was complemented by three state-wide interactive seminars consisting of a panel from the VEC's leadership and executive teams.

## Nominations

At the close of nominations, 50 candidates had nominated for election to council.

The following is a breakdown of candidate nominations per ward:

- Glen Waverley Ward - nine nominations
- Mount Waverley Ward - 12 nominations
- Mulgrave Ward - 15 nominations
- Oakleigh Ward - 14 nominations.

Ballot draws to determine the order in which the names would appear on the ballot paper were held at the election office following the close of nominations using the VEC's computerised ballot draw application. See **Appendix 7** for the list of candidates in ballot draw order.

## Candidate statements and photos

In accordance with Regulation 39 of the Regulations, candidates were able to lodge a 300 word statement and submit a recent photograph for inclusion in the ballot packs sent to voters. The deadline for the submission of candidate statements and photographs was 12 noon on Wednesday 23 September 2020.

See **Appendix 7.1** for a breakdown of submitted statements and photos, and **7.2** for the sample website version product.

## Candidate questionnaires

In accordance with Regulation 43 of the Regulations, candidates were able to complete and lodge their answers to a set of prescribed questions in addition to a statement and photograph. The Election Manager accepted questionnaire submissions lodged by all candidates at the election.

The completed questionnaires were accessible to voters on the VEC website or by contacting the election office.

## Voting

### Redirection of ballot packs

The Regulations provide that a voter may – no later than the day the roll is certified (or a later date if specified by the Election Manager under Regulation 22(2)(f) of the Regulations) – make a request in writing to the Election Manager to have their postal ballot envelope redirected to another address. For the 2020 elections voters had until Thursday 17 September to submit requests for redirection.

The Election Manager received 29 requests for redirection of ballot packs for the election.

### Early votes

A voter may request an early postal ballot envelope (early vote) prior to the general mail out of ballot packs. The Election Manager processes the request and issues the early vote if the request is assessed as reasonable. Requests for early votes could be processed from Wednesday 23 September 2020, the day after nominations closed, until the commencement of the general mail out of ballot packs on Tuesday 6 October 2020. Due to the timing of early votes, some early voters may not have had access to the candidate statements, photographs or questionnaires.

Due to the impact that COVID-19 restrictions had on election services for the 2020 elections, requests for early votes were managed by appointment.

The Election Manager did not receive any early vote requests for the election.

## Mail-out of ballot packs

The VEC mailed 120,821 ballot packs between Tuesday 6 October and Thursday 8 October 2020. See **Appendix 8** for a breakdown of the packs mailed out on each day during the general mail-out noting that ballot packs were not mailed to any voters that had passed away between the close of the roll and generation of the mail-out file.

This included 29 ballot packs that were redirected to alternative addresses for voters that had applied to redirect their ballot pack by Thursday 17 September 2020.

In accordance with Regulation 49(3) of the Regulations, no more than 35% of ballot packs were mailed or delivered to voters on any one day during the mail out period. All ballot packs were lodged with Australia Post under the priority paid delivery timetable.

The VEC liaised closely with Australia Post during the mail out period to confirm that ballot packs had been delivered to voters. The VEC received confirmation that all ballot packs had been delivered to delivery addresses by Wednesday 14 October 2020.

During the voting period, 1,782 ballot packs were returned to the election office by Australia Post as return-to-sender mail. Most of this mail was due to the addressee not residing at the address.

## Election office counter services

In order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of voters and VEC personnel in the COVID-19 environment, the VEC did not provide an over-the-counter replacement or unenrolled vote service at election offices in the Metropolitan Melbourne region (including Mitchell Shire Council) for the elections. Similar restrictions were initially imposed on election offices in Regional Victoria and were relaxed in the final weeks of voting. Voters were advised to request replacement or unenrolled ballot material by phone, which was sent to them by post.

## Unenrolled votes

Unenrolled votes are issued to people whose name cannot be found on the voters' roll but who claim they are entitled to vote at the election. The unenrolled ballot pack includes a declaration that is signed by the applicant and assessed by the Election Manager prior to either admitting or disallowing the vote.

The Election Manager issued 15 unenrolled votes, none of which were admitted to the count following relevant checks.

## Replacement ballot packs

Following the general mail-out of ballot packs, a voter who claimed that their ballot pack had not been received, or had been lost, spoiled or destroyed, could apply to the Election Manager for a replacement ballot pack. Requests for replacement ballot packs within metropolitan councils were processed and fulfilled at the election office then lodged at the local postal facility. In order to assist in the mail turnaround time for regional councils, the VEC established a centralised postal vote issuing service at head office. Replacement vote requests were processed at the election office and fulfilled and lodged with Australia Post from the VEC in Melbourne.

The Election Manager issued 1,808 replacement ballot packs across all wards during the voting period. Please refer to **Schedule 1** for further information on replacement ballot packs issued.

## Return of ballot paper envelopes

Voters were provided with a priority reply-paid envelope for the return of their ballot paper envelope containing their completed ballot paper. The return mail was delivered to the election office from local postal facilities or mail distribution centres. Voters who chose to hand-deliver their vote to the election office were able to do so by placing their ballot paper envelope containing their completed ballot paper into ballot boxes located at the election office. The ballot boxes allowed voters to drop off their ballot envelopes without interaction with staff, therefore remaining compliant with a COVIDSafe election<sup>5</sup>.

As ballot paper envelopes were returned, they were progressively checked by the election management team to ensure they had been signed by the voter. Additionally, processes were in place to ensure that only one returned ballot from any one voter could proceed to the extraction and count.

The Election Manager received a total of 85,611 returned ballot paper envelopes across all wards by the close of voting at 6 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.

The Regulations provide that the Election Manager can accept returned ballot paper envelopes up until 12 noon on the Friday following the close of voting, if satisfied that the ballot paper envelope was completed by the voter prior to the close of voting. The Election Manager accepted 18,902 ballot paper envelopes across all wards during the extended postal vote receipt period.

The total returned ballot paper envelopes for Monash City Council was 104,513.

The Election Manager set aside 2,200 returned ballot paper envelopes that were not admitted to the extraction and counting process due to the voter not having signed the declaration envelope or, in the case of unenrolled declaration votes, an entitlement was not found for the person, or the declaration envelope was not returned with the vote.

Refer to **Schedule 1** for the total certified record of ballot papers and declaration envelopes across all wards.

## Results

### Extraction

A total of 102,313 ballot paper envelopes were admitted to the extraction process.

The extraction of ballot papers occurred at the Southern Community Centre, 27 Rupert Drive, Mulgrave commencing on Monday 26 October. The extraction of all admitted ballot paper envelopes was completed on Monday 2 November, following the close of the extended postal vote receipt period.

The extraction process involved separating the declaration flaps containing voters' details from each admitted ballot paper envelope, and then extracting the ballot papers from the envelopes. This two-stage process maintains anonymity and ensures the number of envelopes is tracked for ongoing reconciliation.

Any returned ballot paper envelopes found not to contain a ballot paper, or that contained more than one ballot paper, were required to be rejected and could not be counted. There were 224 returned ballot paper envelopes rejected during the extraction activity.

Following the extraction of ballot papers from the ballot paper envelopes, a total of 102,089 ballot papers proceeded to the count.

### Computer count

Following the extraction of ballot papers admitted to the count for Monash City Council, preferences on ballot papers were data entered into the VEC's computer counting application at Sandown Park Racecourse, 591-659 Princes Hwy, Springvale. The application distributes preferences using the proportional representation method once data entry of ballot paper preferences is complete. The computer count information session explaining the process was recorded and available for

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<sup>5</sup> 'VEC COVIDSafe election plan' - <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/publications/local-council-election-reports-and-plans>

online streaming from the VEC website from Monday 19 October 2020. Results were calculated at the election office on Thursday 5 November 2020.

The provisional results were published to the VEC website as they became available. Results were updated as finalised<sup>6</sup> once declarations had taken place.

For a breakdown of the first preference results by ward, refer to **Appendix 9**.

## Recounts

At any time before a candidate is declared as elected, a recount may be initiated by the Election Manager or requested in writing by a candidate stating the reasons for their request. Such requests are assessed by the Election Manager supported by the VEC and either accepted or declined.

The Election Manager received one request for a recount for Glen Waverley Ward and one request for a recount for Mulgrave Ward. These requests were declined due to the lack of existence of critical margins or exclusions.

## Declaration of results

The declaration of results was scheduled later than at previous elections, due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on extraction and counting timelines. As per the Service Plan, the latest date for all results declarations to have been completed was Friday 13 November 2020.

The results of the 2020 Monash City Council general election were declared at 12 noon on Thursday 5 November 2020 at the Election Office, Monash Seminar and Training Centre, 1A Atherton Rd, Oakleigh.

The VEC website was updated following the declaration to reflect the elected candidates from the election.

# Election statistics

## Participation

Participation is measured by the number of marks on the roll as a percentage of the total enrolment and can vary from turnout. The overall participation rate in the Monash City Council election was 86.21%, which is higher than the State average of 84.12% (excluding Melbourne City Council) and higher than the 78.66% rate at the 2016 Monash City Council general election.

Analysis of voter participation for the different enrolment categories shows that participation is higher for voters who are enrolled on the EC's List (88.32%) compared to voters enrolled on the CEO's List (59.12%).

Refer to **Appendix 10** for further information on participation, including a breakdown by enrolment category.

## Turnout

Voter turnout is measured by the number of formal and informal ballot papers counted in the election as a percentage of voters on the voters' roll for the election.

The overall voter turnout for the 2020 Monash City Council general election was 84.49%. This is compared to the State average turnout of 81.47% (excluding Melbourne City Council). The voter turnout at the 2016 general election for council was 77.69%.

## Informality

The overall informal voting rate recorded at the 2020 Monash City Council general election was 4.98%, compared with the State average of 4.76%. An informality rate of 7.76% was recorded at the Monash City Council general election held in October 2016.

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<sup>6</sup> A preference distribution report can be found at [2020 council election results | Victorian Electoral Commission \(vec.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.VEC.vic.gov.au/council-election-results).



## Complaints

### Type of complaints

At local government elections, complaints generally fall into two broad categories:

#### 1. The conduct of participants in the election.

Complaints about the conduct of candidates and other participants in the election, at times alleging a breach of the LG Act or local laws.

#### 2. The administration of the election.

Complaints about the conduct of the election and services to voters.

The majority of complaints at the 2020 local government elections related to category one, often where the complainant alleged inappropriate or illegal action by another person or group associated with the election.

### Complaints process

The VEC operates a streamlined complaints process during elections, developed in consultation with local councils and enforcement agencies. The process requires complaints to be lodged in writing, and they are then processed through the VEC's head office. For the 2020 local government elections, customers were able to provide feedback and complaints through an online submission form on the VEC's website.

Each complaint is evaluated and an appropriate course of action is determined. Complaints alleging a breach of the LG Act, for example, are forwarded to the Local Government Inspectorate (LGI). Complaints relating to local laws are referred to council. Complaints about the VEC's services or the behaviour or actions of VEC staff and election officials are the responsibility of the VEC. In these cases, the VEC investigates the matter and determines the most appropriate response. The VEC committed to responding to each complaint within five working days, however due to the unanticipated high volume of complaints received this extended in some instances.

### Complaints received

The VEC received 42 written complaints relating to the election for Monash City Council. Please see **Appendix 11** for a description of complaints received by the VEC.

## Post-election activities

### Storage of election material

All records from the election will be kept by the VEC safely and secretly in accordance with Regulation 79 of the Regulations.

### Refund of nomination fees

Nomination fees were refunded to eligible candidates on Thursday 10 December 2020. Eligible candidates included elected candidates or those who received at least 4% of the first preference vote. Any forfeited nomination fees were remitted to Council on 10 December 2020.

### Courts and tribunals

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) is responsible for hearing disputes on the validity of an election under section 311 of the LG Act.

Applications for a review of the declaration of the results of an election must be lodged within 14 days of the election and can be made by a candidate in the election, 10 persons who were entitled to vote at the election, or the VEC.

There were no applications to the VCAT disputing the result of the Monash City Council general election.

## Non-voter follow up

In accordance with section 267 of the LG Act, the VEC has commenced its compulsory voting enforcement program. Any person who was required to vote at the election and failed to vote will be issued with an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice. Apparent non-voters have 28 days in which to respond.

People who do not respond to that notice, or do not provide a satisfactory response to the notice, may be issued with an Infringement Notice that will incur a penalty. Further follow-up by way of a Penalty Reminder Notice may also take place – this stage includes the original penalty and a Penalty Reminder Notice fee. Penalties collected on behalf of council will be reimbursed at the end of the Infringement and Penalty Reminder Notice stages.

Additionally, during the Infringement and Penalty Reminder Notice stages, non-voters may request for their matter to proceed directly to the Magistrates' Court.

Any such requests will be actioned at the conclusion of the Infringement and Penalty Reminder Notice stages. The VEC will lodge the file of any remaining non-voters with Fines Victoria at the conclusion of the Penalty Reminder Notice stage.

## Evaluating the VEC's services

The VEC is committed to providing high quality election services to its local government clients. Through the VEC's formal feedback and debriefing program, the VEC is able to gauge its performance and seek advice for future local government election projects.

### Feedback from councils

The VEC invited feedback from councils on its services in December 2020. Additional feedback can be provided to the Program Manager for Local Government elections by emailing [LGProgram2020@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:LGProgram2020@vec.vic.gov.au).

### Internal debriefing program

After every electoral event, the VEC conducts an internal debriefing program which includes input from all areas across the VEC's workforce. Internal debriefing following the local government elections commenced in December 2020. In due course, the VEC will publish a consolidated report on its performance and key statistics from the elections. This report will be tabled in Parliament and available on the VEC website.

## Schedule 1: Record of ballot papers and declaration envelopes

### Monash City Council Glen Waverley Ward election

#### BALLOT PAPERS PRINTED

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Victorian Electoral Commission | 26,500        |
| Election Manager               | 6             |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>26,506</b> |

#### BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| General mail out             | 23,068        |
| Early and replacement votes  | 346           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes | 3             |
| Spoilt                       | 0             |
| <b>Sub total</b>             | <b>23,417</b> |
| Unused                       | 3,089         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>26,506</b> |

#### DECLARATIONS RETURNED

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| General mail out admitted to the extraction             | 20,031        |
| Early and replacement votes admitted to the extraction  | 181           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes admitted to the extraction | 0             |
| Returned declarations unable to admit to the extraction | 343           |
| Declarations returned to sender                         | 301           |
| <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>20,856</b> |
| Declarations not returned                               | 2,561         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>23,417</b> |

## Monash City Council Mount Waverley Ward election

### BALLOT PAPERS PRINTED

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Victorian Electoral Commission | 35,500        |
| Election Manager               | 6             |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>35,506</b> |

### BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| General mail out             | 31,442        |
| Early and replacement votes  | 435           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes | 5             |
| Spoilt                       | 0             |
| <b>Sub total</b>             | <b>31,882</b> |
| Unused                       | 3,624         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>35,506</b> |

### DECLARATIONS RETURNED

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| General mail out admitted to the extraction             | 26,419        |
| Early and replacement votes admitted to the extraction  | 247           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes admitted to the extraction | 0             |
| Returned declarations unable to admit to the extraction | 576           |
| Declarations returned to sender                         | 458           |
| <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>27,700</b> |
| Declarations not returned                               | 4,182         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>31,882</b> |

## Monash City Council Mulgrave Ward election

### BALLOT PAPERS PRINTED

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Victorian Electoral Commission | 35,500        |
| Election Manager               | 6             |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>35,506</b> |

### BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| General mail out             | 30,962        |
| Early and replacement votes  | 392           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes | 4             |
| Spoilt                       | 0             |
| <b>Sub total</b>             | <b>31,358</b> |
| Unused                       | 4,148         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>35,506</b> |

### DECLARATIONS RETURNED

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| General mail out admitted to the extraction             | 26,671        |
| Early and replacement votes admitted to the extraction  | 250           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes admitted to the extraction | 0             |
| Returned declarations unable to admit to the extraction | 599           |
| Declarations returned to sender                         | 333           |
| <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>27,853</b> |
| Declarations not returned                               | 3,505         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>31,358</b> |

## Monash City Council Oakleigh Ward election

### BALLOT PAPERS PRINTED

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Victorian Electoral Commission | 39,500        |
| Election Manager               | 6             |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>39,506</b> |

### BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| General mail out             | 35,349        |
| Early and replacement votes  | 635           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes | 3             |
| Spoilt                       | 0             |
| <b>Sub total</b>             | <b>35,987</b> |
| Unused                       | 3,519         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>39,506</b> |

### DECLARATIONS RETURNED

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| General mail out admitted to the extraction             | 28,162        |
| Early and replacement votes admitted to the extraction  | 352           |
| Unenrolled declaration votes admitted to the extraction | 0             |
| Returned declarations unable to admit to the extraction | 682           |
| Declarations returned to sender                         | 690           |
| <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>29,886</b> |
| Declarations not returned                               | 6,101         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>35,987</b> |

## Schedule 2: Certification statement

In accordance with Regulation 77, I certify that Schedule 1 of this report on the conduct of the 2020 Monash City Council local government election is a true and correct account of the number of ballot papers issued, returned and not used in this election and declarations not returned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Warwick Gately AM". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'W' and 'G'.

Warwick Gately AM  
Electoral Commissioner

## Appendix 1: Breakdown of the voters' roll

### Monash City Council

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 241 of the LG Act      | 112,112        |
| Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 242 – 245 of the LG Act | 8,711          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>120,823</b> |

### Glen Waverley Ward election

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 241 of the LG Act      | 21,845        |
| Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 242 – 245 of the LG Act | 1,223         |
| <b>Glen Waverley Ward election total</b>                                    | <b>23,068</b> |

### Mount Waverley Ward election

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 241 of the LG Act      | 29,547        |
| Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 242 – 245 of the LG Act | 1,896         |
| <b>Mount Waverley Ward election total</b>                                   | <b>31,443</b> |

### Mulgrave Ward election

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 241 of the LG Act      | 29,754        |
| Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 242 – 245 of the LG Act | 1,208         |
| <b>Mulgrave Ward election total</b>   | <b>30,962</b> |

### Oakleigh Ward election

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Voters enrolled through an entitlement under section 241 of the LG Act      | 30,966        |
| Voters enrolled through entitlements under sections 242 – 245 of the LG Act | 4,384         |
| <b>Oakleigh Ward election total</b>   | <b>35,350</b> |



## Appendix 2: Statutory advertising

### Monash City Council election schedule of public notices

#### Close of roll notice (see Appendix 2.1 for example)

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| VEC Website | 8 August 2020  |
| The Age     | 13 August 2020 |

#### Notice of election (see Appendix 2.2 for example)

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| VEC Website | 31 August 2020   |
| The Age     | 3 September 2020 |

#### Voting details notice (see Appendix 2.3 for example)

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| VEC Website | 28 September 2020 |
| The Age     | 1 October 2020    |

#### Reminder notice (see Appendix 2.4 for example)

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| VEC Website | 12 October 2020 |
| The Age     | 15 October 2020 |

#### Notice of result (see Appendix 2.5 for example)

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| VEC Website | 23 November 2020 |
| The Age     | 26 November 2020 |

## Appendix 2.1: Close of roll notice for Monash City Council

### Monash City Council postal election

Your council, your vote



#### You must be enrolled to vote

A general election will be held for Monash City Council in October 2020. To be able to vote in the election, you must be enrolled by the close of roll at 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020. Two categories of voters can be enrolled to vote in the Monash City Council election: State-enrolled voters and Council-enrolled voters.

#### State-enrolled voters

##### Am I enrolled to vote?

You are automatically enrolled for this election if:

- you will be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 AND
- you live in the City of Monash AND
- you are on the State electoral roll for your current address.

##### You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 AND
- you live in the City of Monash and you are not on the State electoral roll OR
- you have lived at your current residential address within the City of Monash for at least a month and have not yet updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

##### How do I enrol?

You can enrol online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

You can also download an enrolment form from the website. All enrolment applications must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by the close of roll at 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

##### How can I check my State enrolment?

You can check your enrolment details online at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) at any time, or call 1300 805 478.

#### Council-enrolled voters

##### Am I enrolled to vote?

To be a Council-enrolled voter, you must be:

- 18 years of age or over on Saturday 24 October 2020 AND
- not a State-enrolled voter within the City of Monash.

You are automatically enrolled for this election if you were enrolled as a non-resident owner at the most recent election for your local area. This includes any by-elections held since the last general election.

If your circumstances have changed since the most recent election and you are no longer a non-resident owner of that property, you will not be automatically enrolled for this election. Depending on your circumstances, you may still be eligible to apply to be enrolled as a Council-enrolled voter.

##### Who else can enrol & vote?

You may also apply to enrol if:

- you have purchased a rateable property in the City of Monash since the last election or by-election and you are not automatically enrolled OR
- you are not an Australian citizen and you live in, and pay rates for, a property within the City of Monash OR
- you pay rates on a property you occupy in the City of Monash, for example you are a shop tenant and pay rates to the Council for the tenancy, and you have no other voting entitlement within the City of Monash OR
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates to Monash City Council and you have no other voting entitlement within the City of Monash.

#### How do I apply to be a Council-enrolled voter?

If you meet any of the mentioned criteria and wish to enrol, contact Monash City Council on (03) 9518 3555 for a council enrolment form. Council enrolment forms must be received by the Council by the close of roll at 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

#### How can I check if I am Council-enrolled?

You can check your enrolment details by contacting the Council on (03) 9518 3555.

#### Thinking about standing for election?

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate for Monash City Council, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Monash City Council AND
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected AND
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

For further information, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

### Enrolment closes 4 pm Friday 28 August

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

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## Appendix 2.2: Notice of election for Monash City Council

# Monash City Council postal election

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### Vote by post this October

#### Voting

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the Monash City Council election from Tuesday 6 October 2020. Return your completed ballot material by mail ASAP or hand-deliver it to the Election Manager by the close of voting at 6 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.

#### If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 28 August 2020, you can request for your ballot pack to be redirected by writing to:

Election Manager  
Monash City Council election  
c/- Victorian Electoral Commission  
Level 11, 530 Collins Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Alternatively, you can email your request to:  
[redirections@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:redirections@vec.vic.gov.au)

Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request. Requests for redirection must be received by **Thursday 17 September 2020**.

#### Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for voters who are blind or have low vision—please register by **Tuesday 15 September 2020**. To register, call (03) 8620 1222 during business hours.

### Request an early postal vote

To apply for an early postal vote, contact the Election Manager from **Wednesday 23 September 2020** on (03) 8619 1449 and make an application. You must provide a valid reason.

### How to nominate as a candidate

Candidate requirements have recently changed. To nominate as a candidate, you must:

- be an Australian citizen and enrolled on the voters' roll for Monash City Council AND
- be eligible to become a councillor should you be elected AND
- have completed the mandatory candidate training before lodging your nomination with the Election Manager.

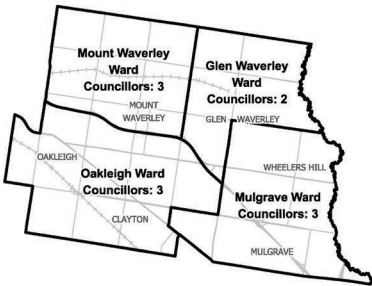
To nominate, complete the nomination form and lodge it with the Election Manager together with the \$250 nomination fee. Nomination forms can be lodged by appointment during business hours from **Thursday 17 September 2020** until **12 noon on Tuesday 22 September 2020** at:

Monash Seminar and Training Centre  
1A Atherton Road, Oakleigh

Visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) for more information and to pre-complete your nomination form using the online Candidate Helper. The online Candidate Helper will be available from **Thursday 3 September 2020**.

If you use the online Candidate Helper, print your pre-completed form and make an appointment to lodge it with the Election Manager along with the nomination fee.

Call the Election Manager from **Wednesday 16 September 2020** on (03) 8619 1449 to make a nomination appointment.



### Online candidate information session




Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the VEC's recorded candidate information session can be streamed online from **Thursday 3 September 2020** complemented by state-wide interactive candidate seminars based on the information video. To watch the information session or find out how to join an online interactive seminar, visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

### Nominations close

**12 noon Tuesday 22 September**

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

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 • 03 8620 1106 Mandarin • 03 8620 1195 Persian • 03 8620 1196 Russian • 03 8620 1107 Serbian • 03 8620 1108 Somali • 03 8620 1109 Spanish  
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## Appendix 2.3: Voting details notice for Monash City Council

# Monash City Council postal election

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### Check the mail for your ballot pack

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**This is a postal election only.**

If you do not receive your ballot pack by **Friday 16 October 2020**, please call (03) 8619 1449 during office hours to arrange a replacement.

### How to vote correctly

You must complete your ballot paper correctly for your vote to count. Put the number 1 in the box next to the candidate you most want to see elected, then number ALL the other boxes in order of your choice. You must number EVERY BOX and only use each number once.

### How to return your completed ballot paper

Follow the instructions on your ballot paper to complete your vote. To return your completed ballot paper, put it in the ballot paper envelope then use the reply-paid envelope provided or hand-deliver it during office hours to:

Monash Seminar and Training Centre, 1A Atherton Road, Oakleigh

### Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all voters who were on the State roll at **4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020**.

**You may be fined if you do not vote — this includes homeowners and tenants.**

You are encouraged to vote, but you will not be fined if you don't vote, if:




- you live outside this local council area OR
- you are enrolled directly with the Council to be on the voters' roll for this election.

### Your completed ballot pack must be in the mail or hand-delivered by 6 pm\* Friday 23 October

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## Appendix 2.4: Reminder notice for Monash City Council

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## Appendix 2.5: Notice of results for Monash City Council

### Monash City Council election

*Declaration of results*



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The following candidates were elected to the Monash City Council at the general election held in October 2020:

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| <p><b>Glen Waverley Ward</b></p> <p>LAKE, Geoff (1st elected)</p> <p>LUO, Nicky (2nd elected)</p> <p><b>Mount Waverley Ward</b></p> <p>PATERSON, Rebecca (1st elected)</p> <p>LITTLE, Brian (2nd elected)</p> <p>DE SILVA, Anjalee (3rd elected)</p> | <p><b>Mulgrave Ward</b></p> <p>KLISARIS, Paul (1st elected)</p> <p>McCLUSKEY, Shane (2nd elected)</p> <p>SAMARDZIJA, Tina (3rd elected)</p> <p><b>Oakleigh Ward</b></p> <p>ZOGRAPHOS, Theo (1st elected)</p> <p>FERGEUS, Josh (2nd elected)</p> <p>JAMES, Stuart (3rd elected)</p> |
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Further details about the results are available at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)


**Bill Kennedy**  
**Election Manager**  
 Thursday 5 November 2020

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## Appendix 3: Schedule of media releases and advisories

### Monash City Council Council-specific media releases and advisories

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Enrol now for the Monash City Council election                    | 7 August 2020     |
| Call for candidates for the upcoming Monash City Council election | 24 August 2020    |
| Candidates announced for the Monash City Council election         | 23 September 2020 |
| Ballot packs mailed this week for Monash City Council election    | 5 October 2020    |
| Voting closes soon for the Monash City Council election           | 12 October 2020   |
| New councillors for Monash City Council                           | 5 November 2020   |

### Statewide media releases and advisories

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Victorians urged to enrol for upcoming council elections                                     | 7 August 2020     |
| October local council elections to proceed under COVIDSafe election plan                     | 19 August 2020    |
| Last chance to enrol for Victorian council elections   | 21 August 2020    |
| Enrolment closes tomorrow for October's council elections                                    | 26 August 2020    |
| Nominations open soon for Victorian local council elections                                  | 31 August 2020    |
| Council election information one click away on VEC website                                   | 4 September 2020  |
| Accessing candidate information for the 2020 Victorian local council elections               | 14 September 2020 |
| Victorian voters encouraged to sign up for free election reminders                           | 16 September 2020 |
| Nominations are in for the October council elections   | 23 September 2020 |
| Authority granted for postal vote contingency  | 30 September 2020 |
| Voting underway for Victoria's local council elections                                       | 5 October 2020    |
| Mobile numbers not from VEC  | 12 October 2020   |
| Local council elections voting deadline looms  | 19 October 2020   |
| Strong voter response to local council elections   | 20 October 2020   |
| Results timeline for Victorian local council elections (media advisory, not for publication) | 21 October 2020   |
| Final day of voting shows high voter turnout for council elections                           | 23 October 2020   |
| VEC won't risk public health for quick results in record turnout                             | 28 October 2020   |
| A win for democracy in a challenging year  | 13 November 2020  |
| Didn't vote in the election? Please explain.   | 8 February 2021   |

## Appendix 4: VoterAlert advisories

### Appendix 4.1: SMS alerts

#### 4.1.1 close of roll – sent from Wednesday 19 August to Wednesday 26 August 2020



Council elections will be held by post in October. Make sure you are correctly enrolled by 4pm 28 Aug. More info or unsubscribe at: <https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/tohMhA5l>

#### 4.1.2 mail out of ballot pack Friday 9 October to Friday 13 October 2020



VEC has posted a ballot pack to your enrolled address. Voting in council elections is compulsory. More info or unsubscribe at: <https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/ufDvSR07>

#### 4.1.3 reminder close of voting - Monday 19 October 2020



Council elections: voting closes 6pm Friday. Post your vote or return it to your election office ASAP. More info or unsubscribe: <https://voteralert.vec.vic.gov.au/s/usSUBkIM>

## Appendix 4.2: Email alerts

### 4.2.1 Close of roll email



#### 2020 Local council elections

Hello,

Local council elections will be held in Victoria by post this October. It is important that you are correctly enrolled so you receive a ballot pack at your correct address.

**Enrolment closes at 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.**

If you haven't changed your postal address, residential address or name, there is no need to do anything.

#### Are your details up to date?

You can check your details online on the VEC's Check My Enrolment portal. Complete all fields, making sure you:

- enter your first and middle names in the 'Given names' field
- start to enter your suburb and pick it from the list suggested
- start to enter your street name only and pick it from the list suggested.



Do you need to update your details?



#### Are you eligible to vote in another council?

In a council election, there are two types of enrolment: State enrolment and council enrolment.

You are receiving this message because you are State-enrolled.

But if you own property or pay rates in another council, you may be enrolled or eligible to enrol directly with that council.

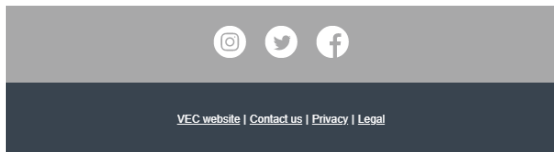
Find out more: [Enrolling for council elections](#)

#### Do I have to vote at these elections?

Voting is compulsory for State-enrolled voters. Don't risk a fine!  
If you are on the roll for Melbourne City Council, it is also compulsory for council enrolled voters to vote.



**Our mailing address is:**  
Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
This message was sent to you by the Victorian Electoral Commission because your contact details are listed on the Victorian electoral roll.



## 4.2.2 Ballot Pack mailout email

Please do not reply to this email. Replies go to an unmonitored inbox. For any queries, [contact us](#).

**VoterAlert**



### 2020 local council elections

Hello

You are enrolled to vote in the 2020 local council elections in Council Name

Voting in this election will be by post. We posted you a ballot pack between Tuesday 8 and Thursday 8 October 2020.

Please follow the instructions in your ballot pack to cast your vote and mail it back to us as soon as possible. Voting closes at 6 pm on Friday 23 October 2020, but local mail clearance times may be earlier than the cut-off. We recommend you return your completed vote as soon as possible.

#### Didn't get a ballot pack?

If you don't get a ballot pack by Friday 16 October, call your local Election Office to request a replacement. You can find [Election Office contact details](#) on our website.

#### Are you away from your enrolled address?

If you are away from your enrolled address call your local Election Office to request a replacement ballot pack. You can find [Election Office contact details](#) on our website.

#### Do I have to vote?

Voting is compulsory for everyone on the State and Melbourne City Council voters' rolls. Don't risk a fine!

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ELECTION](#)

Authorised by W. Gately, AM, Electoral Commissioner, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Our mailing address is:  
Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

This message was sent to you by the Victorian Electoral Commission because your contact details are listed on the Victorian electoral roll.

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[VEC website](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Privacy](#) | [Logout](#)



### 4.2.3 Last week to vote email

Please do not reply to this email. Replies go to an unmonitored inbox. For any queries, [contact us](#).



## 2020 local council elections

Disregard this email if you have already voted.

Hello

You are enrolled to vote in the 2020 local council elections in Council Name Council.

Voting closes 6 pm this Friday 23 October.

### How to vote

As soon as possible, make sure you:

mail your completed ballot paper in the reply-paid envelope provided

OR

drop your completed ballot paper off at [your local Election Office](#).

Please note: voting closes at 6 pm on Friday 23 October. However, local mail clearance times vary and we recommend you return your completed vote as soon as possible.

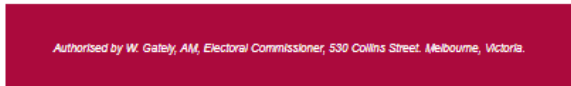
### Didn't get a ballot pack?

If you haven't received a ballot pack, [check our website to understand your options](#).

### Do I have to vote?

Voting is compulsory for everyone on the State and Melbourne City Council voters' rolls. Don't risk a fine!

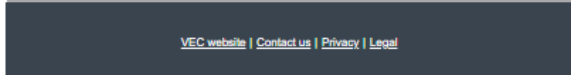
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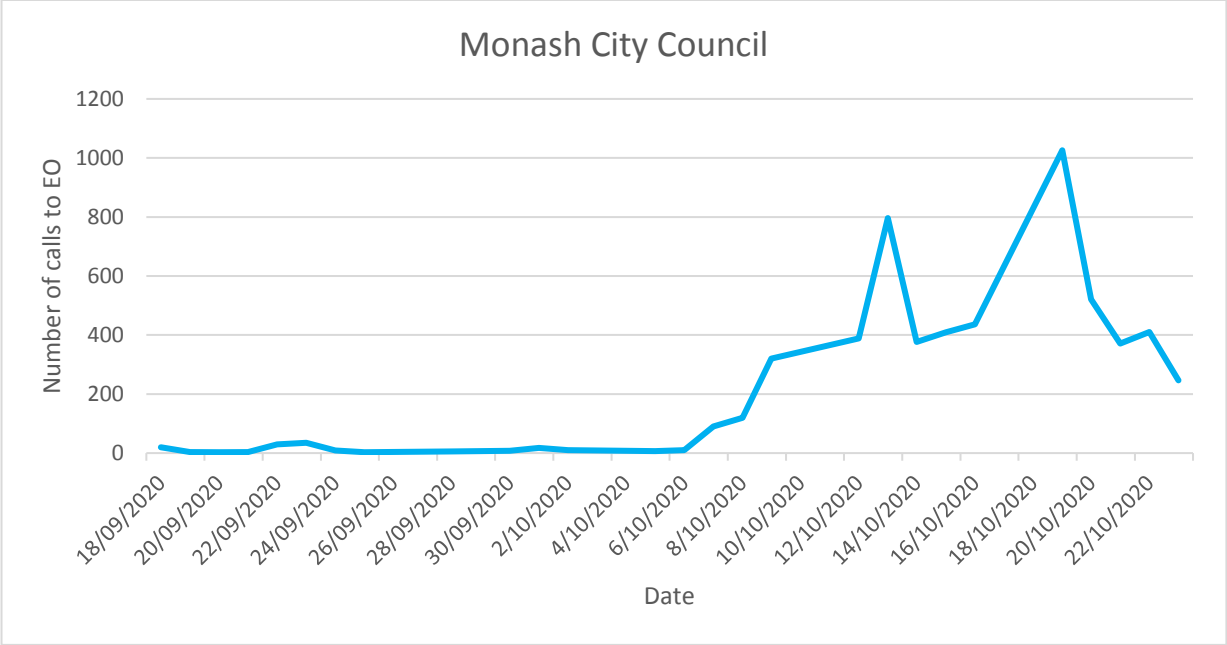


## Appendix 5: Voter engagement program and initiatives

| Program  | Program Details   |
|--|---|
| Be Heard Democracy Ambassador program                      | This program normally provides face-to-face electoral education sessions and was adapted to an online delivery model, providing peer-led electoral education to residents in specialist disability services and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. A total of 47 sessions were provided to people with disabilities and a total of 80 sessions were provided to CALD communities through councils and community organisations hosting online sessions.   |
| Myth busting campaign.                                     | This offline campaign addressed myths around enrolling and voting for those experiencing homelessness or with unstable housing. Four myths were dispelled and displayed on billboards and street posters, in metropolitan Melbourne areas with high populations of people experiencing homelessness. During the enrolment period, no-fixed-address enrolment forms were distributed with 4,500 meals to those suffering financial hardship, through a sponsorship with StreetSmart. This partnership included social media and Electronic Direct Mail distribution to StreetSmart's database of homeless services and community partners. A 1800 freecall number was also established to support those with financial hardship to provide support for enrolling and voting. This phone number was advertised on posters distributed through homelessness agencies, drug and alcohol services and services providing COVID-19 testing in hotels. |
| CALD in-language social media videos.                      | This project produced a series of three videos in 10-12 different languages which provided electoral information on how to enrol, how to vote by post, and how to respond to an Apparent Failure to Vote Notice. These were widely distributed and shared through the VEC's social media platforms and community networks.  |
| Aboriginal short videos.                                   | This project produced five videos in collaboration with Reconciliation Victoria. Two videos featured Aboriginal Elders and other leading Aboriginal community members discussing the value and ways to engage with local council elections. A further three videos, using culturally relevant animation, explained what services councils are responsible for, how to vote and the role of a councillor. These were shared through Aboriginal community channels and organisations.   |
| DemGraphics young people co-designed social media project. | This project involved conducting research to identify barriers to enrolling and voting with a diverse group of young people. This information was then used to pilot a social media campaign in selected councils to encourage engagement in the elections for those aged 18-29.  |
| Easy English tutor guide and worksheets.                   | These were produced for people with low English proficiency and designed as a co-read product where a person supports the learner through the worksheets. The tutor guide and worksheets were based on the VEC's Easy English guides for local council elections and were available for download from the VEC's website in PDF and Word formats.  |

# Appendix 6: Daily telephone enquiries

The following graph shows the number of telephone calls recorded by the election office telephone enquiry service including those received by the VEC's overflow call centre and tagged as relating to Monash City Council during the 2020 local government elections.



## Appendix 7: Final list of candidates in ballot paper order

### Monash City Council election

The candidates, in ballot paper order, were as follows:

#### Glen Waverley Ward election

SALOUMI, Lynnette

LAKE, Geoff

HAFNER, Reynie

PATEL, Amit

LUO, Nicky

DWYER, Shane

CHIN, Calvin

FINNIGAN, Tarity

CHEAH, Chan

#### Mount Waverley Ward election

WAN, Danny

PEWTRESS, Thomas

DAVIS, Jillian

DE SILVA, Anjalee

KUSHWAHA, Narendra

WENG, Lin

SHARKEY, John

PATERSON, Rebecca

NGO, Maria

LITTLE, Brian

DAYANDAS, Bill

TSOI, Mt Pang

### Mulgrave Ward election

KOCHHAR, Shashi

QUACH, B. Long

HAYHOE, Brett

KOJADELIAN, Lena

CHOWDHURY, Mazharul

ANAMIKA, Anamika

CHERUKARA-MATHEW, Immanuel

McCLUSKEY, Shane

BAUER, Stefanie

SAMARDZIJA, Tina

MILLER, Simon

ANGAPPAN, Chitra Dhanalakshmi

WALKER, Liz

FERNANDEZ, Marcus

KLISARIS, Paul

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### Oakleigh Ward election

COLLINS, Danny

LAKSHANA, Esha

SOULSBY, Pierce Thomas

FERGEUS, Josh

LEE, Rachel Alexi

SILVA, Francisco

ZOGRAPHOS, Theo

HICKS, Tamika

LIU, Rachel

VAN DER END, Alex

JAMES, Stuart

GARDNER, Michael James

CHOUDHRY, Naureen

JAEGER, Jennifer

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## Appendix 7.1: Candidate statements and photographs

### Monash City Council election

#### Glen Waverley Ward election (see Appendix 7.2.1 for candidate statement leaflet)

| Total number of candidates at close of nominations | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph |
|--|--|---|
| 9  | 9  | 9   |

#### Mount Waverley Ward election (see Appendix 7.2.2 for candidate statement leaflet)

| Total number of candidates at close of nominations | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph |
|--|--|---|
| 12   | 12   | 12  |

#### Mulgrave Ward election (see Appendix 7.2.3 for candidate statement leaflet)

| Total number of candidates at close of nominations | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph |
|--|--|---|
| 15   | 15   | 15  |

#### Oakleigh Ward election (see Appendix 7.2.4 for candidate statement leaflet)

| Total number of candidates at close of nominations | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate statement | Number of candidates that lodged a candidate photograph |
|--|--|---|
| 14   | 14   | 14  |

## Appendix 7.2: Candidate statement leaflets

### Appendix 7.2.1: Candidate statement leaflet for Glen Waverley Ward election

**Don't Risk a Fine**  
**VOTING CLOSSES 6.00 PM**  
**Friday 23 October 2020**

Your ballot paper is attached to this leaflet.  
**Complete and return as soon as possible.**  
 See the ballot paper envelope for voting instructions.

**VOTING IN THIS ELECTION IS BY POST ONLY**

Your completed ballot material must be posted or in the hands of the Election Manager on or before **6.00 pm on Friday 23 October 2020.**  
 Local mail clearance times may vary. Ballot material must be mailed before final clearance times in the last week of voting. Late votes cannot be included in the count. Alternatively, you may hand-deliver your envelope during business hours to:

Monash Seminar and Training Centre  
 1A Atherton Road  
 Oakleigh

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES**


Completed candidate questionnaires are available at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) or alternatively from the Election Manager.

**COMPULSORY VOTING PROVISIONS APPLY**

You have received this ballot pack because you are enrolled for this election. Voting is compulsory if you were on the Victorian State electoral roll for this council on Friday 28 August 2020.

Further information on voting entitlements can be found at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)


You may receive an Apparent Failure To Vote Notice if you complete and return your ballot material after the close of voting.



**CITY OF  
MONASH**

**2020 Council Election**

**VOTING CLOSSES 6.00 PM**  
**Friday 23 October 2020**




**Glen Waverley  
Ward**

**THIS IS A POSTAL ELECTION ONLY.**

**Voting is compulsory for residents.**

For further information visit [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) or phone (03) 8619 1449 during business hours.



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**SALOUMI, Lynnette**

A Glen Waverley resident, well-travelled, culturally aware, and proud of my multicultural family. I am a Graduate of the Institute of Company Directors, with a business background. Officially endorsed by Ratepayers Victoria, I attended over 96% of all Council meetings since my 2016 election. Positive outcomes include: retaining the Central Car Park; Live streamed Council Meetings; night cut curfew; Civic Centre and Library Precinct feasibility study; place-maker to liaise with traders; extended parking hours; concert supporting RSL personnel; Mens Shed upgrades; FOGO in garden waste. Council must prepare for extreme weather causing flooding, vegetation losses and heat stress. To address climate change, over-development and demographic variations, the Structure Plan needs revision. Electric shuttles, station to local neighbourhoods, could reduce congestion. Surveyed ratepayers want an all-abilities public park to beautify central Glen Waverley and enhance livability in an increasingly densified suburb. Councillors are temporary custodians of community resources therefore extensive consultations must precede decisions which may have consequences for ratepayers into the future. I believe the Monash Long Term Financial Plan must ensure sustainability. Projects which fail to be supported by sound business cases should not be funded by sales of Council properties. All groups should be eligible to apply for council grants irrespective of venue affiliations. Mulgrave Country Club and Waverley RSL patrons should not be disqualified by policies that ignore the important role these clubs play in welfare, addressing social isolation and providing outreach. I support a register of Councillors interactions with developers; fairer Mayoral elections; and, for transparency and accountability, sunset clauses for items discussed in closed meetings. An independent thinker, endorsed by Sustainable Australia Party. Consider gender representation (currently 2 females, 9 males). Vote [1] Lynnette Saloumi, [2] Reynie Hafner, [3] Calvin Chin and preference other candidates in the order you choose. Contact M 0414638175; [Lynnette4monash@bigpond.com](mailto:Lynnette4monash@bigpond.com); <https://www.facebook.com/Lynnette4GlenWaverley>

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**LAKE, Geoff**

Geoff is a strong, compassionate and influential leader on Monash Council. Through four terms as Mayor, he has worked hard to keep rates low and eliminate millions of dollars of Council debt. The Council is now completely debt free. Monash is the only Victorian council to give every ratepayer a 10% rate cut in response to COVID-19 - an average saving of \$150. Geoff developed this plan. He also initiated the Council's new hardship policy to allow ratepayers in financial difficulty to defer their rates with zero interest. Geoff's reason why Monash rates are lower than any other council in Victoria. But this hasn't come at the cost of services. Monash is consistently ranked amongst Victoria's best councils for services and facilities. As a barrister practising in commercial law and the Chair of an \$11 billion industry superannuation fund, he's well placed to help guide the Council through these unprecedented times. Most people are too busy to follow what's happening on the Council and that's why we need to be able to trust councillors. With a passion for Glen Waverley, Geoff has a record we trust and the priorities we share. A record we trust: 1. Victoria's lowest rates; 2. A debt free Council; 3. New food waste collection service; 4. Pensioner rate rebate. The priorities we share: 1. Low rates; 2. Protecting Glen Waverley's garden character; 3. Council to be carbon neutral by 2025; 4. \$20 million rejuvenation of Kingsway and 800 more car parks. Geoff recommends: Vote [1] Lake, Geoff; [2] Luo, Nicky; [3] Dwyer, Shane; [4] Chin, Calvin and then number every box. How-to-vote: [www.geofflake.com.au/hvt](http://www.geofflake.com.au/hvt)

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**HAFNER, Reynie**

I am thrilled to be the Greens-Endorsed Candidate for Glen Waverley Ward with the support of Monash's first Greens Councillor, Josh Fergus. As a proud resident of Monash, I love our intimate neighbourhoods, green spaces, diverse community, and rich mix of so many different cultures. I will bring my experience as a scientist (specialising in Climate Change), teacher (with multiple postgraduate degrees), local small business owner, environmentalist, humanitarian, volunteer, and active attendee of Monash Council meetings, to be a passionate advocate for our local community. We've faced many challenges together with horrific bushfires, COVID-19 and the increasing threat of climate change. However, together we can rebuild a better future. My vision is for our community to move toward an ecologically sustainable economy while protecting the heritage of our community. My key priorities are to: 1) have the global Climate Emergency prioritised by council; 2) oppose inappropriate development by non-residents who are clearing green spaces and destroying historical neighbourhoods; 3) work towards an inclusive and supportive community where all residents are represented regardless of class, race, religion, age, culture or gender; and 4) ensure that our Council is consultative, accountable, and transparent. I want to protect Glen Waverley's garden city character, preserve our parks and bushlands, invest in our local shopping strips (including Willow Avenue and the Sydnal shopping precinct), and make central Glen Waverley more attractive and accessible to cyclists and pedestrians. I am running to serve the interests of our community, and I do not take donations from property developers or theokies lobby. If elected, I will be a passionate and hardworking representative for our community. Vote [1] Reynie Hafner, [2] Lynnette Saloumi, [3] Nicky Lou, [4] Amit Patel, and preference all other candidates in the order of your choice for a more sustainable, community-focused future for Monash.

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**PATEL, Amit**

To achieve the Five Key Objectives, I have nominated myself for the Local Council Election 2020 to represent our community of Glen Waverley Ward. First, active voice and participation in all matters that are important to the community such as rates reduction, assistance to the senior citizens, simplified waste collections, better recreational facilities and parks. Second, promote a healthy lifestyle by encouraging open space with fitness equipment, kids activities and water fountains available to all ages. Third, promote diversity and inclusiveness in all policies that have an impact on the community. I strongly believe that diversity is a strength of our community which should be harnessed and appreciated. Fourth is Communal Kingsway, by increasing public space, introducing creative features and open-door kids activities. This will allow the local community to spend more time outside and enable local businesses economy to flourish. Fifth, promote best practices for traffic management in Monash. I believe there are many alternative approaches through which traffic congestions can be reduced on Springvale Road, High Street and Waverley Road. These are the busiest roads and creates a stressful environment for our community. About Me, I am married and have two loving kids. I was born in India and migrated to Australia in 1998. I believe I am a creative thinker and a hardworking professional. I have a strong desire to serve our community. I humbly request you to please Vote For Me and I assure you that if I am elected, All of the Five Key Objectives will be my main areas of focus over the next 4 years of council office. Please Vote 1 Amit, 2 Calvin, 3 Lynnette, 4 Reynie, 5 Chan 6 Nicky, and then number all other boxes.

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**LUO, Nicky**

You deserve a strong local advocate who is passionate about serving residents, providing quality services and always acting in an ethical way. Our council needs fresh input from a new councillor with innovative ideas and proactive leadership to make a real difference to our local area. I grew up in Glen Waverley and now I work and raise my two children here. I am a senior registered mental health nurse and family therapist and my daily work involves supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community. In this role, I have developed close connections with local businesses, residents and community groups. This puts me in a strong position to improve how Monash Council delivers effective community services in our area. The global pandemic COVID 19 has placed extraordinary challenges and pressure on local families, businesses, sports clubs and community groups. Drawing on my experience as a former business owner, I understand how difficult small business can be. That's why I will support local businesses and local jobs through fee and rate relief during these challenging times. I also want to improve traffic and parking in and around Kingsway. As a mother and professional health worker, I understand the need for family services and community support groups. I will work hard to improve access to council services including mental health, childcare/kinder, aged care services, libraries, and health services. I also want to ensure our community has access to fantastic playgrounds, parks, football grounds and cycling tracks. I will remain active and accessible local representative who will listen, consult widely and act on fresh ideas. I recommend: Vote 1 Nicky Luo; 2 Geoff Lake; 3 Reynolds (Reynie) Hafner; 4 Shane Dwyer; 5 Calvin Chin and then number every box.

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**DWYER, Shane**

As a father of three sons aged 14, 12, and 7 it is so important to see our local environment protected for their future. We live in an area with fantastic green fields and gardens we should all be proud of and be grateful for, however it is so critical for us to protect this and keep this vision in mind when making planning decisions which impact our futures and the futures of our families and friends. This is why I have felt compelled to run for Monash Council, to protect these green spaces, our parks, our reserves and creeks, and recreational zones. I have enjoyed raising my three sons in Glen Waverley, however I would like to see more accessible, all abilities playgrounds, libraries, and open spaces so our senior community members and those with disabilities get the opportunity to enjoy the best Monash has to offer. I believe one of the best ways we can make a significant contribution is at a local level, through the preservation and cultivation of parks and gardens, through innovative waste management schemes such as the small food waste bins, rather than going into landfill. Small changes we can make to pay big dividends in our way of life, every day! My experience in leadership roles in business holds me in good stead for working together with people from all different views and backgrounds to reach consensus and a plan for action rather than just talk and disagreement. I have also established and worked in our family business in the Travel industry. I look forward to ensuring these principles of wellbeing are central to my decision making, on behalf of this amazing community. Vote 1 Shane Dwyer, 2 Nicky Luo, 3 Geoff Lake, and 4 Calvin Chin, and then number all remaining boxes.

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**CHIN, Calvin**

Calvin, a local resident of Glen Waverley, came to Australia from Malaysia more than 30 years ago to build a better life for himself and his family. He is happily married with two adult daughters and a son-in-law. As a father, he wants to ensure Monash remains a standout place for families to live. As an Australian citizen for many decades, Calvin is proud to call Australia home and embrace the Australian values of mutual respect, tolerance, a fair-go, and compassion. Calvin supports diversity and multiculturalism, and can speak English fluently, along with Mandarin, Cantonese, Hakka, Malay and some Korean. He is a good listener, approachable, reliable, with a hands-on get things done attitude. Calvin received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil & Structural Engineering from Monash State University in the USA, and Graduate Diploma from RMIT. He is a Chartered Professional Engineer with over 34 years of experience in business, working in a variety of roles, including CEO. He is now running his own consulting business. He has the proven capability and experience to help guide Monash Councils substantial planning and development projects. His priorities include providing leadership and problem-solving experience on key issues of Glen Waverley developments, the Kingsway environment, parking access, supporting better public healthcare, kindergarten, and community infrastructure of parks, gardens, and sports areas. Representing your views in the Council and ensuring that your voice is heard. Calvin desires to serve the community and is involved as a member of Neighborhood Watch, CityLife Waverley Church, ActiveMonash, Waverley RSL, Rotary and Waverley Senior Citizens. He enjoys giving back to the community by working with charities and relaxes by reading painting, gardening, and playing golf. Please Vote (1) for Calvin Chin, preference (2) for Amit Patel, (3) Saloumi, (4) Nicky Luo and number every box.

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**FINNIGAN, Tarity**

Tarity Finnigan Council Biography My name is Tarity Finnigan, and I am excited about the opportunity to represent your needs and run for Monash Council. I have lived in the Monash Council area for my entire life with my family and have enjoyed watching the city of Monash boom with many infrastructural and social developments. I am in my final semester of a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Human Rights. Interacting with people and facilitating local community projects is a passion of mine, particularly driven by my studies at university and my involvement with local organisations and my local church. I have a heart for people and a passion for leading change, currently managing multiple projects for ACET-Global. In this position, I lead a group of interns who are equally as passionate to see improvements within the global community concerning reducing poverty and development of necessary infrastructure. It brings me joy to be instrumental in raising the next generation and fostering their hunger to make the world a better place. I love spending time with my family have been blessed to travel with them. In my free time, I enjoy playing board games, spending time with my partner, exercising and roaming the aisles of the library. Having worked in customer service over the past 5 years, I am aware of the needs of our local community and have gotten to know people of all different walks of life. I am looking forward to the opportunity to advocate for you on Monash Council. Vote [1] Tarity Finnigan. Vote [2] Calvin Chin, and then number all the remaining boxes.

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**CHEAH, Chan**

I live in Notting Hill but Glen Waverley is where I shop and socialise the most. Career wise, I have worked in Australia's top 100 companies. Consequently, I am highly skilled in all areas of international corporate management and specialising in business and technology integration. Today, I do the things I love, living positively, giving back to my community and helping people develop future skills and networks. I advocate for good governance conduct and practices in councils. Consequently, I am an executive member of Ratepayers Victoria and Ratepayers Australia. Good governance is about how well our council behaves, makes and implements decisions to achieve strategic objectives, manages risks and uses resources efficiently to deliver best value outcomes that meet your needs. Lacking good governance prevails when you become disenfranchised about how transparent, efficient, community-centred and accountable Monash council decisions and outcomes are. You continue to be disturbed by rising rates and fees; council decisions that ruin your neighbourhood character, quality of life, favour high rise developments; bullying councillors behaviours that are politicized and/or violates integrity and ethics without breaking the law; bylaws and policies that are tokenistic or exercised with discretionary bias. Vote for me to help you regain your trust and say in council. I will help you assert more effective participation in council decision making. I will help demystify the process staging of council decision making, so that you know when, where and how to engage more effectively. One more thing, I will ensure there is better project management capacity and transparency in Monash council, so that you are always informed of implementation progress of every important council decision. Vote [1] Chan Cheah, [2] Lynnette Saloumi, [3] Calvin Chin, Amit Patel [4] and thereafter other candidates in order of your choice. Number every box. Contact me via ChanCheah4GlenWaverley@outlook.com

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I will provide genuine support for local businesses by easing start-up processes, support more parking and encouraging growth. I will promote local businesses through trade fairs and events to boost business demand, in turn creating local jobs. I will fight for a multistorey commuter carpark at the Mt Waverley station to be built with state or federal funding. This will ease the problem of congestion, a lack of commuter options, and help business thrive. This will also alleviate the issue of over-crowded local street parking. I will support funding to maintain our parks, preserving natural habitats and open spaces for future generations to enjoy. These facilities are fundamental to building strong families. I will support practical and sustainable development to preserve Monash. Social wellbeing and loneliness are hitting hard in our local community especially with COVID-19 making many people vulnerable. I will work hard to assist those in need and will promote Morning Tea Groups to join with other community groups to address social needs. Please vote Danny Wan (1), and other like-minded candidates Maria Ngo (2), Tom Pewtress (3), MT Pang Tsoi (4) and fill up every box with your own preference order. Thank you for your support.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p> | <p><small>NOTICE: The contents of candidate statements are provided by the candidates. Any enquiries about candidate statements should be directed to the relevant candidate. Candidate statements are not verified or endorsed by the Election Manager.</small></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>PEWTRESS, Thomas</b></p> </div> <p>Good local Councillors are supposed to support stronger community connections, work to improve local infrastructure - like parking and crossings - which give a boost to local traders. I am running to be your Councillor because I haven't seen enough of this support offered by many of our local representatives. Over the course of my life in this area, I've been involved in several community groups - from the Monash Business Awards to the Waverley Blues Footy Club and 1st West Waverley Scout Group. These groups must be strengthened to preserve our community, especially while their sponsorships from local businesses are likely at risk. Working in my family's small business, I also have a unique perspective on the support Council can and should be offering local traders - in both Mount Waverley Village and Pinewood. We need to do more locally to give them a fair go, and help them reopen and recover from recent restrictions. That's why I will advocate for more carparks, particularly near our train stations, to support increased foot traffic for local traders - a move that hasn't been supported by our current representatives. I stand for open and regular communication with local residents and modernising Mount Waverley's small business precincts to support local jobs. I also believe this should be part of a measured response to help our local area, without sacrificing green spaces through senseless overdevelopment. I'm asking for your support and your vote. Please vote (1) Thomas Pewtress, (2) Mt Pang Tsoi, (3) Danny Wan, (4) Maria Ngo and number all following boxes to formally vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> | <p><small>NOTICE: The contents of candidate statements are provided by the candidates. Any enquiries about candidate statements should be directed to the relevant candidate. Candidate statements are not verified or endorsed by the Election Manager.</small></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>DAVIS, Jillian</b></p> </div> <p>My name is Jillian Davis. I am a semi-retired finance professional and have worked in the financial sector in various investment markets and regulatory compliance roles. I have lived in Mount Waverley for the past seven years with my family and stand independently to represent the interests of the Mount Waverley community with honesty and integrity. As a proud resident, I look forward to the continued delivery of consistent services subject to good governance of the Council in a sustained and economically viable manner. As your representative, I will encourage the delivery of urgent services and amenities to support our community and businesses impacted by Covid-19. I will support the Monash Council to meet the diverse needs of our community, protecting the vulnerable impacted by social isolation to ensure their safety and security. I will promote the interests of local businesses affected by lockdowns to revitalise commercial activity and encourage employment across Monash. I will endeavour to protect the environment and green spaces as we cater to the ever-increasing demands of a growing community. While managing these services it is important to retain the character and charm of the area and maintain its liveability. It will be an honour to represent Mount Waverley and to participate in the decisions affecting the future direction of the Monash Council, so that we can continue to build a vibrant and thriving community.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> |
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**DE SILVA, Anjalee**

I am a Mount Waverley local, lawyer, and academic. I am proud to be running as your Greens Candidate, and to have the endorsement of the first Monash Greens Councillor, Josh Fergeus. My vision for Monash is for every member of our community to be listened to and represented by those on Council. I was born in Sri Lanka and came to live in Monash as a child. As a Sri Lankan-Australian with my own migrant journey, I am uniquely placed to support and communicate with our extensive multicultural community. I recently submitted my PhD in Law on combatting discrimination against women and girls. I do not and will not take donations from property developers or the pokies lobby, and I support a ban on these donations. I am also deeply conscious that Council has a key role to play in tackling the climate emergency, and Monash can do much more. As your Councillor, my priorities will be: 1) protect our trees, stop clear-felling, and maintain our garden city character; 2) take meaningful action to address climate change and reduce emissions; 3) improve public safety and services, especially for women, girls, and minorities. A vote for me is a vote to protect Dampier Creek, Gardiners Creek, and Scotchmans Creek, improve and expand our walking and cycling infrastructure, and invest in our libraries, play-spaces, and local businesses and shopping strips in Ashwood, Burwood, Chadstone, and Mount Waverley. Our suburbs in Monash are beautiful places to live. I will work tirelessly to ensure they stay that way. Vote [1] Anjalee de Silva for a Councillor who represents the diverse, vibrant, and aspirational Monash community. Vote [2] Narendra Kushwaha and number all remaining boxes in order. Contact 0405 921 862 anjalee.desilva@vic.greens.org.au Facebook.com/anjdesilva to find out more.

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**KUSHWAHA, Narendra**

Our lives have changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lockdown has increased unemployment and closed many local businesses in our community. As a result, we are all facing economic and mental hardship. Together, I truly believe that we can do better as a community and come out as winners. I have lived in this neighborhood for more than thirty years, married and raised two successful children who both studied double degrees and are doing well in Australias well-known financial sectors. I am a teacher in Business and Hospitality Management and my wife is a Secondary College teacher. I believe Monash City Council can improve strategies in many areas including rates management, planning and building regulations, sporting and recreational facilities, child care facilities, environmentally sustainable practices, safety and security of our neighborhood, and supporting local businesses. I will involve our community in the decision-making process and you will be part of community development. Your feedback will add to continuous improvement and fair management in our neighbourhood. I will be your voice, listen to your concerns and I will fight to improve the welfare of all residents. It is my dream to make our Monash City Council the best with your kind support. We have many of the required resources and we can improve our neighbourhood with the right strategic planning and effective leadership. I look forward to working with you to make our Mount Waverley Ward better, safer and prosperous for all. Please vote (1) Kushwaha, Narendra. You must number every box accordingly for your vote to count, thank you.

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**WENG, Lin**

I am standing for council election because I believe I would be a powerful voice for my community. I believe we can do more to protect our environment. Monash is a garden city. I will work hard to improve our environmental protection and sustainable policies. I am a local Monash resident, living here with my family, and am passionate about contribution to my community. I want more parks, an extension to the bike paths and to upgrade existing local facilities such as libraries to better serve our community. I will also put stop to overdevelopment, by implementing a tougher approach to limit the height and scale of development projects to ensure the protection of our open spaces. I also believe more neighbourhood and community connection activities are needed, to enable our Monash neighbours to become friends. I love sports and I will strive for more sports facilities in Monash. I support womens rights and gender equality. I will also work hard to improve council services for the elderly. I want to introduce a program that will help Monash start-up businesses. I believe we should take better care of each other. This election, remember to vote for [1] Weng, Lin [2] Tsoi, Mt Pang, [3] Pevtress and then others.

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**SHARKEY, John**

An experienced Councillor, I've decided to run again because sadly, Monash Council has lost its way. When did Council become about saving the dolphins and rainforests? Councils core business is to maintain and enhance our footpaths, parks and sporting grounds, its to look after our roads and drains within the municipality. Council is also there to take care of our community and to collect our rubbish. Its not there to donate thousands to overseas emergencies and most certainly not to try and prevent sea risings. COVID-19 has had a horrendous impact on our communities well-being, its crushed businesses and hurt our vulnerable, its taken its toll financially and emotionally. All the more reason to now focus all of Councils energy 100% on the community. Council should be there to invest in us, to back our small business community even more and to support our seniors. We need to get this great City of Monash back on its feet, fast, because unfortunately, if this Council endures on its global crusade our residents and our infrastructure will continue to become woefully neglected. I'm saying enough is enough. Action must be taken and with your support, I will ensure that we are Councils number one priority at all times. How? By being there and ensuring continued discounted rates, better footpaths and roads, improved open spaces and most importantly support for our seniors and small businesses who are the very backbone of any thriving community. Vote 1 John Sharkey, 2 Rebecca Patterson, 3 Brian Little, 4 Bill Dayandas and then number every box.

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**PATERSON, Rebecca**

I am your current independent councillor. I ran for council because I wanted to make sure our garden city character and tight-knit community are not eroded as I know it's what we love most about this area. You can rely on me to be a balanced, community centred voice at council. As an experienced councillor and former mayor, and someone bringing up a young family, I know our community well and I'm always keen to listen. Hard financial times are here which is why I supported providing a 10% waiver on your rates bill. Monash is the only council in Victoria to take this step and I will continue to ensure that Monash has the lowest rates per capita in the State. Lockdown has highlighted just how important connecting with each other is. I have always advocated for better facilities and services for our community but in the coming years we will need to focus more than ever on things that will help us recover; community groups, libraries, playgrounds, sporting facilities, cycling and walking tracks, improving our pools, connecting with the elderly and vulnerable, engaging our youth and supporting businesses to thrive. I have championed initiatives that will stop inappropriate development, see a return to houses with gardens, improve tree canopy, conserve creeks and bushland reserves and ensure a sustainable future. There has been progress in the last four years but there is a lot more I want to do to protect and enhance our city. I am here for you. No party politics, just honest representation from someone who cares about you, your family, and our future. Please vote 1 Rebecca Paterson, 2 Brian Little, 3 Bill Dayandas, 4 John Sharkey, 5 Mt Pang Tsoi and then number all other boxes.

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**NGO, Maria**

'Maria Ngo is a person of vision and passion, has a heart to serve and gets along with people of diverse backgrounds. She would make an excellent Councillor.' (Dale Stephenson, Senior Pastor, Crossway Baptist Church). With your support, I want to: (1) Make Monash the most liveable council where there is harmony, human flourishing and a sense of belonging (2) Keep rates low and ensure that it is spent effectively and wisely (3) Be an advocate for programs and groups that reduce domestic violence, decrease loneliness and disconnection in our community to improve relational connections and mental health e.g. social groups, neighbourhood houses, libraries, sporting clubs, home care services, MCHC (4) Increase and improve our green spaces, streetscapes, cycling-walking trails and amenities in public play spaces to include equipment suitable for teens and adults (e.g. skating, basketball) and our pets (5) Support appropriate development, local businesses and sustainable responsible waste management and (6) Improve public safety through better lighting, well maintained footpaths, roads and signage. My extensive work experience (paid and voluntary) across 28 years include publishing (seven years), mainly music (seven years), church pastor (eight years), private school boarding house (three years), PFA's and direct selling small business (three years). My husband and I and our two children (adult and teenager) have been living in the Mount Waverley Ward for 21 years. More about me: 'A person of integrity and compassion, quickly understands problems and needs and just as quickly works to bring about solutions to meet those needs.' (Vicki Mustafa) 'Highly creative thinker problem-solver who works effectively and collaboratively with people, an excellent organiser, leader, compassionate and approachable.' (Sandra Lemke) 'Ethical' (Scott Mitchell), www.mariangoformonash.org; Facebook.com/MariaNgoforMonash/; Instagram.com/MariaNgo4Monash/; Maria.Ngo.4Monash@gmail.com. Vote 1 Maria Ngo (M.A., GradDip, B.A.), 2 Wan, 3 Tsoi, 4 Pevtress then number all remaining boxes

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**LITTLE, Brian**

During my term as your Councillor I have stayed true to the commitments that I made to you. As your advocate my priorities have been consistent: financial stability, excellent customer service, greater consultation and transparency, sound investment in key community infrastructure and a more sustainable future. During the Covid-19 outbreak I have ensured that Council maintained full operations and delivered a 10% waiver on rates. If re-elected I will concentrate on providing the best possible environment for a fast and effective recovery post-epidemic. I've personally secured funding for new toilet facilities for the Waverley District Netball Association in Ashwood, supported a new state of the art gymnastics centre for Waverley Gymnastics and a new, safer, synthetic pitch at Gardiners Reserve. I have long advocated for moving food waste to green bin and my long term goal is zero waste to land-fill. With other Councillors I pushed for the review of our planning scheme that lead to the C125 amendment that is now ensuring minimum garden areas, canopy trees and protections for our creek environments. Through my role as chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee I've fought for Council to become more sustainable including a plan to become carbon neutral by 2025. I will continue to respond to your concerns. If re-elected I will ensure that we maintain rates at Victoria's lowest level per-capita while maintaining funding for core community facilities such as roads, recreational spaces and libraries. I will continue to fight for more open spaces and improvements to our off-road trails, local walking circuits and paths. I will also work towards improvements in the Mount Waverley Village to reduce congestion and create more people-friendly spaces. Please vote: 1. Little, Brian 2. Dayandas, Bill 3. Paterson, Rebecca 4. Sharkey, John 5. Tsoi, Mt Pang and fill in all squares.

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**DAYANDAS, Bill**

As a parent and resident of our ward for 20 years, I want the best for all members of our community. A place where we can raise our families, work and happily retire. As your councillor I will fight for low rates, because our rates bill makes up a big chunk of our hard-earned, after-tax dollars. I will fight against inappropriate development because it spoils the character, liveability and value of our neighbourhoods. I will make sure council uses our money in the most efficient way and is not wasted or misspent. I will work for better train station parking, more public toilets, improved walking and bike paths, and better sporting facilities and parks. But most importantly, I promise to work to bring our community together. We deserve to lead normal working and social lives again. So, I'll support the re-opening of local businesses and community facilities as soon as is safely possible. I'll support the social hubs that bring us together, by funding our neighbourhood houses and new and established clubs for all ages. I will support building more community veggie patches and the re-establishment of a permanent farmers market in our ward. I will support more services for the elderly and the vulnerable. About me: I am Melbourne born, married with two teenaged children. I work in education as a Lecturer & Tutor and teach business at a local university. Family time is the most important thing to me. I also enjoy kicking the footy down at Jordan Reserve, riding my bike along the Scotchmans and Gardiners creek trails, and playing tennis at my local club. Please vote for me, Bill Dayandas. How to vote: [1] Dayandas, Bill [2] Little, Brian [3] Paterson, Rebecca [4] Sharkey, John [5] Tsoi, Mt Pang, then number every other box.

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**TSOI, Mt Pang**

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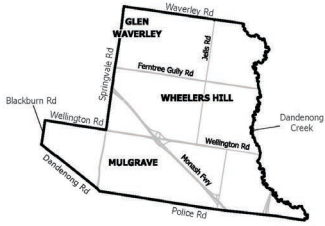


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**KOCHHAR, Shashi**

I migrated to Australia in 1978. My father, my hero of that time, farewelled me with the following advices. Respect the Law and the people where you are going. Serve the community and learn from whoever is around you. Decide your allegiance and future Responsibilities. The values of, commitment, accountability, Compassion, Trust, and sense of belonging are what drives me. These five pillars have guided me throughout my life, and it is how I want local government to govern. Monash has been my home for the past 30 years. I raised my family in Monash, worked in Monash and continue to volunteer in here. Monash has fulfilled all my dreams. A Sir John Monash Award recipient and Order of Australia Medal, volunteering and helping others has been my lifes passion. Contributing towards building a harmonious society with my Friends of the Children Foundation what drives me. I want to bring this drive coupled with my experience to Monash Council. Together in partnership with you, I want to look after Seniors and Vulnerable and build a brighter future for all. Lay solid foundation for our young and support the backbone of our local economy - small business. To achieve this, I pledge to focus all my energy on the issues that matters to all Monash families. Safer and cleaner neighbourhoods, better roads, and footpaths, spending of our rates money in effective manner. We must look after environment protect our suburbs character from scrupulous developers. I request for your support so that we can work together, I can be your voice on Monash Council to bring back Pride and sense of belonging. Vote 1 Shashi Kochhar, 2 Shane McCluskey, 3 Tina Samardzija, 4 Simon Miller, 5 Paul Kitaris, 6 Mazarul Chowdhury and number all the remaining boxes. Thank you

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**QUACH, B. Long**

I am running as an independent candidate in the Mulgrave Ward as a local resident. I am passionate about protecting and maintaining green spaces, upgrading playgrounds, creating a local hub for the community to access readily available information on health and wellbeing, special needs, community-level sports, local performances, trade services and any integrated services that you may need. As a parent of 5 young children and Benny our Labrador, I am aware of the need to keep our children and pets active to stay healthy. As a coach and player for the local clubs, I am passionate about encouraging the kids and their families to be involved in any sports at a community level. I am grateful to be part of a family run business that services the community. It has taught me valuable lessons personally that giving back is the highest form of living and to always go above and beyond. This is a personal challenge and I'd be honoured to take on this responsibility to represent my Mulgrave Ward on making a start on issues that matter most to us. In the words of T. Roosevelt, Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. Connecting family and community.

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**HAYHOE, Brett**

Hello, I am Brett Hayhoe and I am thrilled about the opportunity to represent your needs on Monash Council. Having lived in the local Monash area for several years, I find the friendly, inclusive, non-judgmental social environment and beautiful suburbs, enhanced by the many parks, gardens and walking/riding trails something to truly love about our community. I run my own business, a monthly magazine, which has international circulation, and has been in production for almost two decades. I have been involved in various community groups since relocating here and currently serve as Chairman of the local SEC, President of the Branch, and State Council Representative. I love actively participating in the life of the Monash community, and am passionate about advocating for community group interests, reducing overdevelopment, enhancing our local green spaces and ensuring local infrastructure is the safest, and most reliable, it can be. I am passionate about community service and have served on various community organisations in many different capacities, including President, over the course of my life. I have a driving passion for social issues, notably LGBTQIA+ issues. I have worked closely with InterPride over the past fifteen years, serving as Regional Director, Secretary and Co-President over a twelve year continuous tenure on the board and executive. The arts, travelling, theatre and whisky are my main loves outside of work. I enjoy spending my down time with my partner where possible. I am deeply looking forward to the reactivation of our wonderful community and delivering initiatives to improve our livelihoods. I am grateful for the opportunity to advocate for you on Monash Council. Please vote [1] Brett Hayhoe and vote [2] Liz Walker, and preference all the other candidates in the order of your choice.

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**KOJADELIAN, Lena**

I am proud to call the Mulgrave Ward my home since 1981 following my family's immigration from Lebanon. I attended Good Shepherd Primary School and Avila College, where I learnt a strong community ethos forming the basis of my values including care, compassion and community. I completed tertiary education at Monash University part time. I have a double major in Philosophy, Psychology (Counselling) and Sociology. I believe this humanistic field of study advantageously allows me to listen to constituents sensitively with an open heart and to advocate effectively before fellow Councillors. I have an adult family raised in the Mulgrave Ward. As a parent I was involved in St Justin's Playgroup, Columbia Park Pre-School Committee, St Justin's Parents and Friends Association and multicultural committees. From this, I appreciate the value of working collectively towards a common goal that benefits the community. I am of Armenian heritage speaking the language fluently and have experience tutoring Armenian students. I have been a member of the Multicultural Advisory Committee in Monash Council since 2018, which improves my understanding of cross-cultural issues. I work in Aged Care as part of a Senior Management team. This year has been extraordinary, I have been at the forefront of risk management strategies and seen firsthand the devastating effects of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable and their families. My vision for Council includes: Services for protecting rights of senior citizens; Programs to assist financial independence in domestic violence situations; Programs to review and assist traders and young families suffering from effects of COVID-19 hardship. number (1) Lena Kojadelian; (2) Marcus Fernandez; (3) Liz Walker; (4) Shane McCluskey. Please fill all the remaining boxes. Yours Sincerely,

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**CHOWDHURY, Mazharul**

My name is Mazharul Chowdhury. I am your local independent voice with no political affiliations. I wish to contribute my best efforts to this dynamic, culturally diverse, and vibrant municipality, where I have lived for more than 30 years along with my wife and children. My children went to the local kindergartens and competed for various Monash sporting clubs. I have strong connections to our community as the former President of the Bengali Language and Cultural School, the architect and founder of the Western Region Bangla School, and the current President of Australia Bangladesh Association Inc (Victoria). I am a member and supporter of the local neighbourhood networks, support groups, sporting clubs. I am also volunteering at Springvale Monash Legal Services. I have over 34 years experience as a banker, financial accountant, and legal practitioner. I hold degrees in Bachelor of Laws (Victoria University) and an MBA (major in accounting, finance, good governance) (Deakin). Being a long-term resident of Monash I understand the needs of the local community. If elected, my key priorities as a councillor will be providing support for residents, local small businesses, and sole traders who have been impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. I will steer community wellbeing programs, promote the local economy and business growth while pursuing greater openness, good governance, and transparency. I will actively participate in Councils decision-making process. I will work towards developing an inclusive society for generations to come. Respected community, Mulgrave Ward needs a new face in the council with new ideas and a new perspective. As a qualified Australian lawyer and accountant with a passion for working with our community, I believe I am best fitted for the job. Vote 1 for me (Chowdhury), (2) Bauer, (3) Angappan, (4) Walker, (5) Kochhar (6) Miller, and then all other candidates.

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**ANAMIKA, Anamika**

Dear Mulgrave residents, I would like to inform you that I am contesting for the local council elections from the Mulgrave ward. I will strive hard to help and fight for the issues that matter most to Mulgrave council rate payers and residents. I will fight for the ten percent council rate cut for everyone due to the burden of COVID nineteen. I will try my level best to remove social isolation within the community. I have been supporting small businesses within the community and will continue to do so. I will make sure that there are more community carnivals for various age groups. I will work towards connecting the council, local businesses and the local community so they can support each other. I will work on encouraging volunteering in local old age homes and in the disability sector. These are significant projects I inspire to work towards and complete. During the COVID nineteen crisis, I have seen many local businesses and local residents losing jobs resulting in many of them relying on jobkeeper or jobseeker payments from the government. As a business owner since 2012, I understand the pain and frustration of losing income. I bring valuable business skills to Monash city council to ensure we can prosper together. I will be grateful to you all if you come forward, trust me and give me an opportunity to represent the community. I am seeking your support to make Monash city even more beautiful and a progressive city. I will represent your voice to ensure we can safely overcome the economic crisis. I live with my family in Mulgrave since 2006. I am a wife and a mother. My child is twelve years old and attends the local primary school in Mulgrave.

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**CHERUKARA-MATHEW, Immanuel**

I have been a resident of Mulgrave from 2003 onwards. I have spent a decade each in the manufacturing and retail industries and have also worked as public servant. With the knowledge and skills gained and nurtured in these industries I am seeking to be your council representative at this years elections. I want us to be a more inclusive and engaging community so that we can all share equally in the development of our area. I would like to ensure that our parks and recreational centres, our schools and libraries, our community support centres are all well-resourced and are able to meet the needs of the community. This year with the pandemic a large portion of the community are suffering through loss of employment. We need to ensure that any and all decisions taken at council meetings reflect this reality and offer measures that will be a hand up in relation to rates, amenities and other support services. Every so often decisions are made and hoisted on us without any input from us. I would like us to depart from this practice and ensure sufficient input and feedback go towards forming these decisions. I am not saying this will ensure what is not liked is avoided, but at least we can work towards a majority consensus on what is optimal. I want us to be aware of the decisions taken at council meetings and how those decisions will affect us in our day to day lives. So, vote 1 against my name and we will continue on this journey together and number the remaining boxes in order of your preference.

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**McCLUSKEY, Shane**

Stable, experienced leadership will be crucial coming out of the COVID-19 crisis. I am privileged to be a Mulgrave Ward Councillor and honoured to have served as your Mayor. Living locally in Wheelers Hill, my family and I have strong community connections. Whilst most are raising their rates, Monash is the only council in the State delivering a 10% waiver to ratepayers on their rates during this crisis. As a Councillor representative on Youth, Disability and Multicultural committees and Monash Gallery of Art committee member, those connections have grown and strengthened. As a Firefighter of more than thirty years working in and around Monash, I understand the value of team. I'm asking for your support to continue as your local representative on Council. Since being elected, I have progressed projects such as Brentwood and Columbia Reserve redevelopments, Mulgrave Library hours extension and planned expansion and the Mulgrave Reserve and Wetlands Masterplan. Perhaps the most pleasing achievement as Mayor was to secure the establishment of a dedicated 'Headspace' youth mental health facility. A massive win for our youth and young adults. Our local area is finally seeing progress and improvement but there is still much to do, such as the new state of the art Wellington Community Hub in Mulgrave, Waverley Netball Centre court renewal, continued advocacy around reduced traffic congestion and safety around schools to name a few. If you value a candidate that lives in the Mulgrave Ward, is truly independent and has a passion for our community, then I believe I am the ideal person to continue representing you, your family and the people of Monash. I ask you to dedicate your number 1 vote to me. Then consider 2 Samardzija, 3 Miller, 4 Bauer, 5 Kojadeliien, 6 Kochhar then number every other box. Thank you.

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**BAUER, Stefanie**

I am proud to be the Greens-endorsed Candidate for Mulgrave Ward with the support of Monash's first Greens councillor, Josh Fergus. I've been an active local resident for over 20 years and work locally as a case manager in aged care. I have been on the board of management on one of our great Neighbourhood Houses, specialising in programs for people with disabilities. Therefore, I will be a passionate advocate for the most vulnerable members of our community. Many residents require tailored services to stay engaged with their community, and Council can do more to increase accessibility. I want our wonderful Mulgrave Ward to be a place where people are happy to live, work and study. I will vote to preserve our trees, open spaces and urban bushlands. I want to: 1) Advocate for Rowville Rail as part of Suburban Rail Link. 2) Fund neighbourhood houses and community hubs to promote sustainable living and provide residents with valuable gathering places. 3) Declare a Climate Emergency. 4) Promote local shopping by upgrading neighbourhood strips like Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre, Brandon Park Drive, Waverley Park, and Wilma Avenue shops. 5) Advocate for more social and affordable housing while opposing inappropriate development. 6) Increase female representation on Council, since only two of eleven councillors are women. 7) Improve bike and pedestrian networks, including the Water Pipe Track extension. I want to ensure that our Council will work to build an inclusive community through consultative, accountable and transparent governance. I will work tirelessly to have Monash City Council invest in long-term infrastructure, emission and waste reduction, community services and spaces. I do not take donations from developers or theokies lobby. Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StefanieBauer> or <http://greens.org.au/stefaniebauer>. Vote [1] Stefanie Bauer 2 Chowdhury 3 McCluskey 4 Samardzija 5 Miller then number all other boxes.

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**SAMARDZIJA, Tina**

As a proud Wheelers Hill local I understand the challenges our community is facing right now. Mulgrave Ward needs a new Councillor who lives here and is motivated to get things done. My experience in commercial law and economics means I know how to keep rates low through responsible financial management and pursuing value for money. Council has focused too much on Glen Waverley central and Oakleigh, and not enough on Mulgrave and Wheelers Hill. I don't want us left behind. Born and raised in the eastern suburbs in a migrant family, I love living here raising our two children with older family members close by. Our families, elderly residents and businesses deserve high-quality local services and public spaces. I'll make sure Mulgrave and Wheelers Hill services, parks, paths and roads, sporting clubs, reserves and shopping precincts are put first, and antisocial behaviour and traffic issues are promptly dealt with. Like you I value our beautiful neighbourhoods, green spaces and trees, and will ensure Council maintains appropriate development. Some developments have gone too far. Too high, too dense, too much traffic and noise. With your support I'll make sure Council puts you and your family first. As your Councillor you can be assured that I'll listen and act on your concerns, because my family lives here too. Vote 1 Samardzija, then consider 2 Klisaris, 3 Miller, 4 McCluskey, 5 Kochhar, 6 Bauer. Please number all remaining boxes.

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**MILLER, Simon**

Local council has always been about rates, roads and rubbish. Right now, it needs to be about something more. I seek your support to help our community overcome its present challenges. I have lived my whole life in Monash, currently living in Mulgrave. Local community has shaped me. I see this as a critical time to listen to and serve our local community. If elected, I will seek to keep rates low while delivering the services our community expects. I will assist local businesses get back on their feet, drive economic activity and jobs. I will support families by enhancing reserves and recreational facilities, improving safety and traffic management, and investing in family and children's services. I will listen to and address the unique needs of seniors, youth, people with a disability and women, and work to strengthen our diversity. I will enable local sporting clubs and community groups the help and resources they need to firstly revive and then thrive. I will advocate for a more sustainable Monash. I would love the opportunity to represent you and our community. Together we can build a better future for Monash. Vote 1 Simon Miller, 2 Tina Samardzija, 3 Paul Klisaris, 4 Shane McCluskey, 5 Shashi Kochhar, 6 Stefanie Bauer and 7 Mazharul Chowdhury, and then number every box.

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**ANGAPPAN, Chitra Dhanalakshmi**

I am ready to serve as a multicultural and independent candidate who is committed to public service. So much has changed in 2020, and fresh perspectives are needed. Lets make a change together. I live in Mulgrave with my adoring husband and two kids. I have called Australia home since 2003. This means I truly understand the diversity of our area. I am an optimistic, proud, and ambitious Australian but I am also proud of my heritage. Our councillors need to reflect the multicultural makeup of our community. I completed my bachelors degree in mathematics, with a Post-graduate Diploma in teaching (Melbourne University). I was also the Student President in University. I have experience teaching refugee children maths and helping them be the best versions of themselves. I have also been involved in the red shield. Currently I work as a supervisor within the public service but remain dedicated to children and education. I love serving my community wherever I can and will work tirelessly if elected. I will ensure Jells Park, Scotchmans Creek, Mulgrave freeway reserve, and other green spaces are preserved. I am also eager to expand our parking outside schools, continue to reduce rates, and improve our childcare and early education services. I will propose a program to clean up the disposable masks we see littered in our suburbs. I will be a transparent, friendly, and approachable councillor. I request your support to make a real difference. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi: The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Please support candidates with similar values. Vote 1 Chitra Angappan, 2 Marcus Fernandez, 3 Mazharul Chowdhry and then number all other remaining boxes.

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**WALKER, Liz**

As a Mulgrave Ward resident of 21 years, I am excited about the opportunity to serve the community that I love. I have an intimate knowledge of our community, being an active member of the Mulgrave Country Club, Glen Waverley Anglican Church, Rotary, various youth committees and longstanding services to local businesses. My professional experience in government advocacy, policy, and administration have furthered my passion for delivering necessary infrastructure and pragmatic outcomes for our community. I will pursue better family outcomes and commit to preserving your investment in our area by keeping rates low, protecting our green spaces and advocating against inappropriate development. I believe Council should focus on efficiency, cost effectiveness and service delivery. With experience in administration and management, and as Secretary of various university organisations, I will efficiently oversee Councils budget to ensure core services garbage, road maintenance, infrastructure and capital projects are delivered for least cost. As a senior youth leader, I am committed to delivering the most needed resources for our community, such as access to health, family and mental health services. As an avid local sports participant, I am invested in enhancing sporting, community and recreational facilities. I will oversee the execution of upgrades, such as to the Mulgrave Reserve and local community hubs. A focus of mine is working in partnership with community organisations to develop more inclusive programmes. I aspire to give back through service on Council. I will be your passionate, local and accessible Councillor, ready to listen to and action your ideas and voice your concerns. I am an independent candidate and I believe party politics has no place in local Council. Please vote 1 Walker, 2 Kojadellan, 3 Fernandez, 4 Chowdhury and 5 Hayhoe, ensuring to complete the remainder of your ballot as you choose.

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**FERNANDEZ, Marcus**

I hear you. If ever there was a time for change, it is now. I am a Liberal party member, but self-funded and independent to vote how I choose. I am a conservative, with strong public health and finance (MBA) credentials. We are dealing with both a health crisis and an economic one, and Monash can do better than the current response. If elected, I will help create a pandemic plan. One that gets the balance right of keeping us safe, and supporting our businesses and freedoms. Professionally, I work for a not-for-profit in the aged care sector, while managing a local nutrition business. I will also donate 10% of my council allowance to charity. A vote for me is a vote for common sense over political correctness. Roads, rates, and rubbish over climate emergency. I will propose a full blind spot review, keep downward pressure on rates, and balance the budget. My wife and I volunteer at church each week and speak to the silent majority. As a new father myself, I will gladly defend family values, and ensure our large faith-based communities are being included. I will fight our increasing crime by tackling graffiti, poor lighting, and hoon drivers. I will revisit Waverley Park being given its own postcode, and keep property developers honest. Please support me and likeminded candidates. Vote 1 Marcus Fernandez, 2 Liz Walker, 3 Lena Kojadellan, 4 Chitra Angappan. Number all remaining boxes for your vote to count. Contact me on 0473222554 or marcus4monash@gmail.com.

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**KLISARIS, Paul**

In times of crisis, experience counts. As your Mayor on four occasions and as your Councillor for twenty years, I've worked hard to put Mulgrave first. Drawing on my experience as a successful business operator, and working in partnership with our community, I've delivered significant results for our community. From our brand-new pavilions at Central Reserve, Columbia Park, Brentwood Reserve and Gladeswood Reserve, to establishing a library service point in Mulgrave, to securing funding for a dedicated HEADSPACE facility in Monash and to protecting residential streets from inappropriate development. I've always focused on outcomes that matter to Monash families. This has been a very difficult year for everyone as we struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic. That is why I championed, and delivered, a 10% rates discount for all rate payers in recognition of the tough times we've all been experiencing, something I am very proud of. As your Mayor I delivered the very first debt free budget in our city's history and I also delivered a new \$50 pensioner rebate. As a proud husband, and father of two daughters, I am extremely proud to have led the Prevention of Violence Against Women and children agenda at Council. I'm standing again because there's more to be done. I once again seek your support so that the \$4M upgrade at Mulgrave Reserve and the \$3.5M Wellington Child and Family Hub are delivered; these two projects are crucial and much needed pieces of community infrastructure for our local area. I also want to ensure that Council delivers on its pledge to be Carbon Neutral by 2025 because the health of our environment is absolutely crucial. Vote 1 Paul Klisaris, 2 Tina Samardzija, 3 Simon Miller, 4 Shane McCluskey, 5 Shashi Kochhar and remember to number all remaining boxes.

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Appendix 7.2.4: Candidate statement leaflet for Oakleigh Ward election



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**2020 Council Election**

**VOTING CLOSSES 6.00 PM  
Friday 23 October 2020**

**Don't Risk a Fine**

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Friday 23 October 2020**

Your ballot paper is attached to this leaflet.  
Complete and return as soon as possible.  
See the ballot paper envelope for voting instructions.

**VOTING IN THIS ELECTION IS BY POST ONLY**

Your completed ballot material must be posted or in the hands of the Election Manager on or before **6.00 pm on Friday 23 October 2020**.  
Local mail clearance times may vary. Ballot material must be mailed before final clearance times in the last week of voting. Late votes cannot be included in the count.  
Alternatively, you may hand-deliver your envelope during business hours to:  
Monash Seminar and Training Centre  
1A Atherton Road  
Oakleigh

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES**

Completed candidate questionnaires are available at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au) or alternatively from the Election Manager.

**COMPULSORY VOTING PROVISIONS APPLY**

You have received this ballot pack because you are enrolled for this election. Voting is compulsory if you were on the Victorian State electoral roll for this council on Friday 28 August 2020.

Further information on voting entitlements can be found at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)


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**Oakleigh Ward**

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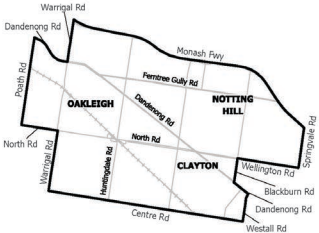
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**COLLINS, Danny**

Like most of us, I am not a member of a political party and our council doesn't need more politicians. It needs a hardworking and independent voice, capable of making important decisions without party influence. If you feel the same, I'd be honoured to serve you on council. I will fight to protect our area from over-development, keep our community safe, and always listen to your feedback. About me; I am 44, married with two children, working as a senior manager for an Australian fabric manufacturer. My daughters represent the fourth generation of my family in Oakleigh Ward and I can proudly say my father played for Oakleigh's 1960 VFA premierships team. This family history has fuelled a real passion for preserving our area's unique character and we cannot allow poor quality and high-rise developments to put this at risk. I will work with other councillors to ensure that new developments in Oakleigh, Clayton, Oakleigh South, Oakleigh East, Huntingdale, Hughesdale, and Notting Hill serve the community, not just the interests of a few. As a result of COVID 19, the way we work, study, and socialise has been turned upside down. As we exit lockdown, council services will be relied on more than ever and I look forward to working with other councillors to help get us all through this period. My suggested voting order is 1. Danny Collins, 2. Josh Fergeus, 3. Pierce Soulsby. If you vote 1 for any other candidate, put me as your number 2 and I promise I will be the hardest working candidate on your ballot paper. In both cases, remember to number all remaining boxes in your order of preference.

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**LAKSHANA, Esha**

The Indian community has given so much to Monash. Its now time that it has a representative on our local council. When I heard that there was not a multiculturally diverse woman as one of our councillors and as a Clayton resident, I decided to put myself forward to serve. I have been very impressed with Theo Zographos who has set the standard in local government. I own a business and hold an MBA so will have the skills to make the key decisions required. Im fully committed to supporting families in our area by being a loud voice for better services in maternal health and kindergarten. Your vote for me will mean Oakleigh Ward can have a woman as one of its three council members along with people like Theo. My platform includes proposing new trees be planted in our neighbourhoods to reinvigorate our green open space. Utilising my passion in business I will bring back and lead the Monash Womens Business Network. I strongly believe the relationship between Monash and the Indian community is very important and adds to our multicultural fabric. If elected, I will host a virtual Bollywood extravaganza until restrictions are removed then I will advocate to double the funding for the Clayton festival. Your vote for me will ensure compassionate, inclusive and responsive representation across the council chamber. After a careful analysis of all other candidates I have decided my indication of preferences are: Zographos 2, Jaeger 3, then number all other candidates in the order of your choice. You can go to [esha-for-oakleigh.my-free.website](http://esha-for-oakleigh.my-free.website) for the full list. Thank you for your support.

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**SOULSBY, Pierce Thomas**

As a community focused, selfless, compassionate person, I'm not afraid of a fight. I'm a proud Indian Australian who is ready to give back. My mother arrived in Australia at a young age as her family fled strife in Fiji, my father was a paperboy in Box Hill. They took strength and inspiration in hard work, as they built a happy life for our family. I believe public service is a challenge, but worth the opportunity to work for a proactive post Covid-19 recovery for the Oakleigh, Clayton, Mount Waverley, and Huntingdale communities. We need a plan for getting back on our feet after this year's lockdowns. But earlier this year, Council voted against urgently considering economic impact of coronavirus. We can't afford such indifference anymore. My promise is that every vote I cast will respond to the need to create and protect jobs in Monash. Despite the global pandemic, climate change continues to be an issue that threatens our way of life. It will threaten our economy if we do not get on top of it. I'll push Council to support common sense, non-punitive, economically friendly measures to address climate change. Developments in Monash have great potential, but also great risk. They can permanently add to the character of the city, or detract from it. But last year, Council voted against requiring transparency from Councillors in disclosing their contacts with developers. I'll fight to ensure that any developments are transparent and add to our community. This guarantees more complete public scrutiny and stops inappropriate development. Pierce Soulsby, a fresh take for Monash. You can find out more at [Facebook.com/PierceSoulsbyforOakleigh/](https://www.facebook.com/PierceSoulsbyforOakleigh/). Please consider preferencing positive candidates: 1 Pierce Soulsby, 2 Naureen Choudry, 3 Tamika Hicks, 4 Stuart James, 5 Josh Fergus, 6 Danny Collins and then number all the remaining boxes.

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**FERGEUS, Josh**

I am proud to be running for re-election as the first ever Greens Councillor to serve Monash. I have been connected to Monash ever since my great-grandparents built a home in Oakleigh 80 years ago. I have recently completed a PhD in mental health outcomes for children. I work as CEO of disability charity Kevin Heinze Grow. I have been a strong, independent progressive voice for Monash over the past four years and will continue to stand up for our community. I do not take donations from property developers or the pokies lobby. If re-elected I will continue to be your advocate for people and places over profit. I believe we can create and maintain a safe and nurturing community through consultation, action on climate change and social justice. My priorities for the next four years if re-elected: 1) Protecting our trees, improving and expanding our public open space; 2) Sustainable, liveable housing and planning outcomes for our local neighbourhoods, rejecting inappropriate development proposals; 3) Reducing waste and creating a zero-net emissions community; 4) Affordable, accessible Council services; 5) A fair, equitable Monash free from discrimination, celebrating the wonderful diversity of our community. Vote for me to i) Protect Scotchmans Creek; ii) Invest in our libraries and playgrounds; iii) Improve our walking and cycling infrastructure; iv) Say no to pokies; v) Stop clear-felling of trees; vi) Deliver a community-first outcome for 1 Beryl Avenue and Talbot Quarry. Contact: 0466 465 421 josh.fergeus@vic.greens.org.au Instagram/Twitter @JoshFergeus Facebook.com/JoshFergeusGreens to find out more. Vote [1] Josh Fergeus for a safe and sustainable future. Consider voting 2 Collins 3 Choudhry 4 Hicks 5 Soulsby 6 Jaeger then number all remaining boxes according to your preference.

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**LEE, Rachel Alexi**

I would like to advocate for women's rights and especially protect their privacy and freedom of speech. Furthermore, I would like to promote diversity in the workplace and more female senior roles in the commercial world and organizations. It is a long way ahead of us to achieve gender equality and close the gender pay gap. Female employees have not had enough exposure to promotions and career development. I acknowledge there is more work to be done as an advocate for women's rights. I also would like to extend my resources and effort as a local councillor to advocate for small to medium enterprises and self-employed professionals and artists to achieve attainable goals and a better future. As a local politician for people, I stress that the COVID-19 disease and restrictions declared a cold war on our economy and local communities, as a result, our economy is declining and our middle-class community is shrinking, and the lower income families are further saddened by the shutting down of non-essential businesses. It is such a worrying situation for all of us. So far, to be on a positive note, we have worked together by following the rules to combat this disease patiently and effectively during the harsh lockdown stage. During this period of COVID-19 lockdown, I revisit music as a music enthusiastic, I believe in the power of music to heal peoples wounds and scars, the language of music delivers various direct messages to audiences and let us use the power of music in a positive way to engage local communities for lots of good vibes during this difficult time. Last but not least, I exercise my faith in christianity and humanity on a daily basis during COVID-19 health crisis and I recommend local communities to be more involved in religious beliefs.

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**SILVA, Francisco**

Francisco Silva is passionate about making a difference. He has 20 years corporate experience and exposure at KPMG, Shell and other complex organisations covering a diverse range of industries. He holds several accounting and business qualifications including Fellowship of CPA, Fellowship of CIMA (UK), B.Sc. Accountancy & Financial Management, Post Grad Diploma in Corporate & Commercial Law from Monash University and Executive MBA from Melbourne Business School. Most recently he has established Global Virtual Corporate Services to assist businesses in need of professional corporate services but are not in a position to have them on staff. Francisco believes that with his background he could introduce in Council an ecosystem to exceed rate payers and customers expectations and thereby also reduce the waste and the need to increase rates continually. Francisco Silva is a member of the Lions Club as well as a past president. He has been a Director for 10 years has supported the underprivileged with funding approx \$300k worth of projects. The scope of possibilities in Council to make the money go further will be enormous. A local resident, father of two young kids, Francisco knows the challenges faced by migrants and professional working parents. This insight will be invaluable to assisting Council in supporting businesses post-Covid. Francisco declares that he is not a member of any political party. He sees far too much Labor and Greens influence on Council which ruins the opportunities that council has to best serve the people of Monash. Vote 1 Francisco Silva, 2 van der End, and then complete all numbers on your ballot and post it by 23rd October for it to be counted.

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**ZOGRAPHOS, Theo**

As your Councillor Theo Zographos continues to lead the way in Monash since his election eight years ago. His proven experience continued to be effective on council this year by working in a bipartisan way during the pandemic to implement the first rate reduction in Monash history. His pet project, the new \$24.5 million Oakleigh Recreation Centre is now almost complete. He delivered stage 1 of the \$5 million Caloola Reserve multi-sports redevelopment and stage 2 is now under construction. Without Theo on Council, the 195 space multi-level carpark in Oakleigh which was opened this term would not exist. Now more than ever our community needs experienced leadership. When the COVID-19 hit our community, Theo stepped up. His motion in February, the first of any Councillor, focused on aged care centres in Monash as well as local small businesses. If re-elected Theo will advocate for no rate rises for the next four years. He will work to revitalise Eaton Mall with a detailed reinvoignation plan. Theo will deliver more public toilets in more places across our city. Whether it be on radio, in the newspaper or social media, when people want to know about Monash, they turn to Theo. Essential. Effective. Experience. Fiercely independent, always putting Monash first. Now is not the time to risk the leadership of our community. Away from local council Theo has an accomplished career in an ASX top 10 company. To receive the latest up to date information about Theo's positive plan, including Theo's detailed video message to you, please visit Theo4Oakleigh on Facebook. Theo's recommendations for like-minded candidates are: Zographos 1, Van Der End 2, Jaeger 3, then number every other box.

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**HICKS, Tamika**

It's been a tough year for our community. We need representatives on Council who have a passion for connecting community, who have strong leadership and an understanding of small business. Rebuilding at a local level starts with electing the right people to represent you at Council. This Council term, only 2 of the 11 Councillors were women (18%) and Oakleigh Ward was represented by 3 men. It is important to have a Council that is reflective of the community we live in. As a mother, as a businesswoman, and as a local, I believe I am best placed to be your ideal Councillor. Having three teenagers and running a business, I know how hard it can be juggling finances. We all work hard, I want to see that Council invests your money appropriately. My priority will be to ensure our rates remain low during our COVID recovery. I commit to maintain and upgrade our public parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities in order to reconnect and stay healthy. We are proud of where we live, I will make sure our streets and footpaths are safe and tidy. Inappropriate development in our residential streets will not be given an automatic nod. I will protect the unique character and identity of our suburbs. The food recycling program is a brilliant initiative to reduce our impact on the environment. However, with summer coming we don't want our bins smelling of rotting food, our green bins need to be collected weekly. Its important that we have decision makers on Council that are a true voice of our local community. I will be your voice at the table, and I want to hear what matters to you. Vote: 1 Hicks; 2 Chowdhury; 3 Soulsby; 4 James; 5 Fergeus; and then number all remaining boxes.

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**LIU, Rachel**

As a young professional Chinese Australian woman, I am standing in these elections to end the discrimination rampant in the workplace, particularly for first generation immigrants. As an independent, I'm not a member of any political party. As an observer of Monash Council the last few years, most councillors have been engaged in useless bickering with minor exceptions like Theo Zographos, a good and effective local councillor. This is why I want to represent you to bring a renewed professionalism to the council decision making process and advocate for equality in local government. My commitments are simple. We need childcare that's both affordable and available. It's time to bring back Neighbourhood Watch in a big way so that we get a renewed sense of community. We need more bus stops with new benches for our older citizens. I will also advocate that council compulsory acquires new open space when it becomes available, not be sold to developers. I will work to remove the burdensome red tape inducing vegetation protection overlay which stops people form removing trees in their own home when its a safety risk. As a proven quality improvement specialist, holding a Master of Applied Commerce from Melbourne University, I will use my knowledge mastering the Six Sigma quality management technique for a full review of council deliberations and services. Some of the worlds biggest companies and brands have used it to great results. Your support for me will ensure that our local council is run in an honest, accountable and efficient way. As there are three positions available in Oakleigh Ward, my recommendation for like-minded candidates are: Zographos 2, then number other candidates from 3 to 14. Vote 1 Liu - a better council for you.

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**VAN DER END, Alex**

Alex van der End is someone who is adept at overcoming challenges. With almost two decades in law enforcement, mostly in the Military Police, being solutions focused becomes second nature. Alex operates his own business as a professional Remedial Massage Therapist in Mount Waverley and is also a qualified pilot. His plan is to help provide better access to healthcare to remote locations through a new charity he is setting up. Clearly driven by a desire to achieve great results, Alex is sick and tired of Council ignoring common sense and wasting their time and our money on things that don't matter. If elected, Alex will focus on putting the community first and getting rid of the party politics and virtue signalling in Council. At a recent Council meeting, the top issues discussed were Climate Change and BLM! Whatever your thoughts are about these, they should not occupy time at council. There is a tier of government to take care of that and it is not here! Council should focus on local needs instead. Furthermore, Council plans to spend \$200,000 on buying carbon credits and then more money buying the most expensive electricity available. Again, the focus should be to save not spend money and ensure the community actually benefits with more than just warm fuzzy feelings. Like everyone else, Council needs to learn to live within their means. By first increasing rates by 2% this year, and then providing a temporary waiver of 10%, next year could see rates increasing 12% when the waiver is removed! A vote for Alex van der End will ensure a vote for lower rates, less waste and more community benefits. Visit [Alex4Monash.online](http://Alex4Monash.online) for more info. Alex recommends you vote 1 van der End, 2 Zographos, 3 Silva, 4 Jaeger and then all others.

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**JAMES, Stuart**

My priorities are simple, but important; family and community. I'm a local resident, just like you, living and raising my young family in Oakleigh, and I want a better and brighter future for my kids. My record speaks for itself. As your mayor over the past year, I have lead council through arguably the toughest period our city has ever faced, but coming out of this crisis will be even more difficult. I've heard the call for council to concentrate on core services. I've focused on funding new roads and footpaths whilst working hard to ensure Monash delivers the lowest rates in the State. I suggested the 10% rates waiver in recognition of the tough times we've all been experiencing during COVID-19. And I championed the introduction of our food and organics recycling which has dramatically reduced our waste to landfill. But council is more than just roads, rates and rubbish. My highlight was the introduction of assisted playgroups to help deal with the social isolation faced by new parents and associated mental health issues. I've focused on upgrading and building new playgrounds and sporting facilities. My budget bids have seen us begin a feasibility study for a new community hub in Oakleigh and the first stage of precinct plans for the Clayton and Huntingdale activity centres. I would love the opportunity to see these come to fruition. I recommit to being approachable, accessible, consultative and transparent. I would be honoured to have your support to continue the work that we have started together. We need more women on council. Tamika Hicks is a local resident, mother and business owner with a terrific vision. Vote 1 Stuart James, 2 Tamika Hicks, 3 Naureen Choudhry, 4 Pierce Soulsby, 5 Josh Fergeus, 6 Danny Collins then number all remaining boxes

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**GARDNER, Michael James**

Thank you to the mums, dads, teachers and carers for stepping up to the challenges of educating our children online; to communities for reaching out to support our vulnerable; to businesses for navigating many ways forward and to the health and community services for coordinating our resources for the well-being of all. Local government has a special focus on community. As a grateful member, I want to share my energy and 2020 vision in service to you all as your councillor in the Oakleigh ward. I will reduce rates by reducing waste. As a local designer and manufacturer, studying, living and operating within Monash for 45 years, I have the skills, experience and grass roots commitment to help restart this beautiful city. I will apply wisdom and prudence to each dollar spent on improving our collective home; allocating resources with careful respect to new needs, new circumstances and tighter budgets. My recent efforts to build strength, resilience and opportunity include: Developing ordering apps and street vending solutions for our retailers; Redistributing food to over 100 families; saving them thousands of dollars and eliminating 700kg/week of methane emissions; Supporting 70 faith communities to connect through live stream broadcast; Composting 5000 kg of local fruit and vegetable waste into our schools gardens; Promoting Warrawee Park Christmas Carols through Oakleigh's 360 retailers; Organizing the 2019 Environmental Forum at Brickmakers park; Encouraging students voices and ideas through public speaking; Recycling millions of litres of Styrofoam destined to landfill yearly. In the midst of great uncertainty, my vision for a stronger and cleaner Monash saves money, builds vitality and provides certainty. Together, we'll take the path to recovery, restart our opportunities and revive our community as a home of love, peace and prosperity. Please Vote 1 Michael Gardner and number all remaining boxes. [michaelgardner.com.au](http://michaelgardner.com.au) 0451 511 510

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**CHOUHRY, Naureen**

I am standing for these core reasons: relief for traders and ratepayers, better community infrastructure and a more accessible and representative council. I am committed to inspiring positive change and enriching community services, including maternal and child health services; highlight social issues, with a specific focus on family violence and mental health programs; strengthen sports infrastructure for local clubs and explore sustainable solutions for reducing our carbon footprint. At the core of this election are the residents of Oakleigh Ward. I know many in our community are facing unprecedented challenges in the wake of the global pandemic. The coronavirus has placed extraordinary pressure on local families, businesses, sports clubs and community groups. The City of Monash Council needs to be at the forefront of this response, supporting our community through the provision of rate and fee relief and taking an active approach in assisting clubs and community organisations. As your Council representative, I will work towards advocating for policies that actually work for local residents and community. I will draw on my work and volunteer experience in community advocacy to put the wheels in motion from day one. I will remain active and accessible so I can be your voice on Monash Council. As a proud Australian, a mother, and a grassroots activist, I will give your voice a fair go. My vision for Oakleigh Ward is that it is a place of choice with top-notch infrastructure, facilities and community services. I hope for increased inclusion and to see values, ideas and identities of all people represented in decision-making. My success is when I will meet the needs of my community. Please vote for me! 1 Naureen Choudhry [facebook.com/Vote1Naureen](http://facebook.com/Vote1Naureen); 2 Tamika Hicks; 3 Pierce Soulsby; 4 Stuart James; 5 Josh Fergeus. Fill each box; make your vote count.

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**JAEGER, Jennifer**

Born in Oakleigh, I have lived all my life in the area and feel our Oakleigh ward is a unique area of Melbourne. I am a past President of History Monash Inc and have been directly involved in local heritage issues. I am a small business owner and I have also served for seven years as a community representative on two health regulatory boards. I will take on and welcome feedback from residents and my approach would be a consultative one, in other words I will listen to you. I am not a politician but a person with real life skills of problem solving with a strong work ethic. I bring to the role no-nonsense grit combined with empathy and sensitivity. I am a Mother of an adult daughter, and a carer for her Father in aged care. My policies are improving key services in at home care for the elderly and disabled, our mental health services and Headspace for teens. Open Local Government, listening to concerns and respecting community views. To keep council spending at an affordable level and manage rates responsibly. To have Monash Council be in the forefront of waste management in Melbourne. To protect the Heritage buildings, trees, parks and flora of our area, which we can all enjoy. We have all had a tough time this year with the Covid 19 lock down and I am very keen to get our Monash back to normal in a timely manner. You vote is important I ask for you to Vote 1. J Jaeger, Vote 2. T Zographos, Vote 3. J Fergeus, Vote 4. A Van Der End, then mark all boxes for your vote to count. Let's make our Monash a better place to live and work together.

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## Appendix 8: Daily breakdown of the general mail-out

### Monash City Council election

| 6 October 2020 | 7 October 2020 | 8 October 2020 | Total   |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| 41,079         | 41,079         | 38,663         | 120,821 |

### Glen Waverley Ward election

| 6 October 2020 | 7 October 2020 | 8 October 2020 | Total  |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| 7,843          | 7,843          | 7,382          | 23,068 |

### Mount Waverley Ward election

| 6 October 2020 | 7 October 2020 | 8 October 2020 | Total  |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| 10,690         | 10,690         | 10,062         | 31,442 |

### Mulgrave Ward election

| 6 October 2020 | 7 October 2020 | 8 October 2020 | Total  |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| 10,527         | 10,527         | 9,908          | 30,962 |

### Oakleigh Ward election

| 6 October 2020 | 7 October 2020 | 8 October 2020 | Total  |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| 12,019         | 12,019         | 11,311         | 35,349 |

## Appendix 9: Result information

### Monash City Council election

#### Glen Waverley Ward Count summary

**Enrolment:** 23,068

**Formal votes:** 19,585

**Informal votes:** 588 (2.91% of the total votes)

**Voter turnout:** 20,173 (87.45% of the total enrolment)

| Candidates (in ballot paper order) | First preference votes | Percentage |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| SALOUMI, Lynnette                  | 2,122                  | 10.83%     |
| LAKE, Geoff                        | 8,659                  | 44.21%     |
| HAFNER, Reynie                     | 1,352                  | 6.90%      |
| PATEL, Amit                        | 1,006                  | 5.14%      |
| LUO, Nicky                         | 2,277                  | 11.63%     |
| DWYER, Shane                       | 917                    | 4.68%      |
| CHIN, Calvin                       | 2,318                  | 11.84%     |
| FINNIGAN, Tarity                   | 514                    | 2.62%      |
| CHEAH, Chan                        | 420                    | 2.14%      |

#### Successful candidates

LAKE, Geoff (1st elected candidate)

LUO, Nicky (2nd elected candidate)

### Mount Waverley Ward Count summary

**Enrolment:** 31,443

**Formal votes:** 25,464

**Informal votes:** 1,153 (4.33% of the total votes)

**Voter turnout:** 26,617 (84.65% of the total enrolment)

| Candidates (in ballot paper order) | First preference votes | Percentage |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| WAN, Danny                         | 1,298                  | 5.10%      |
| PEWTRESS, Thomas                   | 1,734                  | 6.81%      |
| DAVIS, Jillian                     | 805                    | 3.16%      |
| DE SILVA, Anjalee                  | 4,637                  | 18.21%     |
| KUSHWAHA, Narendra                 | 418                    | 1.64%      |
| WENG, Lin                          | 651                    | 2.56%      |
| SHARKEY, John                      | 2,258                  | 8.87%      |
| PATERSON, Rebecca                  | 4,513                  | 17.72%     |
| NGO, Maria                         | 1,212                  | 4.76%      |
| LITTLE, Brian                      | 4,136                  | 16.24%     |
| DAYANDAS, Bill                     | 1,720                  | 6.75%      |
| TSOI, Mt Pang                      | 2,082                  | 8.18%      |

### Successful candidates

PATERSON, Rebecca (1st elected candidate)

LITTLE, Brian (2nd elected candidate)

DE SILVA, Anjalee (3rd elected candidate)

### Mulgrave Ward Count summary

**Enrolment:** 30,962

**Formal votes:** 25,344

**Informal votes:** 1,515 (5.64% of the total votes)

**Voter turnout:** 26,859 (86.75% of the total enrolment)

| Candidates (in ballot paper order) | First preference votes | Percentage |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| KOCHHAR, Shashi                    | 1,053                  | 4.15%      |
| QUACH, B. Long                     | 1,053                  | 4.15%      |
| HAYHOE, Brett                      | 310                    | 1.22%      |
| KOJADELIAN, Lena                   | 997                    | 3.93%      |
| CHOWDHURY, Mazharul                | 228                    | 0.90%      |
| ANAMIKA, Anamika                   | 191                    | 0.75%      |
| CHERUKARA-MATHEW, Immanuel         | 139                    | 0.55%      |
| McCLUSKEY, Shane                   | 4,000                  | 15.78%     |
| BAUER, Stefanie                    | 1,398                  | 5.52%      |
| SAMARDZIJA, Tina                   | 2,675                  | 10.55%     |
| MILLER, Simon                      | 1,934                  | 7.63%      |
| ANGAPPAN, Chitra Dhanalakshmi      | 477                    | 1.88%      |
| WALKER, Liz                        | 1,863                  | 7.35%      |
| FERNANDEZ, Marcus                  | 2,109                  | 8.32%      |
| KLISARIS, Paul                     | 6,917                  | 27.29%     |

### Successful candidates

KLISARIS, Paul (1st elected candidate)

McCLUSKEY, Shane (2nd elected candidate)

SAMARDZIJA, Tina (3rd elected candidate)

### Oakleigh Ward Count summary

**Enrolment:** 35,350

**Formal votes:** 26,614

**Informal votes:** 1,824 (6.41% of the total votes)

**Voter turnout:** 28,438 (80.45% of the total enrolment)

| Candidates (in ballot paper order) | First preference votes | Percentage |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| COLLINS, Danny                     | 2,191                  | 8.23%      |
| LAKSHANA, Esha                     | 470                    | 1.77%      |
| SOULSBY, Pierce Thomas             | 740                    | 2.78%      |
| FERGEUS, Josh                      | 3,927                  | 14.76%     |
| LEE, Rachel Alexi                  | 463                    | 1.74%      |
| SILVA, Francisco                   | 506                    | 1.90%      |
| ZOGRAPHOS, Theo                    | 6,180                  | 23.22%     |
| HICKS, Tamika                      | 2,483                  | 9.33%      |
| LIU, Rachel                        | 1,536                  | 5.77%      |
| VAN DER END, Alex                  | 1,051                  | 3.95%      |
| JAMES, Stuart                      | 4,269                  | 16.04%     |
| GARDNER, Michael James             | 858                    | 3.22%      |
| CHOUDHRY, Naureen                  | 845                    | 3.18%      |
| JAEGER, Jennifer                   | 1,095                  | 4.11%      |

### Successful candidates

ZOGRAPHOS, Theo (1st elected candidate)

FERGEUS, Josh (2nd elected candidate)

JAMES, Stuart (3rd elected candidate)

## Appendix 10: Election participation statistics

Note: Participation is measured by the number of marks on the roll as a percentage of total enrolment and can vary from turnout (total ballot papers counted as a percentage of total enrolment).

| Monash City Council election                             |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Enrolment category                                       | Participation as a percentage of voters enrolled in each category for 2020 Monash City Council general election | Comparator for 2016 Monash City Council general election | Statewide postal election comparator for 2020 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council) |
| Voters enrolled through section 241 of the LG Act        | 88.32%  | 81.66%   | 86.27%  |
| aged 18 to 69 years old on election day                  | 87.74%  | 81.45%   | 85.48%  |
| aged 70 years and over on election day                   | 90.51%  | 82.51%   | 90.14%  |
| Voters enrolled through sections 243 - 245 of the LG Act | 59.12%  | 52.71%   | 60.96%  |
| <b>Council total</b>                                     | <b>86.21%</b>   | <b>78.66%</b>  | <b>84.12%</b>   |

| Glen Waverley Ward election                              |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Enrolment category                                       | Participation as a percentage of voters enrolled in each category for 2020 Monash City Council general election | Statewide postal election comparator for 2020 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council) |  |
| Voters enrolled through section 241 of the LG Act        | 90.48%  | 86.27%  |  |
| aged 18 to 69 years old on election day                  | 89.88%  | 85.48%  |  |
| aged 70 years and over on election day                   | 92.61%  | 90.14%  |  |
| Voters enrolled through sections 243 - 245 of the LG Act | 60.75%  | 60.96%  |  |
| <b>Ward total</b>  | <b>88.91%</b>   | <b>84.12%</b>   |  |

### Mount Waverley Ward election

| Enrolment category                                       | Participation as a percentage of voters enrolled in each category for 2020 Monash City Council general election | Statewide postal election comparator for 2020 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council) |
|--|---|---|
| Voters enrolled through section 241 of the LG Act        | 88.07%  | 86.27%  |
| aged 18 to 69 years old on election day                  | 87.59%  | 85.48%  |
| aged 70 years and over on election day                   | 90.01%  | 90.14%  |
| Voters enrolled through sections 243 - 245 of the LG Act | 59.70%  | 60.96%  |
| <b>Ward total</b>  | <b>86.36%</b>   | <b>84.12%</b>   |

### Mulgrave Ward election

| Enrolment category                                       | Participation as a percentage of voters enrolled in each category for 2020 Monash City Council general election | Statewide postal election comparator for 2020 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council) |
|--|---|---|
| Voters enrolled through section 241 of the LG Act        | 89.77%  | 86.27%  |
| aged 18 to 69 years old on election day                  | 89.44%  | 85.48%  |
| aged 70 years and over on election day                   | 90.78%  | 90.14%  |
| Voters enrolled through sections 243 - 245 of the LG Act | 58.36%  | 60.96%  |
| <b>Ward total</b>  | <b>88.54%</b>   | <b>84.12%</b>   |

### Oakleigh Ward election

| Enrolment category                                       | Participation as a percentage of voters enrolled in each category for 2020 Monash City Council general election | Statewide postal election comparator for 2020 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council) |
|--|---|---|
| Voters enrolled through section 241 of the LG Act        | 85.63%  | 86.27%  |
| aged 18 to 69 years old on election day                  | 84.98%  | 85.48%  |
| aged 70 years and over on election day                   | 88.77%  | 90.14%  |
| Voters enrolled through sections 243 - 245 of the LG Act | 58.62%  | 60.96%  |
| <b>Ward total</b>  | <b>82.28%</b>   | <b>84.12%</b>   |



## Appendix 11: Complaints

### Written complaints received by the VEC

| Date              | Nature of the complaint   | Action taken by the VEC    |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 18 September 2020 | Complex Complaint - Candidates and Parties (Nominations)  | Action taken and responded |
| 23 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Candidates and Parties   | Response provided          |
| 24 September 2020 | Complex Complaint - Advertising or Election Material (Misleading or Deceptive Information)  | Referred to LGI            |
| 24 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Candidates and Parties (Conduct of Candidate or Party)                 | Referred to LGI            |
| 25 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Candidates and Parties (Misleading or Deceptive Information)           | Referred to LGI            |
| 25 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Location of Signs)                   | Referred to Council        |
| 27 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material                                       | Response provided          |
| 28 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Misleading or Deceptive Information) | Action taken and responded |
| 30 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Authorisation)                       | Referred to LGI            |
| 30 September 2020 | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Authorisation)                       | Response provided          |
| 5 October 2020    | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Misleading or Deceptive Information) | Response provided          |
| 6 October 2020    | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Misleading or Deceptive Information) | Referred to LGI            |
| 6 October 2020    | Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - VEC Administration (COVID-19)  | Response provided          |
| 6 October 2020    | Complex Complaint - Advertising or Election Material (Misleading or Deceptive Information)  | Referred to LGI            |
| 7 October 2020    | Criticism - Voting (Postal Voting Process)  | Response provided          |
| 8 October 2020    | Complex Complaint - Advertising or Election Material (Authorisation)  | Response provided          |
| 9 October 2020    | Complex Complaint - Advertising or Election Material (Candidate Statement or Questionnaire)   | Response provided          |

|                  |   |                            |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 12 October 2020  | Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - Enrolment (Entitlements)   | Response provided          |
| 12 October 2020  | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Location of Signs)                   | Response provided          |
| 13 October 2020  | Criticism - A Voting Centre or Election Office (Wait Times)   | Action taken and responded |
| 15 October 2020  | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Candidates and Parties (Misleading or Deceptive Information)           | Referred to LGI            |
| 15 October 2020  | Complex Complaint - Enrolment (VEC Procedures)  | Response provided          |
| 16 October 2020  | Complex Complaint - A Staff Member (Decision of Staff Member)   | Action taken and responded |
| 17 October 2020  | Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)   | Action taken and responded |
| 17 October 2020  | Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)   | Action taken and responded |
| 18 October 2020  | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Advertising or Election Material (Misleading or Deceptive Information) | Response provided          |
| 19 October 2020  | Allegation of potential breach of the law - External Agency as Regulator - Candidates and Parties (Conduct of Candidate or Party)                 | Referred to LGI            |
| 20 October 2020  | Sensitive / Complex Complaint   | Response provided          |
| 20 October 2020  | Clarification of Process, Procedure or Legislation - VEC Administration (Incorrect information)   | Response provided          |
| 21 October 2020  | Suggestion - VEC Administration (Incorrect information)   | Action taken and responded |
| 22 October 2020  | Simple Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)   | Action taken and responded |
| 22 October 2020  | Simple Complaint - Enrolment (Objections)   | Response provided          |
| 22 October 2020  | Complex Complaint - Voting (Ballot Papers)  | Action taken and responded |
| 23 October 2020  | Complex Complaint - VEC Administration (VEC Procedures)   | Response provided          |
| 23 October 2020  | Allegation of potential breach of the law - VEC as Regulator - Candidates and Parties (Conduct of Candidate or Party)                             | Response provided          |
| 26 October 2020  | Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Arrived Late)  | Response provided          |
| 27 October 2020  | Simple Complaint - Voting   | Response provided          |
| 28 October 2020  | Simple Complaint - Voting (Postal Vote Never Received)  | Response provided          |
| 4 November 2020  | Allegation of potential breach of the law - VEC as Regulator - Candidates and Parties (Candidates )   | Response provided          |
| 6 November 2020  | Complex Complaint - Voting (Results)  | Action taken and responded |
| 6 November 2020  | Complex Complaint - Voting (Results)  | Action taken and responded |
| 24 November 2020 | Complex Complaint - VEC Administration (VEC Procedures)   | Response provided          |

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