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Candidate statements for Manningham City Council 2012 Elections

Each of the candidates for Manningham City Council's election has provided a statement with regard to why they believe electors should vote for them and an indication of preferences.

NOTE: Information in candidate statements is presented as provided by the candidates. Any enquiries about a candidate statement should be directed to the relevant candidate. Candidate statements are not verified or endorsed by the Returning Officer.

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TANG, Emily

Dear Ratepayers of Manningham, my name is Emily Tang, I wish to contribute my best efforts to this dynamic, multi-cultural area, where I have lived for over twenty-five years. My objective is to assist local residents to improve the standard of community services delivered here, especially in the aged care and disability sectors for our ageing population, ensuring good town planning outcomes, better roads, safer neighbourhoods and passionate lobbying for vastly improved public transport. My profession is a public accountant, with a Master of Business Administration in International Management. I am also a Justice of the Peace and happily married with two children. My community engagement includes Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, fund raising for local charities, twenty-five years volunteering for multi-cultural communities and working as musical director with stroke victims group. It is time for a change and balanced representation. Vote 1 for Emily Tang, your voice in Manningham.



Candidate's Indication of Preferences:

- 1 TANG, Emily
- 7 O'FLYNN, Edwin
- 4 MORELLO, Gus
- 3 GRIVOKOSTOPOULOS, Jim
- 5 PICK, Clive
- 2 GOUGH, Geoff
- 8 LA VELLA, Grace
- 6 KLEINERT, Michelle

O'FLYNN, Edwin

I have served on committees of sporting clubs, schools and church during the 45 years I have lived in Manningham. I wish to join with the incoming council to restore a sense of trust and integrity and act coherently on behalf of the community. Council rates on an average house in Manningham have increased 50% since 2007. The most recent increase of over 6% is double the CPI. This is in spite of high density development, Government handouts, sale of properties acquired at ratepayer's expense over many years, and increasing parking revenue. Planning decisions have been biased towards developers. Too much has been spent on developer breakfasts and media promotions. Whether we extend urban boundaries or go high rise, inevitably, there will be impact on infrastructure, traffic and quality of life. Manningham should oppose Melbourne 5 million people. A change is needed. Email me at manomann@optusnet.com.au.



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MORELLO, Gus

I am a family man and long time resident of Manningham. My single priority is the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the unique environment and lifestyle of our city. I have a long history of voluntary community service and am currently a member of five local committees working to deliver improved outcomes in Manningham. With a background in architecture, I have extensive experience and understanding of town planning principles and believe that we, the citizens, should have a real voice in determining the direction of our community. I offer genuine representation without any personal agenda. I have chosen to live and work in Manningham for over thirty years and want only what you want - to have the most liveable and sustainable city in Melbourne. I share your concerns on the issues that affect us all and will work collaboratively and harmoniously to achieve cost effective, efficient and desired outcomes.



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GRIVOKOSTOPOULOS, Jim

Better known as Jim Grivas in my community, I am a father of a young daughter and have lived in Manningham for over 15 years. I have worked in the telecommunications industry for 22 years and am now working in the media industry. I strongly believe in establishing open accountability and a common sense approach to local government matters. I understand the issues faced by my community and my support for local business is important. As your voice on Council I will be able to assist all residents and business to make Manningham a better place for our families, our community and the elderly. It's time for ratepayers to vote for change, I will bring a fresh honest approach to my work and will be proud to represent my community. I am the voice Heide Ward needs. This is what I stand for and I ask for your vote.



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PICK, Clive

Feel like Council has forgotten the community values that once made our city great? It's my mission to restore our city's prosperity from a Council that's lost its way. Council needs to respect our seniors; I'll push for \$200 pensioner discounts and upgraded aged care services. Our rates keep soaring, but the town hall elites do nothing to ease the squeeze. It's time to live within our means; I'll fight to freeze rates and review Council's luxury spending addictions. I'll challenge Council to restore civic pride by fixing the decaying infrastructure (like King Street and Templestowe Road), whilst upgrading our invaluable welfare services. We'll fund this by cutting the mountains of cash reserves, and stopping self-serving fashionable projects. Councillor conflict must end, and the community placed first. As a former local Councillor with strong family values. I understand how to make our city great again. Give Pick the tick!



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GOUGH, Geoff

As your current Mayor, I seek your support in enhancing Manningham's unique quality of life. Your interests are my interests: I grew up here, was schooled here and I raised my family here. Community wellbeing is about realizing our residents' aspirations and needs. We need to refocus on the things that matter: upgrading roads, footpaths, drains, public parks, sporting and community facilities. Refocusing demands low rate burdens, efficiency and accountability, with sound debt free financial management. I stand for preventing inappropriate development, by ensuring that higher density is limited to our designated zones. Public open space is precious and I will continue preventing its loss to developer threats. I listen, consult and act with integrity. I believe in responsible representation. I have never played political games and always deal with each issue on its merits. I provide sincere and honest leadership by never making promises that I cannot deliver.



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LA VELLA, Grace

I am an experienced councillor with integrity and a common sense approach. I raised my family in Manningham and strive to ensure Manningham remains one of the safest and most desirable places for future generations to live. I advocate for open and transparent processes, sound governance, safe and well maintained roads and footpaths, vibrant and viable activity centres and quality services for all residents to enjoy. I will continue to campaign for improved public transport options and encourage environmental sustainability. My goal is to enrich our community's wellbeing by



remaining active and available, listening and delivering and being reliable and trustworthy. Successful outcomes are achieved by developing strong respectful relationships with the local community irrespective of age, race or culture and that is what I do. My vision is to foster and be part of a unified, focused and active council that treats the community with respect and understanding.

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KLEINERT, Michelle

My vision for our community is to ensure the voices of all the residents are heard, listened to and acted upon. It is time for change! I have the energy and enthusiasm to represent the people of Heide Ward. I am a long term resident and run my Business Training company in Heide. If elected, I will listen and respond to the needs of the older persons and retirees; increase the awareness and access to children's and family services; work closely and passionately with youth, encourage respect for Manningham's diverse community. Our local shopping centres need enhancement and growth strategies; We must halt inappropriate developments; lobby for funding for transport services and roads and protect our parks and amenities. If elected I will ensure rates are kept low and spent on the needs of the community. Let's ensure Manningham is the preferred place to live and enjoy life.

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Koonung Ward (3 vacancies)

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HAYNES, Dot

I have been a community volunteer and busy advocate for the people of Manningham for over fifteen years. I enjoy working actively with leaders and community groups for social inclusion and harmony. I will continue to work towards better services for the elderly and disabled. Having run successful businesses here and in the USA; and having demonstrated a keen interest in the municipality by going to Manningham Council meetings for over five years, I believe I am well prepared to serve the community as a local Councillor. I will passionately work to reduce the pressure of continual rate rises and overdevelopment, as well as unnecessary council overstaffing and overspending. I will work to retain and improve our parks and gardens and expand long overdue maintenance of our trees, paths, roads and drainage systems. I will get results for our community. I am a "More Action, Less Talk" person.

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ZAFIROPOULOS, Mike

I bring to the Councillor role skills, local knowledge and relevant experience. I have been a Mayor and Councillor at the former City of Fitzroy and recognise the importance of cohesion and stability for good governance. My strong networks with all levels of government will be invaluable in supporting my Councillor role. I serve the community as a Justice of Peace and have been recognised by the Order of Australia (AM) for my voluntary work over the years in the arts, public health, community development, philanthropy and local government. As a long term resident of Manningham, I am committed to preserve and improve the amenity of our City, community spirit, environment, public transport and urban design. I am acutely aware of the planning pressures in Koonung Ward and associated parking and traffic concerns. I will be consultative and a strong advocate on behalf of the community. Vote 1 for me.

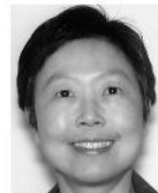


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**CHEN, Anna**

I was born in Hong Kong, brought up in Taiwan and first came to Melbourne in the 1980s. My family and I have lived in Manningham for more than 10 years and appreciate its unique natural environment and friendly atmosphere. I am a lawyer and have a Master of Laws degree from the University of Melbourne. Outside of my practice, I volunteer with the Eastern Community Legal Centre and the Council's Access and Equity Advisory Committee. I believe my knowledge and experience in law and procedure and passion to serve the community can bring breath of fresh air to the Council. If elected, I will endeavour to reduce the rates increase through strict budgetary discipline and expenditure efficiency; advocate for a long-term strategy for the ageing population in our community; improve services for seniors and young families and better public transport facilities. Vote Chen, Anna [1] for a better Manningham.

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YANG, Jennifer

To get back to basics, vote 1 Jennifer Yang. As your current Deputy Mayor, I have worked tirelessly to make Council represent the real needs of residents. I'll continue attacking unfair rate rises; saving your hard earned money by stricter budgeting and wiser spending. I'll keep attacking inappropriate development and push for tighter planning controls. I'll battle to maximise open space on the proposed Doncaster Golf Club development. I'll oppose short sighted cash grabs such as selling family parks and placing parking meters around Doncaster. The city's standards must match the community's expectations by upgrading roads, footpaths, drainage, and sporting and community facilities. As a family focused mother I'm determined to improve services for local families including kindergartens and public transport upgrades, and implementing a generous pensioner discount. I'm sensible and always approachable. And I have a proven record of listening and working hard with the community for real results.

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KHALIL, Magdi

My family is one of 3 generations living in Koonung for the past 28 years. I'm an organisational change management consultant and bring my expertise to represent concerns, issues and views of all residents. I will oppose inappropriate residential/commercial developments that don't adhere to planning requirements and ensure relative infrastructure, maintenance services and facilities are addressed. Review traffic and car parking issues resulting from an increase in residential/commercial developments. Ensure up-to-date facilities and amenities are accessible to the elderly and disabled. Increase support for local sporting clubs and youth activity centres to promote youth community engagement. Create initiatives to strengthen and expand locally owned small/medium business retention and expansion efforts to invest in job creation opportunities. As a councillor, I will be a strong voice for our community and champion a balanced approach to decision-making that is participatory and inclusive.

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KITCHINGMAN, Ron

I am aware of the burden of Council rates on your family budget. If elected I will scrutinize all council expenditure and reduce the use of costly external consultants. It is important to note that I am a long term resident of Koonung Ward (your ward). It is also essential to restore harmony within the Council. My major objectives are the maintenance of your roads and drains and provision of ample sporting and recreational facilities for all residents. I am aware of resident opposition to inappropriate intense development, I intend to seek a review of planning controls in our ward together with parking and traffic management. I will oppose the use of tandem car parking and car-stackers in unit development, The needs of our ageing population are also a priority for me. My current community involvement include Justice of the Peace, Board Member of both Doncare and MCA (nursing home)



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DJOKOVIC, Luke

I have lived in the area of Manningham for 7 years and am married with two young children. My work experience of almost 20 years is in various banks and funds management institutions. I consider myself to be responsible, conservative and caring and this is why I wish to run as councillor. I want to make a difference in my community. My goals are to do what is in the communities' best interest at all times. This includes ensuring funds are wisely spent with the greatest number of people benefiting. Projects proceeding only after careful consideration of what we really need. Providing assistance to the elderly and those facing financial hardship. Support and encourage all businesses that make our community a safe and great place to live. Promote and assist all those that are able to provide the community with new activities for both young and old.



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NEOFYTU, George

Like many residents, I'm sick of the in-fighting by existing councillors and want some action, especially on building new facilities. Despite having one of Victoria's most multi-cultural communities, Manningham has failed to deliver facilities for soccer. The main investment at Petty's Reserve in Templestowe is not scheduled for another 5 years. I have a Greek-Cypriot background and welcome people of all persuasions. I've spent many years in business and worked with a number of voluntary committees. Manningham has no debt and a strong balance sheet, therefore I won't support any more Manningham rate rises higher than inflation. Political representation in Koonung has been poor over the past 4 years with 3 elected representatives resigning. If elected, I would dedicate myself to working hard on council issues such as the much-needed Doncaster Rail proposal. I'm a sensible and practical person with lots of experience who will work hard for the constituents.



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O'BRIEN, Stephen

As a Town Planner with 26 years urban planning, engineering and traffic management experience, I understand the issues facing Koonung and will stop inappropriate and unsightly development occurring in our side and back streets. I will ensure much better community engagement throughout the development planning process, so residents with objections are given a much stronger voice in the decision making. As your representative, I will do all in my power to resolve Koonung Ward issues constructively and to work with and not senselessly fight against, fellow Councillors. My personal approach will strive to restore integrity in the role of Councillor, return public confidence and reinstate sensible decision making. I will ensure our ward's pensioners, disabled and families are better provided for by increasing the number of respite care workers, implement a infirm household domestic waste collection service, champion a 3 year rates freeze and institute council job creation projects.



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MITAKAKIS, John

I have been a resident of Manningham for over 30 years. As a father, property owner and builder I am concerned with the manner in which projects are developed and with the chronic parking problems. Planning outcomes have failed to meet community expectations and significant money has been spent on the Doncaster Hill that must be down sized, reassessed as to its viability. If elected I would seek to trim executive salary structures, a reduction in Council car fleet and private use, a review of rates system, cut wasteful spending, engender a far greater community consultation process and a much greater degree of professionalism and cooperation in the planning process. I believe it is important that the needs of elderly, young people and those not so well off in our society do not fall between the cracks in the social system. Vote 1, Mitakakis John



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WALLACE, Graeme Hamlyn

I seek your support to bring back true representation for the Koonung community. We need to get back to a Council where your issues are at the foremost of Council's mind rather than personal one upmanship. I stand for considered development and respect the rights of people to have their say into how their local neighbourhood character is presented. I have served on the Advisory Committee to Council regarding the protection of our Open Space and will continue to work to maintain this. My background is quite varied holding qualifications in Chemistry, Accounting, and more recently a Masters Degree in Nutritional Medicine. I am involved in a number of charities working both locally and internationally and have received an OAM for this work. I believe that my business background and other skills will come together to provide sensible and logical representation for the whole of Manningham.



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PEROSA, John

I've lived in Doncaster East for 32 years and provided service to the community for most of my adult life. As Councillor for Koonung, I will act on behalf of and for the good of my local community. I will oppose any further high rise developments which will have any negative impact on residents. I'm determined to fix the traffic and parking congestion around Rieschieks Reserve and impose an immediate and permanent ban on all events that produce amplified music and sound at the reserve including the Heimat Centre. I will do everything I can to stop Council wasting ratepayers' money on useless and non-essential projects. I will place the rights of ratepayers above those of self serving minority groups who do nothing to contribute to the community. I pledge to do the best I can to provide a better quality of life for the people of Koonung.

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Mullum Mullum Ward (3 vacancies)[Top](#)**PICCININI, Paula**

It's time for sensible representation in Mullum Mullum. Vote for a competent, professional and community-minded candidate who has served on a kindergarten committee and is currently President of the primary school council which my 3 children attend. I was a 10 pound Pom whose Irish Catholic mother and Italian father came to Australia with very little in 1972 when I was 5. I worked hard, finished a double degree in Law and Arts, and then spent 15 years as a solicitor and barrister before switching to work as a professional family mediator. These will be useful skills on council. I've lived in Manningham for 8 years and am experienced in leadership, having also served as a director of the RACV since 2006. I support an efficient, transparent council, the Dog Activity Centre in Donvale, the proposed new highball facility at Mullum Mullum Reserve and more investment in soccer facilities.

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- 1 PICCININI, Paula
- 12 MUSCAT, David
- 4 ROGERS, Michael
- 15 DOWNIE, Meg
- 9 GRUNBERG, Robyn Adair
- 10 FANKHAUSER, Brian Leslie
- 3 BEYNON, Bob
- 6 GALBALLY, Sophy
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MUSCAT, David

Having lived in the Eastern suburbs on and off for over 30 years, with the last three years in the Manningham Area, I am very familiar with the needs of residents in the area. I am a family man, having been married for the last 20 years and have six grown up children and two grandchildren. My achievements include being part of the team who designed FFT WiFi from 1988 to 1990, Designer of Continuous Improvements in the Electronics Industry and local Business Owner. My interests are to improve the quality of life for the residents of Manningham by improving facilities and transport for local residents, improving services for young families and the elderly, advocating sustainable initiatives and improvements on behalf of the community, dealing with Cultural Diversity Issues, Research & Development of Bushfire Early Warning Systems and Services for Bushfire Control & Management.

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ROGERS, Michael

I am standing for Council because I believe that I can make a worthwhile contribution to the Manningham community, particularly residents in the Mullum Mullum ward. I have the business experience, the interest, and the time to contribute to good municipal government. As a qualified accountant, I worked in government for 11 years, have conducted a successful consulting business for the last 28 years, and am now semi retired. I have been a resident of Manningham (Templestowe, Park Orchards, Donvale, Bulleen and Warrandyte) for 30 years, and during that time I have served on 2 kindergarten committees and St Anne's school council, and was President of the Park Orchards Basketball Club for several years. If elected, I will serve the interests of the total Mullum Mullum community without any other allegiance. I am not controlled by any political party or grouping.



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DOWNIE, Meg

I seek your endorsement to continue working hard for all Mullum Mullum Ward residents. My record, working with Council officers includes: improved sports facilities in Donvale, Park Orchards, Warrandyte and Wonga Park, Aranga Dog Activity Centre, upgrades to roads, drainage and footpaths. I will continue: fighting for better public infrastructure, family parks, expanded sporting facilities in Mullum Mullum, organising regular Ward meetings, supporting the retention of the Green Wedge, requesting special public meetings on important planning and budgeting issues so that the people's voice is heard. My experience will be important when Council selects the new CEO - an appointment vital to the future of our Council. I admire and support the people from Manningham's many diverse community organisations and sporting clubs who are making vital contributions to our liveability, mostly on a voluntary basis. I live in Mullum Mullum Ward and always have time to listen to people.



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GRUNBERG, Robyn Adair

I am a mother of four children, and have spent nearly twenty years in the IT industry before retraining as a public school Secondary Science teacher. I am concerned about the current Council's frequent approval of inappropriate development in Mullum Mullum and generally in Manningham: a situation that will be further tested with proposed Victorian planning reforms. I believe Council has the responsibility to hand over a sustainable future to our children and the residents that follow us. I have served in School Council and Management Committee and have a history in volunteering and community service. I would be honoured to serve our ward if elected and bring a more effective community voice to Council's decisions. I also support Paul McLeish, my husband, a fellow candidate in this election and will be directing my preferences to him.

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FANKHAUSER, Brian Leslie

Freeze rate now. I feel blessed to live in this, Ward. Manningham Staff and Councillors before me, (including my Grandfather), have made this possible. However, over the past 4 years, rates have increased over 18%, with another 6.9% tabled for this year. Enough is enough. In news today our Finance Minister, Penny Wong, is asking for \$550,000,000 in Public Service efficiencies. Manningham Council must also find efficiencies. I ask your mandate to do exactly that, Find Efficiencies in Manningham's Expense's and to Freeze Rate Increases over the next 4 years. This is my primary concern. We, us Ratepayers, cannot be expected to continually finance increased Council expenditure. It must be aligned to the electorates needs and efficiencies must be of paramount importance. Environmental issues, lack of transport, governance, and real stakeholder input, are also of a major concern. Manningham should be the model that all Councils strive to replicate.



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Surely the electorate is sick of the petty quarrels, party politics, resignations and string of broken promises that has been the hallmark of the present Council. We should return to some of the core values of good governance and start working as a team for the benefit of our stakeholders. I offer myself as a candidate who has a record of 14 years service to Manningham as both a Councillor and Mayor of the city. During my previous terms Manningham was an acknowledged leader in the field and I think it is time we revisited the values that got us there. This can only be achieved if elected representatives work as a cohesive unit for the benefit of Manningham. My record is that of being a team player and I propose to continue this stance. It is no surprise that this approach leads to the best outcomes for the community.



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GALBALLY, Sophy

Development and growth are important but should never compromise the health of our community and environment. My multicultural childhood taught me that the differences between people can strengthen us. I'm grateful that my kids and family have thrived in the City of Manningham. I'm a business woman (Warrandyte Artworks) and initiator of many community projects (Park Orchards Farmers Market). Council policies should strengthen relationships between people and their environment. Let's have state-of-the-art sports facilities to help look after our kids. Let's make Community houses accessible to all, regardless of age, gender or ability. Let's build aged-care facilities where loved ones feel at home. Let's preserve the diversity of our landscapes which is reflected in our current zoning. After four years of council conflict, we deserve leaders who reflect the values of our community. Less friction, more action. Make your vote count. Vote 1.. Sophy GALBALLY



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McLEISH, Paul

My family and I have loved living in Donvale for over 10 years. I have senior business management experience through my long IT/finance career, overseeing large national budgets, teams and projects. In our local community, I helped lead opposition to the Dome Monastery development, defeating developer and Council at VCAT. Attending most 2012 Council meetings, I began the successful fight against rates on 4652 unsewered Manningham homes. I will defend the sanctity of the Green Wedge by resisting inappropriate development. Councillors must represent and support their community! Development planning must be more sympathetic to our communities environment; too often it's entirely financially driven. We must support our growing sporting clubs by developing new netball and basketball facilities in Mullum Mullum. Over 4 years Council increased rates 21% and waste charges 35%, with another 5% annually until 2022. Isn't \$78M PA enough? I will act to stop relentless rate rises!



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About Paul Slattery Volunteer Editor, www.TheSweeneyFlatsPost.com.au, Community Newspaper, Voice of the Mullum Mullum Valley. Paul advocates for you, citizens and ratepayers in TheSweeneyFlatsPost.com.Au, Phone 86829305. His longtime involvement in Local Government issues, puts him in a strong position for all citizens to express their concerns to council. Paul understands what citizens want for their hard-earned money, and agrees with the Victorian Auditor Generals statement, that council rates and charges are excessive, and service is poor. Contact Paul, sweeneyflatspost@gmail.com, fax 98761443. Get a copy of TheSweeneyFlatsPost.com.Au, either online, posted \$3, or selected outlets \$2.00. Read Paul's factual writings about Manningshams issues, and his hard hitting policies. Paul has the nous to speak up, not tolerating continuing humbug of Councillors and Bureaucrats. Paul has the time to serve you, and bring Manningham back to the control of ratepayers and citizens, Vote 1 Paul Slattery Mullum Mullum ward.



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DEADY, Irene Josephine

I'm an enthusiastic and outgoing person who cares about her community. My two children have gone to school in Donvale. My interest is at the grassroots level of our community. We need more accountability and transparency in the Councillors that are elected and in their activities. Integrity and kindness should be our way forward. I want to give you a stronger voice in the way our community is managed and improves. Many people feel discontented and uninvolved in Manningham. I strongly believe the youth are our future and they need a voice. The only way we can do this is if we communicate to enhance Manningham's potential. I want to listen and be a strong voice for our residents of Mullum Mullum Ward. I would lend an ear to those interested in the future of Manningham - Irene Deady 0425 761136 or irededeady@gmail.com



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I intend to work hard towards the future of the community in which I have enjoyed living in for the last 3 decades and not for the few who want to gain from the short term advantage of the proposed new subdivisional plans to carve up the Green Wedge and the Low Density Residential Zones of Manningham. I stand against the present short termism and opportunism that seems to infect government planning. Consider me a candidate with green values who is not impressed by extravagant expenditures on self promotion by local government instead of looking at ways to promote the quality of life for our many little communities within Manningham.

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PINI, Michelle

I am a mum, businesswoman and an active member of the community and have lived in Manningham for ten years. I have experienced first-hand the power of a unified community voice through my involvement as spokesperson for the successful, Warrandyte anti-tower campaign. We need advocates who will encourage this community voice. I am fervently in favour of preserving the natural environment and heritage of our part of Manningham. I will promote long-term, sustainable strategies for Manningham as a whole, which take into account the particular needs of each diverse community within it. Standing as an independent candidate, I will utilise skills gained from 20 years corporate marketing experience, to develop effective community partnerships and seek creative solutions to community challenges. We need a council that is actively connected to our community, takes our concerns into account and reflects community needs in the decision-making process. Contact me on: pinimarketing@bigpond.com or www.facebook.com/MichelleforManningham.



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HOSER, Raymond

Raymond Hoser, (Snake Man). I have lived in Manningham for 23 years. Married with 2 daughters, a Great Dane and many snakes (3 pregnant). Professionally, I'm a zoologist and wildlife educator, authored several best-selling books and own the company, Snakebusters with diverse interests and several staff. A vote for me is a vote for accountability in council. The culture will not be that of dictating to ratepayers, but one of listening to them. I will abolish ratepayer funded overseas travel, reduce council's promotional advertising, ratepayer funded booze ups and other non-essential services. As a result, I shall be able to cut rates! I guarantee to protect the environment and the green wedge, including removing restrictions on removal of feral weeds. We need someone with my proven track record of integrity and business management to oversee council's operations. Further information at: <http://www.raymondhoser.com>



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HUANG, Olivia

I came to Australia with my mother in 2004 and proudly became an Australian citizen in 2006. I love Australia and it is my home. I am 21 year old student studying nursing at Monash University and work part time in local community. I was a member of the Manningham Council Youth Forum in 2009 and 2010 and on the State government panel of Multifait Multicultural Youth Network. Now I want to do something for the community which has made me feel comfortable. I wish to provide more facilities and activities for the youth of Mullum Mullum. Manningham is a melting pot for people from many lands. I will push for a multicultural festival for all of us to get together and celebrate. I am not a ratepayer but I pay rent and have bills like everybody else. I would like to see more footpaths.



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