



## Glen Eira City Council

### Camden Ward

#### Candidate, Camden Ward – Jane Carslake

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

I am interested to see plans, designs and traffic engineering reports that look at the safest and most effective ways to support increased bicycle use in Glen Eira. I have long been aware of the need for us to look at how we can join bike paths and reduce parking and traffic on these bike paths to support increasing bicycle use.

I also believe that increased bicycle use would be supported if we were able to improve storage for bicycles at all neighbourhood shopping centres, stations, supermarkets etc.

Bicycle use and storage should be considered in the design of all new developments, roads and transport links.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Regularly

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

We really enjoy the Djerring bike path and ride on this as a family most weeks.

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

No. With the exception of the Djerring path I have seen little progress. There are good bike paths but it is frustrating that there are breaks in them etc. I was aware of some of the truncated bike paths along the Ormond to Glenhuntly path, which could be better integrated with the bike path down Queens Avenue when I ran for Rosstown in the last Council election.

I believe there is scope to utilise land around the race course to make better bike paths and to build an integrated system of bike paths.



**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

I have not yet acquainted myself with the allocation so it is hard to comment. In principle it is an area of council expenditure that I think would have a good return in delivering an aspect of my platform which is to improve municipal livability and sustainability. Reducing traffic congestion and improving community safety are also priorities of mine. Fewer cars improve the pedestrian experience. Improving safety and access for cyclists is a clear priority and as shown in the City of Melbourne part of a resilience response to the pandemic, accommodating changes in transport needs.

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes subject to identifying the appropriate pathway and mitigating adverse impacts.



## **Candidate, Camden Ward – Alan Grossbard**

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

One of my policies (printed) is that more Council money should be attributed to the repair and improvement of footpaths in our city. Proper public consultation processes should be done as to where bike paths should be developed for bike users.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Sometimes

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Mainly around Glen Eira area due to Stage 4 restrictions

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

I do need to read and study more about such strategy and action to make a definitive response

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Without a doubt.

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Absolutely as long as there is open and transparent community exposure and discussion before any final decision by Council is made.



## Candidate, Camden Ward - Jesse Mansfield

### **If elected, how will you support making it easier for people to walk and ride in Glen Eira?**

I know that in the Elsternwick/Caulfield area where I am running, there is a general lack of pedestrian crossings which makes it challenging to cross any of the larger roads. Further, there are intersections where the existing crossings aren't safe. Residents have the best understanding of their area so I would advocate for community working groups to identify problems with the existing infrastructure.

I would also lobby other councillors to take action on issues I am aware of.

From my discussions with local cyclists and reading the Glen Eira cycling action plan, it is clear that Glen Eira cycling infrastructure needs significant improvement. The existing network is sporadic and disconnected, stopping and restarting at certain intersections. My priority would be filling in these gaps in the network and identifying hazardous intersections. Further, the current network is unsafe for inexperienced riders and where possible physical barriers should separate cyclists from traffic, being mindful of the residents affected by road changes and working with them to ensure no one feels forgotten.

### **When you go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

While I don't ride anymore, when I used to my favourite route was going along the Elwood canal to Elsternwick Park and from there going along the Bay trail for a while before making my way back. The separated bike paths made me comfortable as a novice, while I never felt safe on the on-road bike paths.

### **Are you satisfied with the progress being made with your council's bike strategy?**

Glen Eira adopted a new 5-year cycling action plan in December 2019 and so I am not in a position to comment on the progress made, so I will instead talk briefly about the integrated transport strategy that has been in place for over 2 years.

I support the majority of this strategy and its aim to transition 1000 current car commuters to other modes of transport every year until 2031. However, I am concerned by the recently announced 38 million dollar investment in 5 and 4 story car parking facilities in Elsternwick and Bentleigh. These projects are contrary to the aims of the transport strategy and will make traffic conditions worse by incentivising people to drive to activity centres rather than walking / cycling or using public transport.

### **Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

We have significant deficiencies in our provision of safe infrastructure for active transport, as such, I would advocate for increased funding for safe cycling and walking infrastructure. Not only would this



reduce the likelihood of people being injured, but it would also hopefully reduce the level of congestion and parking scarcity in Glen Eira.

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes, however I would like to explore the possibility of a central bike path made possible by shrinking the nature strip before committing to significantly altering the local road network around Inkerman. This is due to it being less intrusive on Inkerman residents in the long term while still connecting the Djerring trail and St Kilda rd proposal.



## Candidate, Camden Ward – David Zyngier

### **If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

As a casual recreational cyclist myself, I understand that there is still much more than needs to be done in Glen Eira to make cycling (and walking) safer for all, but especially for young and older riders who are too often forced onto footpaths which is almost equally as dangerous to both pedestrians and the cyclist themselves (from cars coming out of driveways).

More and more people want to be able to cycle safely in their neighbourhoods and cities, and governments all over Australia and the world are investing in safer cycling infrastructure.

I fully support the Safe Cycling Corridor Pilot for Inkerman Road which was formed after extensive consultation with the community and expert planners. Today more than ever with the declaration of the Climate Emergency in Glen Eira and the need to promote a green alternative to the car, we need safe, long term bike Infrastructure.

The Victorian Greens have renewed their call on the state government to fast-track the construction of a 21-kilometre bike superhighway that runs North to South from Coburg to Elsternwick. This would intersect with Inkerman Street in East St Kilda and enable cyclists to safely connect to the Rosstown Trail via the proposed Inkerman St cycle corridor. This would further enhance the liveability and connectedness in Glen Eira, enhance transport options and provide low carbon commuting opportunities.

The full and rapid implementation of the Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy is necessary to make certain that we meet the 50:50 mode share target.

The implementation of the Pedestrian Safe Neighbourhood Plan pilot and applying the lessons and principles to other areas of Glen Eira will be very important. It is also important to ensure that the footpath and shared path maintenance budget is maintained, that good lighting is installed and to work with the DoT to install traffic calming wherever possible and implementing lower speed limits in our local streets to 40kph to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. In some areas like Glen Eira Road Elsternwick and Caulfield it may be necessary to lobby for more pedestrian safe crossings in addition to slowing the traffic to 50kph.

In Camden, especially with our vast network of laneways, it should be possible to develop an off-street safe cycle and pedestrian route.

### **Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Regularly



**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

I have cycled most of my life for fun and like more and more people, I want to be able to cycle safely, but this really is not the case throughout most of Melbourne. I love cycling around many parts of my local area but it is especially useful for the short trips to my local shops to pick up a few items where parking is often difficult to find. My favourite cycling places are the safest places - I love the trip down to St. Kilda beach from Caulfield North along Alma Rd then turning left or right to cycle along the fantastic separated bike/walking path and then returning along either Carlisle/Balaclava or Inkerman St. I also love riding around Caulfield Park with my older grandchildren.

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

Glen Eira has a strategy and some trials underway, but much more can and should be done to ensure the integrated transport strategy is implemented and more people can walk and cycle for fun and do their daily tasks. This will be a Greens' priority. Glen Eira must work together with neighbouring councils to ensure that continuity of cycle paths is achieved. This will benefit our health and fitness, reduce traffic and improve amenity and of course lower our greenhouse gas emissions by removing cars off the road.

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

If elected this will be a priority that Greens will pursue in Council.

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Absolutely



## Candidate, Camden Ward – Ricci Steckroll

### **If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

I will be advocating for the implementation of the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS), which advocates for increased share of active and sustainable modes of transport.

My first priorities, in line with the ITS, will be to work with local schools and community groups to actively educate and advocate for active transport modes, particularly cycling and walking. I will also ensure the Council has safe and accessible bicycle parking facilities in all major activity areas across Glen Eira. Lastly, I will work with residents to realise the Victorian Governments plan to provide safe cycling corridors.

As a Councillor, I want to represent the views of residents and therefore will always be available for genuine conversation around issues relating to our community. During the election, I encourage all concerned residents to get in contact with me so we can have a discussion about how you view our community. For anyone who wants to reach out my mobile number is 0492 816 390

### **Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Sometimes

### **When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

I love the ride along the beach down to Sandringham.

### **Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

The adoption of the Integrated Transport Strategy was a good first step, however, the Council now needs to act to ensure sustainable and active modes of transport are encouraged. We need to ensure cycling infrastructure is easily accessible to all and residents feel safe and comfortable cycling in Glen Eira. Council can also do more to educate and teach people about the benefits of cycling, including the reduction of congestion and the health benefits.

### **Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Many residents have expressed concern around active transport planning. Therefore, to better represent their needs, I will consider the merits of each initiative and ensure the allocation of adequate funding to realise the project.



**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

I support a safe cycling corridor trial which has had genuine consultation from residents. Whilst we need to promote active transportation modes in Glen Eira we also need to balance the impact on residents and existing road users. Whilst, I want to see more safe cycling corridors in Glen Eira I also want this project to be a win-win for the entire community.

In regards, to the proposed Inkerman Road trial, I will not be prejudging the final design and will assess the trial on the merits proposed in the report.



## Rosstown Ward

### Candidate, Rosstown Ward – Tony Athanasopoulos

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

Implement the Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy which I helped form in my first term on council. One major hurdle for mode shift is safety - that means all levels of government need to focus on providing a safe environment for people to choose active transport options like Walking and Riding.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Sometimes

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Multiple - I love the Djerrang Trail - Sotchmens Creek - Gardeners Creek - along the bay into Port Melb

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

Considering our starting point in Glen Eira I feel the ITS is a massive shift from that. However, we need to see on the ground results and I am not satisfied from that perspective.

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

I believe it is hard to allocate any budget as an individual, however I can commit to advocating for a larger allocation as well as better advocacy to other levels of government.

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes



## Candidate, Rosstown Ward – Jack Dariol

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

Inkerman Rd Bike Path

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Sometimes

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Packer Park velodrome, very poorly i might add

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

I'd say so

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

I'd support the Inkerman Rd Bike path

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

I do.



## Candidate, Rosstown Ward – Neil Pilling

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

I will support increased funds to expand GE's sustainable transport strategy including specifically the cycling strategy. Many of the goals are too long term. There needs to be greater emphasis in Council to fast-track initiatives such as the connecting of cycling routes like the cycling /pedestrian overpass on Dandenong Rd that would connect the Boyd Park trail with the Gardner's Creek trail.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Sometimes

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Rosstown rail trail

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

No

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Yes

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes



## Candidate, Rosstown Ward – Markus Oswald

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

I support and encourage use of active transport such as walking and cycling around the Council area (and beyond). Glen Eira needs to be supported with appropriate quality infrastructure which leads to genuine mode shift by residents as they move across our suburbs.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Sometimes

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Generally, I travel locally around our neighborhood for errands. We travel down local streets and the Rosstown rail trail with our family.

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

More must be done to encourage greater mode switch. It would be encouraging to see the recent switch to greater walking and cycling become a permanent lifecycle change post covid. I would like to see more improvements made around Council on a faster timetable to build support for this change.

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

There should be greater allocation of funds towards to active transport, including cycling. Council should work on safe cycling connections to schools, destinations, shopping strips/activity centres and to reduce gaps in the cycling network.

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes, this should be undertaken in multiple locations to build support and wider community use.



## Candidate, Rosstown Ward – Sue Pennicuik

### **If elected, how will you support making it easier for people to walk and ride in Glen Eira?**

As a cyclist myself, I know that while there is good infrastructure in some parts of Glen Eira, there is much to do to make cycling and walking around much easier and safer. As a start, we need to see the Glen Eira Integrated Transport Strategy implemented and to proceed with initiatives such as the Safe Cycling Corridor pilot and the Pedestrian Safe Neighbourhood Plan pilot and to apply the lessons and principles to other areas of Glen Eira. It is also important that the walking and cycling infrastructure maintenance budget is maintained and that good lighting is installed. We also need to work with the state government agencies to lower speed limits in our local streets to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

### **Do you ride a bike yourself? Regularly**

#### **When you go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

For most of my life, I have cycled near and far just for fun and to get to school, university, work, the shops, the pool, the beach, etc., and like more and more people, I want to be able to cycle safely, but this really is not the case throughout most of Melbourne. That's why cities, suburbs and regional centres across Australia and around the world need to and are investing in more accessible and safer walking and cycling infrastructure. I love cycling around many parts of Glen Eira and our neighbouring suburbs, but my favourite cycling places are the safest places.

### **Are you satisfied with the progress being made with your council's bike strategy?**

Somewhat satisfied - Glen Eira has some good infrastructure and an integrated strategy, but much more can and needs to be done to ensure the strategy is implemented and more people can walk and cycle for fun and to do their daily tasks. This will benefit our health and fitness, improve safety and reduce traffic congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the amenity of our city and suburbs. It is also important the state government and local councils work together to ensure the cycling network is continually improved. (I have also responded to GE BUG)

### **Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

I will work hard for greater investment in walking and cycling infrastructure in Glen Eira, but more funding is also needed from the state and federal governments to make Melbourne a safer cycling city.

### **Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes, it is important to trial ways to ensure that people can cycle safely everywhere in Glen Eira, not just in those areas close to the existing cycle paths and trails.



## Tucker Ward

### Candidate, Tucker Ward – Josh Bach

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

To ensure people of all ages and abilities increase walking and riding in Glen Eira, I will advocate for shared and safe bike areas. It is critical that such bike areas are safe for all users and shared with other bikes, vehicles and pedestrians.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Never

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

N/A

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

No, I am not happy with the progress of Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan. I am not satisfied because there is current conflict with residents and the strategy is not active. Any future work must ensure bike areas are shared and safe for other bikes, vehicles and pedestrians.

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Yes

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes



## **Candidate, Tucker Ward – Joanne Beilby**

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

Promote safe shared zones dedicated pedestrian and bike paths in safe areas

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Rarely

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

By the beach

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

No

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Yes

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes



## Candidate, Tucker Ward – Neil Brewster

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

What i noticed on riding some of the painted bike lanes in Glen Eira is they suddenly disappear and reappear. The transition on moving from one to the next needs improvement, especially across intersections.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Regularly

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Beach Road generally 100 to 200k a week

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

This needs some work but it's heading in the right direction.

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Yes

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Is this the Inkerman Rd proposal? I road that last week. If elected i will dive into this to better understand it.



## **Candidate, Tucker Ward – Jim Magee**

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

Yes i will as i all ways have.

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Sometimes

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Bayside park and along sky rail.

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

Still needs work. Need more funding

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Yes but you need 5 councillors to think the same

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

Yes, that's why I support the Inkerman Rd project.



## Candidate, Tucker Ward – Li Zhang

**If elected, how will you support making it easier for people of all ages and abilities to walk and ride in Glen Eira and promote active travel?**

Strongly support

**Do you ride a bike yourself?**

Regularly

**When you do go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?**

Ride along the Elster Creek Trail from Bentleigh to Brighton beach and then ride down the coastal road

**Are you satisfied with the progress being made with Glen Eira's Bicycle Strategy and Cycling Action Plan?**

Looks ok to me with some good points

**Will you agree to greater budget allocation to improve bike infrastructure across Glen Eira?**

Yes

**Do you support a trial of a safe cycling corridor in Glen Eira?**

I need further and full information to make my decision