



Glen Eira

City council Elections 2020: Questionnaire to all Candidates.

Given the current COVID environment, electioneering by candidates is extremely difficult. **Save Glen Eira** believes that ratepayers would welcome candidates' views on numerous issues currently confronting our municipality. We therefore are inviting all candidates to fill out this questionnaire to provide residents with some insight into their future councillors. All submitted questionnaires will be published on our website.

1. Name: **Neil Brewster**

2. Glen Eira Ward: **Tucker**

3. Why did you decide to run for Council?

4. **I was disappointed with what I was seeing throughout my municipality. As a long term resident I was at odds with what council was doing with its urbanisation of the suburbs and how they were going about doing it**

5. What local activities are you involved in?

I'm a retiree running a small business from home also a Performance coach within the states elite junior development program. I'm an Active member of the Bayside Triathlon Club based at GESAC...

6. What do you see as your strengths/skill set to be a Councillor?

As a former corporate manager of risk, change and project delivery with some of Australia's largest organisations, I have a broad and varied skill set from Change management to Project delivery. I'm determined, focused and tenacious

7. Are you a member of a political party? If so, which one?

No. There is no room for party politics at council level. Council should be about the ratepayers.

8. What do you see as the current important issues facing Glen Eira?

There are so many. I see the current most important issues are continual inappropriate development. Parking and congestion problems. Lack of open spaces.

9. Residents are sick and tired of not being heard by council. How would you evaluate and take into consideration residents' views on topical issues?

Residents are sick and tired of not being heard by council. Real community engagement on decisions that directly effect them. Not a small scoped survey with a few already determined options.

10. Would you support and lobby for mandatory formal oversight committees with community representatives to help ensure greater accountability of council actions?

Yes community council is a great way of getting ratepayer engagement.

11. Would you support the banning of political donations from developers, as in NSW?

Yes. The donation system produces a unfair balance and nobody donates that doesn't want something in return

12. Our planning provisions require Councils to balance important and often competing issues How would you prioritise the following issues? (Rank: **High/Medium/Low**)

- Prioritise purchase of new open space in areas of lesser open space. High
- Protection of residential amenity. High
- Economic activity through construction and development. Low
- Heritage conservation High
- Housing affordability and social justice. Medium
- Medium rise infill in low rise streets abutting low rise residences. Low
- Protecting communities, small local businesses & shopping strips. High
- Sustainable initiatives High
- Protecting fauna corridors and biodiversity High
- High-rise development in Activity Centres. Low
- Increasing the tree canopy High
- Support for council initiative cultural events Medium
- Inclusion of affordable/social housing in new developments. Low
- Support for new bike or pedestrian paths through Glen Eira. High
- Support for Council initiatives to reduce carbon footprint (Council & Residential) High
- Support for deliberative community panels for all major projects/budgets High

12. Is the current residential development adequately making provision for affordable housing?

No

13. How happy do you think the residents of Glen Eira are with the current level of development?

Distressed from everyone I speak too..Nobody is happy with the current level of development.

14. Some zoning types eg Activity Centre Zoning (ACZ) can result in no later appeal-rights for residents. Do you think this is fair on residents?

Absolutely not.

15. Do we need tighter planning controls and added scrutiny to protect residents in or nearby to mixed-use zones?

Yes. Residents affected all need to be advised individually.

16. What changes would you like to see implemented by the Glen Eira City Council? Eg planning scheme, local laws, meeting procedures, other changes.

Create a open space buy back program. Address over crowded street parking. Review of the planning scheme and structure planning. Establish mandatory height limits.