



# Port Phillip

*– a community  
at the crossroads.*

In the years since the last Council election the City of Port Phillip Councillors have been divided between one group obsessed with reducing the rates on their own properties and a second group concerned about better services for everyone – for all of Port Phillip’s citizens.

## A great opportunity

At the next Council election in October 2024, we have a great opportunity for progressive change.

Together we are a group of concerned local citizens committed to promoting policies which can unite and encourage community, independent, Labor and Green election candidates to work together to make the City of Port Phillip an even better place to live and work.

## Our priorities

The key priorities for progressive candidates will be to:

- Support the whole Port Phillip community.
- Work with the community to address environmental and local climate change threats to our homes, services and our young people’s futures.
- Strengthen our local democracy so that all the people of the community are heard.



# Key policies

The key policies for progressive candidates will be:

## Strengthening our community

- Maintain and improve Council services for older residents, people with disabilities, parents and children, including affordable and high-quality early childhood education and care, and vibrant libraries.
- Recognise and support the 50% of Port Phillip residents who are renters.
- Retain, grow and improve Council civic services and ensure that assets and services remain publicly owned and not privatised.
- Recognise, listen to and partner with local First Nations peoples.
- Invest in new and upgrade existing social housing.
- Celebrate and support a diverse arts community and local creative industries.
- Continue to support our queer communities.
- Support efforts by civil society to address the needs of marginalised and disadvantaged residents.
- Support vibrant neighbourhood economies and strip shopping centres to ensure small and micro businesses and not-for-profits meet local needs and create local jobs.
- Improve Council efficiency and staff effectiveness by ensuring Council employees are valued and responsive.

## Protecting our environment

- Support widespread tree planting and greening in both public and private realms, giving priority to areas of greatest need to increase biodiversity and to make us a cool, climate adapted community.
- Capture and re-use water and increase permeability across the City reducing waste and costs.
- Support community education about climate change and what can be done about it especially through the work of the Port Phillip EcoCentre.

- Promote urban planning that prioritises both positive environmental impacts and pedestrian focused streetscape amenity – including networks of parks, social gathering spaces, safe footpaths and active transport paths.
- Expand opportunities for community and street gardening, pollination corridors and promote the associated health, community building, economic and environmental benefits.
- Support residents and business to convert to renewable energy through equitably and efficiently ‘electrifying Port Phillip’.
- Reduce negative traffic impacts on our neighbourhoods and connect local and neighbouring communities through accessible and sustainable active transport options.
- Re-imagine waste management and recycling to minimise waste, turn waste into a useful resource and reduce our garbage costs.

## Strengthening local democracy

- End the self-interested political divisions in Council and genuinely engage the community in setting Council directions and policies so people can participate meaningfully in making decisions for our community;
- Demonstrate sound governance and strong finances, with greater fairness in setting rates and fees.
- Constantly monitor ways to reduce wasteful spending.
- Build and maintain the marvellous community assets which make our city a great place to live and work.
- Protect our urban heritage.
- Plan for urban renewal where it is needed.

## The fundamental principles

The fundamental principles progressive candidates commit to are:

- Acting in the interests of today’s and tomorrow’s generations.
  - Governing in the interests of the whole community not the selfish few.
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