

Michael Nolan: an independent candidate for Bellevue



Hi, I'm Michael Nolan and I'm running as an independent candidate for Bellevue Ward in Boroondara this council election.

I am a long-time resident of Kew East, and my team and I have already door-knocked hundreds of doors in Kew East and North Balwyn to get a better understanding of the area, and to hear the needs and hopes of local residents. As well, life experience has given me the skills and understanding to represent my community as councillor for the Bellevue ward.

My partner Rosemary and I have lived in Kew East for 26 years and have raised our 3 children here. Rosemary has worked in the disability sector for 18 years.

Locally, in Bellevue, I have been involved on the Hays Paddock advisory committee in Kew East and been co-convenor of Lighter Footprints. I have also served on Kew East Primary School committee and coached under-age basketball teams.

My career has seen me working as a project director in national manufacturing and logistics roles.

The community have told me already that our current Council is not doing enough to protect our environment or to keep rates low. It's time for a fresh focus.

Matters that are important to hundreds of residents I have door knocked already are:

Responsible spending

There needs to be a fresh focus on Council expenditure. This includes

- More action on **Kew Recreation Centre** which is \$20M over budget and 3 years behind.
- **Keep rates low** by ensuring all projects are subject to a careful and thorough assessment of costs and benefits. Council spent \$80M on the 'Customer First Portal' - an exorbitant cost

- Review the rushed and expensive demolition and rebuild of **Kew Library**

Local

Strong communities are connected communities. People have suggested:

- **Create a trail** from the Koonung Creek Reserve to Greythorn Village
- Encourage **local shopping**
- Create more **community gardens**

Climate

We need rapid action on the following:

- Install local **electric vehicle (EV) charging stations**
- Make the roll-out of **electric buses** quicker
- **Protect trees** and increase tree planting

If you have any comments, or ideas, drop me an email at michaelnolan4Bellevue@gmail.com

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