



Banyule City Council

Candidate, Hawdon Ward – Emily Bieber

1. If elected, how will you support making it easier for people to walk and ride in Banyule?

In Hawdon ward we have some issues with narrow shared paths along the Plenty River that have blind corners, so I will be looking to widen those paths and upgrade the visibility, if possible, along with advocating for bike infrastructure like air and water and service tools at council properties. Our shared bike and walking paths have been very popular in 2020!

2. When you go out on your bike, where is your favourite place to ride?

Before having three children, my favourite place to ride to was work - it was good for my mental health before and after a stressful day at the office. I was able to park my bike safely indoors, and would feel energised on arrival. Before the pandemic, I was considering an e-bike as a good way to overcome my reluctance to tackle steep hills and distances. I'm planning to be a cycle commuter in the near future. My 12 year old daughter has been enjoying developing her cycling skills: Price Park in Viewbank is her favourite destination. My life as a busy mother of three and a workplace over 25km away have reduced my bike riding to very occasional outings.

3. Are you satisfied with the progress being made with your council's bike strategy?

Banyule Council is reviewing its bike strategy at the moment and has recently participated in a cycling safety hotspots project. I am excited to see where that leads us and will be supporting the implementation of strategies that make cycling and walking safer and easier for all. I am particularly interested in how to help non-cyclists get on bikes for a bit of casual and short trip cycling to our amazing local cafes and parks.