



## Monash Council

### Glen Waverley Ward

#### Candidate, Glen Waverley Ward – Reynie Hafner

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

I strongly support increased protection of our community's open spaces, parks, and facilities for recreation and leisure. I would therefore urge Monash City Council to:

- support and invest in bike and pedestrian networks (including the Water Pipe Track extension);
- improve accessible and appealing active travel links to employment, school, work and local shops;
- fast-track implementation of bike plans;
- invest in end-of-trip facilities and bike parking where needed;
- promote trials of parklets, pop-up bike lanes or other progressive measures to make it easier for people to enjoy safe cycling;
- engage with programs like Ride2School.

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

Unfortunately, I am disabled and unable to ride a bike anymore. But I love visiting our lovely parks, wetlands, bushlands, and urban forest reserves, and would like to see these areas made safer and more accessible for cyclists.

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

No. Greens Councillor Josh Fergeus was involved in securing investment in the Syndal to Clayton cycling corridor, but other Councillors have shown little interest in actually taking any action to prioritise cycling and walking. Since we are a major commuter centre, our community requires a cycling infrastructure which caters to safe and efficient commuting and enjoyable recreation.

Reynie Hafner  
Greens Candidate for Monash City Council  
Glen Waverley Ward



## Mt Waverley Ward

### Candidate, Mt Waverley Ward – Anjalee de Silva

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

If elected, as a Greens councillor, I will push to increase Monash Council's spending on walking and cycling infrastructure each year, aiming to take us into the top tier of investment per capita by the end of the 2020 to 2024 term. I would also push to pass a dedicated walking and cycling strategy for Monash Council, which encompasses not only funding for infrastructure, but also educational initiatives. In particular, I am extremely interested in developing an overall walking and cycling strategy that allows for women and girls to use our walking and cycling trails more easily, including through investment in design that prioritises safety in public spaces for women and girls.

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

I am very lucky to live near Scotchmans Creek, just minutes away from the wetlands. It is a beautiful part of Monash to walk and ride in.

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

No. Councillor Josh Fergeus, a Greens councillor, has been the only Monash Councillor to date who has shown more than nominal interest in investing in infrastructure with a view to shifting Monash from a driver-dominant area to a more rider- and walker-friendly area. More people travel into Monash every day than any other municipality except the City of Melbourne, which makes it even more vital that Monash Council look to supporting an overall strategy for riders and walkers. In particular, I would like to see Council explicitly address and work towards meeting the needs of women and girls to be safe and feel safe when they are riding or walking in public spaces, including by themselves and in the evenings.



## Mulgrave Ward

### Candidate, Mulgrave Ward – Stefanie Bauer

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

I will encourage to bike bath such as improve bike and pedestrian networks, including the Water Pipe Track extension.

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

Along Scotsman creek

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

No - very slow, but along the right track



## Oakleigh Ward

### Candidate, Oakleigh Ward – Cr Josh Fergeus

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

As a Councillor since 2016 I have advocated strongly for more investment in cycling and pedestrian infrastructure and a shift away from car-dominant transport investment. I have had some successes, including a multi-million dollar investment in the Syndal to Clayton cycling corridor in partnership with the State Government. If re-elected I will push to increase or spending on walking and cycling each year, aiming to take us into the top tier of investment per capita by the end of the the 2020-2024 term. We don't have a dedicated walking or cycling strategy, despite having plans on the shelf for years. We need Councillors in the next term who will support investment in these areas. I am currently Council's delegate to the Metropolitan Transport Forum.

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

I am lucky to live adjacent to the Scotchsmans Creek Trail. This is a beautiful part of Monash, and a joy to ride or walk.

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

No. Although Councillors nominally support investment in cycling infrastructure, there's little willingness to shift our focus from car-dominant infrastructure in order to prioritise cycling and walking. We're a major commuter centre, with more people travelling into Monash every day than any other municipality except the City of Melbourne. This requires cycling infrastructure which caters to safe and efficient commuting and enjoyable recreation.



## Candidate, Oakleigh Ward – Stuart James

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

I have advocated strongly for more investment in all modes of transport, including active transport. Melbourne is way too car-centric and we need to be shifting investment in to other modes of transport to ensure a more liveable city. While on Council, I have worked closely with officers on developing mayor cycling corridors between Syndal and Monash University and also a secondary corridor between Clayton and Monash University, which included a dedicated crossing over Dandenong Road. I have also been discussing a pop-up dedicated and separated bicycle route between the Djerring Trail and Scotchmans Creek in Oakleigh as we look to encourage a shift to active transport coming out of COVID. My hope, if re-elected, is to convince my colleagues to make this permanent route.

I am currently the Chair of the Eastern Transport Coalition which has some brilliant policies on cycling (refer [etc.org.au](http://etc.org.au)) and also on the Executive of the PTUA and the Metropolitan Transport Forum.

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

Given I have two young girls, 3 and 5, Scotchman's Creek trail is by far my favourite riding spot. It's safe, accessible and such a beautiful area

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

Absolutely not. We have only recently passed our integrated transport strategy which is a great start, but Monash is severely lagging behind other Councils in this area. Our transport engineers are working on plans to improve this, but I believe we can increase funding in this area