

2020 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Red Hill Ward
Candidate Statements

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BREADMORE, David

As a long-time resident of Red Hill and throughout my 23 years of service as a CFA volunteer leader (Brigade Officer, Red Hill and Deputy Group Officer, Westernport Group) I have demonstrated my ongoing commitment to our community. I am committed to maintaining the unique character and position of the Red Hill ward and as such I have decided to run in our upcoming council election. I believe that my strong community ties mean I have a deep understanding of what residents expect of council, including the need to provide adequate and open forums that give a voice to locals and local business and to take action accordingly. I believe that we need to focus on supporting our local economy, improving the visual amenity of our area and managing our environment, while at the same time ensuring that we maintain a focus of the wellbeing of our seniors and our families, providing opportunities for our youth to develop skills for the future. I propose to review how our rates are developed, the cost effective use of rates (such as the Rural Living Rate recently applied to 700 homes) and how community funds may be more appropriately distributed. I will also address the topic of the metropolitan zoning of our area. I believe that we have always done it this way is an inadequate response to valid and mounting resident concerns and believe that we should challenge this thinking. Those of you who know me, know that I will stand up for our community and will have challenging discussions where needed to support residents and initiatives that the community is championing. Together we can ensure that the Red Hill Ward is well represented so that we have a voice and that we are heard.

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THORN, Claire

I seek your vote. I'm an independent candidate with no vested interest other than a desire for us all to live and age well in this place of natural beauty, caring communities and clean air which has a bountiful supply of fresh produce. I want to be part of a refreshed council that will respond decisively and dynamically to the impact of COVID-19 on our mental health, communities, local businesses and our precious environment. I want to be part of a council that streamlines current council processes, delivers high quality social services to young and old; creates spaces where people can connect and play; delivers a transport solution for everyone particularly for young people to get to work and study; supports businesses to thrive; takes action to respond to climate change and oppose inappropriate development that will jeopardise our natural environment and green wedge. I want to know what's going on in the planning department and why our rates are used to fight us in VCAT. I will ask the CEO the hard questions. Why me? Over the last ten years I've served the community by participating on local boards and committees and organising community events. I will bring to the council table over 25 years of community and public sector experience in social services, education and health. I am qualified to lead (B.Arts (Monash), Master of Public Policy and Management, (University of Melbourne), Executive Masters - Public Administration, (ANZSOG), Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors). If elected, I will represent the views of many rather than a select few. Engaging the whole community leads to much better policy, planning and resource allocation decisions. It is time for a new council - Vote 1 Thorn, Vote 2 Goffin and all other candidates in order of your choice.

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GOFFIN, Melissa

A dream of green, open spaces, community and opening an ethical business led our young family to the Mornington Peninsula. After a decade of teaching in public schools and my husband's work in youth projects, we went all in. Since centering our food business in Red Hill in 2014 we have had the privilege of connecting with our community through exclusively local supplier relationships, support for local sporting clubs, art shows, school, community and charitable works. As the only restaurant in Australia to hold ethical B Corp accreditation, we remain strong to our original commitments of sustainability and actions that strengthen our community. As your Councillor, my priorities will be to create improved transparency and greater community consultation into how our resources are utilised - to ensure that special interest and minority voices are not driving our priorities but that all stakeholders have a seat at the table. We need to work together to rebuild our community post COVID, protecting the local businesses we love, the jobs we rely on and the most vulnerable amongst us. We need to continue our fight against inappropriate development and ensure that focusing on a strong economy does not see trade offs for our environment. We need decisive action on sustainable projects and investment in innovative technologies that move our community forward. Yes, our roads and footpaths should be safe. Our sporting clubs and public assets should be strengthened and accessible; but these are the simple work that should be the least of our expectations. We cannot continue with business as usual. Our energy must be on creating transparent, simplified and purposeful processes. I will reach out to all and work for you with honesty, integrity and deep consideration. Vote 1 for Goffin. Vote 2 for Thorn. Number all other boxes in order of choice.

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GILL, David

Thank you for considering electing me again as your community representative. Our large, diverse ward needs a full-time, local and experienced representative. I have proven to be easy to contact, answered inquiries personally, raised issues for public scrutiny and given individual attention to what is important to you. I have achieved this without claiming any expenses and since Covid-19 I dispensed with the allowance paid to all other Councillors. I have no vested interests or political affiliations. There is much community pain and anxiety caused by Covid-19. Council should face up to the challenges by acting quickly and decisively to help businesses kick-start our local economic recovery. I have voted to redirect expenditure to where it is now most needed. We can do this by removing non-core budget items. Other actions needed to support businesses include rate relief, convincing the State Government to declare us as regional not metropolitan and relaxing Farmgate rules for genuine Farmgate businesses. I strongly advocate for the protection of our Green Wedge and coastal village character and fought for increased road safety. Red Hill Ward is receiving better recognition for community needs with many long neglected projects now commenced or completed. Achievements include improvements to dangerous rural roads, funding for koala bio-link corridors, Council funded defibrillators available 24/7, Climate Change actions adopted, Arts and Culture plan, including for live music, adopted, Heritage study for Red Hill Ward underway, as Mayor signed the anti-red tape small business charter, party house amenity local law in place, protection of remnant indigenous vegetation and rate relief for farmers. The Mornington Peninsula Ratepayers and Residents Association supports my candidacy. For more information about my plan for Covid-19 recovery and a vision for the future of Red Hill ward please see my Facebook page - [facebook.com/davidgillredhillward](https://www.facebook.com/davidgillredhillward)
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DAVIES, Tim

I am standing as a candidate in the Red Hill Ward because our ever changing community provides on going challenges. I have been involved in family farming on the peninsula for many years and I understand the problems that climate change has on agriculture in our area. Living in the green wedge agricultural zone has it's own unique identity consisting of different farming activities .The Green Wedge zone overlays in some cases limits expansion of an existing agricultural enterprise by restricting new development on the site so I would like to see the overlay conditions reduced so as to allow more growth and development in the agricultural sector. The agricultural sector needs council support along with more encouragement toward the use of solar power. My back ground has been involved in Aviation both in Australia and overseas as well as farming cattle, poultry and cropping. If elected I will listen to community requests and do my best for the environment and the community. To support my campaign for election vote 1 for Tim Davies and vote 2 for Melissa Goffin.